



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

08/07/2025

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 Leung called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Present 6 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Chair Patricia Leung, Commissioner Kathleen Romano, Commissioner Ed Stocks, Vice Chair Ana Vargas-Smith , and Commissioner Kaushal Varshney

Absent 1 - Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte

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

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-803](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the June 5, 2025 Meeting.

Chair Leung made a motion for this item to be continued to the date certain September 4, 2025 Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting due to members absence.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public Speaker:
Charles Bartlett, UMC Santa Clara

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-823](#) PUBLIC HEARING: Recommendation on the Significant Property Alteration / Architectural Review (PLN25-00300) for a 441 Square Foot First Floor Addition and an 818 Square Foot Basement Addition to an Existing Single-Story Residence Resulting in a 2,307 Square Foot Residence on the Historic Resource Inventory With Five Bathrooms Located at 4120 Bassett Street.

Recommendation:

Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 4120 Bassett will not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the Historic Resource Inventory property and that the proposed construction is compatible with the resource and recommend approval of the Significant Property Alteration.

Principal Planner Rebecca Bustos provided the staff presentation.

Homeowner Otoniel Rojas Campos spoke about the project.

Public Comments: **None.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Stocks, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to close public hearing.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, to approve this item, with the condition to use new siding on the bay window.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

3. [25-753](#) Election of Historical and Landmarks Commission Chair and Vice Chair

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

Chair Leung made a motion to continue this item date certain to the September 4, 2025 Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

STAFF REPORT

1. Training and Travel Request

No updates on this item.

2. Commission Workplan

No updates on this item.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 Minutes

No updates on this item.

2. Board/Committee

Lead/Alternate

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

Commissioners provided updates on various items, meetings, and groups that they are assigned to.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Celso, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

The next regular scheduled meeting is on September 4, 2025

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