



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

05/17/2023

6:00 PM

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

Special Meeting

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code §54956 ("The Brown Act") and Section 708 of the Santa Clara City Charter, the undersigned calls for a Special Meeting of the Historical and Landmarks Commission of the City of Santa Clara, to commence and convene on May 17, 2023 at 6:00 pm for a Special Meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers located in the East Wing of City Hall at 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, California, to consider the following matter(s) and to potentially take action with respect to them.

The City of Santa Clara is conducting the Historical and Landmarks Commission meeting in a hybrid manner (in-person and methods for the public to participate remotely)

- Via Zoom:

- o <https://santaclaraca.zoom.us/j/97233262035> or

- o Phone: 1 (669) 900-6833

Webinar ID: 972 3326 2035

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Leung called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present 5 - Commissioner Amy Kirby, Chair Patricia Leung, Commissioner Kathleen Romano, Commissioner Ed Stocks, and Vice Chair Ana Vargas-Smith

Absent 1 - Commissioner Michael Celso

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to excuse Commissioner Celso.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Celso

CONSENT CALENDAR

Item 1.C was moved to GENERAL BUSINESS.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to approve item 1.A and 1.B. Item 1.C was moved to GENERAL BUSINESS.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Celso

- 1.A [23-643](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of February 2, 2023
- 1.B [23-644](#) Action on Draft Certified Local Government (CLG) 2021-2022 Annual Report
- 1.C [23-357](#) Consideration of a Mills Act Contract and Major Significant Property Alteration Permit at 1365 Main Street.

Public Speakers:

Jonathon Evans

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, to recommend approval to the Planning Commission with a request to the Chief Building Official to allow the applicant to keep the southside windows intact per the Historic Building Code and to modify the 10 Year Plan to move the foundation work to year one. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Celso

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [23-642](#) Consideration of a Major Significant Property Alteration Permit for Additions and Renovations to a Historic Property Located at 4120 Bassett Street (CEQA: Categorical Exemption, 15301(e)(2) - Existing Facilities and 15331- Historical Resource Restoration / Rehabilitation)

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, to recommend approval to the Planning Commission.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Celso

3. [23-645](#) Consideration of a proposed new attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) and modification of attic space into living space at 611 Hilmar Street that is located within 200 feet of a Historic Resource.

Public Speakers:

Matt Dougherty

Bea Riley

Timi Okai

Larry Gatson

Mark Kelsey

Christoph Van Hover

Mark Kolbeck

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, to recommend approval to the Development Review Hearing Officer with a recommendation to the homeowner to modify the front facade to the original design in conformance with existing codes and to consider listing the residence on the HRI with a Mills Act.

Aye: 4 - Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Kirby

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Celso

4. [23-656](#) Consideration of a proposed new attached Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) at 1860 Market Street that is located within 200 feet of a Historic Resource continued from the November 3, 2023 and February 2, 2023 Historical and Landmarks Commission meetings

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Kirby, to recommend approval to the Planning Commission.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Celso

5. [23-646](#) Action to Authorize Staff to Solicit Vendor Quotes for a State of California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) for the Downtown Post Office and Authorize the Expenditure of Historical and Landmarks Commission (HLC) Funds

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to approve.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Kirby, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Celso

STAFF REPORT

1. Berryessa Adobe Maintenance

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

2. 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/ Vacant

Zoning Ordinance Update

Romano / Vacant

El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee

Leung

Downtown Precise Plan

Vargas

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made that this meeting be Adjourned at 10:33 p.m..

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, June 1, 2023 at 6 p.m.

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