



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

04/04/2024

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall Council
Chambers/Virtual
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Vargas-Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioner Kirby arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Present 6 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Amy Kirby, Commissioner Patricia Leung, Commissioner Ed Stocks, Chair Ana Vargas-Smith , and Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte

Absent 1 - Vice Chair Kathleen Romano

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to excuse Commissioner Romano.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [24-335](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2024

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the March 7, 2024 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to approve Staff Recommendation.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [24-312](#) Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) for 1059 Madison Street (Continued from the March 7, 2024 HLC Meeting)

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission determine the project to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Section 1561(b)(3) and find that the Mills Act Application and associated 10-Year Plan for restoration and maintenance accomplish the intent of preserving and maintaining the historical significance of the property; and therefore, recommend City Council approval of a Mills Act Contract, and the adoption of a 10-Year Restoration and Maintenance Plan associated with the Historical Preservation Agreement for the property located at 1059 Madison Street.

Associate Planner Daniel Sobczak presented the item and answered questions by the Commissioners.

Public Speakers:

Homeowners Adalbert Wysocki and Lin Koh

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to close public hearing.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Kirby to recommend approval to Council and to approve a plaque for property.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

3. [24-323](#) Action on the Request for Proposed Historic District Designation for Park Court Neighborhood

Recommendation: Recommend that the Commission hear testimony, discuss, and take action to demonstrate support of the neighborhood's request.

Public Speakers:

Mark Hoag
Mark Kelsey

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to close public hearing.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte to create subcommittee to draft memo to support effort to establish historic district.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

4. [24-351](#) Historical Preservation Month Banners Project Funding

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

Chair Vargas-Smith provided updates on the banner project and that an alternate printer was necessary to complete the project. The approved budget included design, printing and installation for a total of \$2,300. The preferred printer would increase the cost of the banner project by \$389 to a total of \$2,689.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leung to increase the budget for the banner project to \$2,689, seconded by Commissioner Kirby.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

STAFF REPORT

Berryessa Adobe Maintenance

No staff update provided.

Budget Update

Staff provided budget updates.

TRAVEL AND TRAINING REQUESTS

Update on California Preservation Foundation Annual Conference, May 29 - June 1, 2024

Chair Vargas-Smith informed commissioners attending CPF conference that certain events are not included in the registration. Staff described the daily events, emphasizing that the paid registration covered events for two days, while the other two days had events that were not included in the registration. Commissioners will update staff regarding travel plans.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

Commissioners provided updates on various items, meetings, and groups that they are involved with.

Board/Committee

Lead/Alternate

Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium
Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara
Old Quad Residents Association
Development Review Hearing
BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee
El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee
Downtown Precise Plan
Santa Clara Station Area Task Force

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Romano /Vargas-Smith
Vargas-Smith/ Leung
Leung
Vargas-Smith/Stocks
Leung/Stocks

Announcements and other items

No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Leung, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Kirby, Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Stocks, Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 1 - Vice Chair Romano

The next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, May 2, 2024 at 6 p.m.

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