



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

11/04/2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Leung called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Commissioner Celso joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m. due to internet connectivity issues.

Present 7 - Commissioner Amy Kirby, Chair Patricia Leung, Vice Chair Ana Vargas-Smith , Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Megan Swartzwelder , Commissioner Kathleen Romano, and Commissioner Ed Stocks

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-1497](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of October 7, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of October 7, 2021.

Commissioner Romano abstained from voting on the consent calendar due to her absence at the October 7 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kirby to approve the consent calendar.

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

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Romano

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Chair Leung inquired about a stop work order issued for the property located at 1155 Washington Street. Staff explained that the order has been issued due to commencement of construction activity prior to the issuance of a building permit.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-1462](#) Significant Property Alteration (SPA) Permit to replace existing foundation, convert existing first floor basement and attic to living area, minor interior and exterior alterations, and window replacement and installation of a roof shed dormer at the rear of an existing historic single family residence located at 1037 Harrison Street

Recommendation: Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed project as illustrated in the Development Plans does not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the designated property; that the alterations are compatible with the existing structure; that the rehabilitation of the structure meets the Secretary of Interior Standards, and recommend approval of the SPA Permit for the scope of work shown in the Development Plans to the Director of Community Development, subject to conditions.

The property owner shall submit a SPA Permit application for evaluation and appropriate replacement of the windows not shown on the Development Plans that have been removed to date without the requisite analysis.

Associate Planner Debby Fernandez provided the staff presentation. **Property Owner Tom Chan** spoke also spoke about the project and answered questions from the Commission.

Public Speaker(s): Jonathan Evans
Randolf Jurrat

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Romano to close the public hearing.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Stocks

The Commission noted that the project plans were missing details regarding descriptions and dimensions of existing and proposed exterior siding, windows, trim and architectural features. The Commission also commented that the Historic Resources Survey Report (DPR) and Secretary of the Interior Analysis were inaccurate as they were prepared prior to the recent window changes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to recommend denial of the staff recommendation and of the plans as proposed, and a continuance to allow time for the owner to revise the plans to include specific details on the materials and dimensions of the existing and proposed exterior siding materials that are similar but differentiated, all window changes, window and door trim and architectural features with documentation of specific windows that were removed, and also to have the Historic Resources Survey Report (DPR) and Secretary of the Interior Analysis revised to include review of the recent window replacements.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Stocks

3. [21-1507](#) Significant Property Alteration (SPA) Permit to add 528 square feet to the rear of the first floor and to convert an existing 567 square foot basement to habitable space for an existing historic single-family residence located at 450 Monroe Street

Recommendation: Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 450 Monroe Street would not have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the designated property; that the alterations are compatible with the existing structure; that the rehabilitation of the structure meets the Secretary of Interior Standards; and recommend approval of the SPA Permit to the Director of Community Development, subject to conditions.

Associate Planner Jeff Schwilk provided the staff presentation. **Property Owner Laura Esber** and **Applicant Daniel Warren, Warren Design**, spoke regarding the project and answered questions from the Commission.

Public Speaker(s): Jonathan Evans

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to close public hearing.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Stocks

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Stocks to approve staff recommendation subject to the preparation of an updated Historic Resources Survey Report (DPR) and Secretary of the Interior Standards (SIS) analysis report, and provided they find/support the project will meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation including specific analysis of the following items of question to the Commission:

- 1) Identification/analysis of the 1986 addition in its extent compared with the original house, and of the proposed rear addition.**
- 2) Front wood work on house and its preservation.**
- 3) Any removal/replacement/alteration of front porch wood architectural detailing and board siding beneath the front porch to create the proposed basement window well egress beneath.**
- 4) Appropriateness of proposed 4-panel accordion style doors on rear elevation of the addition.**
- 5) Proposed windows.**
- 6) Proposed trim size on rear door.**
- 7) The reuse/application of the existing attic vent (or similar new attic vent) on the rear wall of the house to the proposed rear wall of the addition.**
- 8) Identification of the potential contributing significance of the rear shed in its current location and the proposed relocation of it.**

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Stocks

STAFF REPORT

1. Berryessa Adobe Maintenance

Staff Liaison Jeff Schwilk reported on the Commission's request from the October 7, 2021 meeting for an update on the estimated timeframe for completion of the contract, the estimated commencement for the maintenance work, and on the possibility of providing for volunteer work such as to help rehabilitate the gardens and noted that refinements to the contract for maintenance work (including conditions assessment) between the City and consultant are still progressing and should be wrapped up soon, but there is not a specific date for completion and execution of the contract at this time.

Mr. Schwilk also stated that the City's Streets Division currently maintains the yard and garden at the Berryessa Adobe and noted that anyone interested in volunteering to maintain the garden may contact **Chuck Quanz, Public Works Supervisor of the Streets Division.**

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

There were no subcommittee reports.

2. Board and Committee Assignments - 15 minutes

Board/Committee	Lead/Alternate
Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium	Leung / Romano
Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara	Vargas-Smith / Leung
Old Quad Residents Association	Leung / Romano
Development Review Hearing	Romano / Vargas-Smith
BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee	Vargas-Smith / Swartzwelder
Zoning Ordinance Update	Romano / Swartzwelder
El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee	Leung
Downtown Revitalization	Vargas-Smith / Romano

Commissioners present reported on assignments.

3. Announcements and Other Items - 10 minutes

Chair Leung and **Commissioner Romano** reported on the October Commission Assistance Mentoring Program (CAMP) training workshop they participated along with **Historical Advisor Lorie Garcia** and **Architectural Advisor Craig Mineweaser**, and announced another upcoming CAMP training workshop would be occurring in San Jose on December 2nd and 3rd.

4. Commissioner Travel and Training Requests - 10 minutes

There were not any travel or training requests.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Stocks to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Vice Chair Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Stocks

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