



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

03/05/2020

6:00 PM

City Hall - City
Manager's Conference Room
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Commissioner Patricia Leung, Vice Chair Stephen Estes, Commissioner J.L. "Spike" Standifer, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Michael Celso, Commissioner Megan Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Kathleen Romano

DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES

Defer Item #1 to later on the agenda by consensus.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [20-231](#) Action on Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of January 2, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Romano to approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of January 2, 2020.

Aye: 6 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Romano

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

PUBLIC HEARING / GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [20-207](#) Public Hearing: Consideration to add street names to the City's Approved Street Name List

Public Speaker(s): Josh Rupert, Applicant

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Estes, to continue the item to the April 2, 2020 HLC meeting with a recommendation that the applicant consider using names of a fallen Santa Clara police officer and an Olympian associated with Santa Clara.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

3. [20-232](#) Action on Other Business before Historical and Landmarks Commission

Public Speaker(s): None

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Standifer, to elect Commissioner Leung as the Commission Chair.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Swartzwelder, to elect Commissioner Estes as the Vice Chair of the Commission.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to amend the Board and Committee Assignments.

- Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium (Estes / Leung Alternate)
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara (Vargas-Smith)
- Old Quad Residents Association (Leung / Vargas-Smith as alternate)
- Design Review Hearing (Romano / Vargas-Smith as alternate)
- Agnews Historic Cemetery Museum Committee (Standifer / Romano as alternate)
- BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee (Vargas-Smith / Swartzwelder as alternate)
- Zoning Ordinance Update (Swartzwelder / Romano as alternate)
- El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee (Leung)
- Downtown Revitalization (Vargas-Smith/ Romano as alternate)

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano and seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to co-sponsor and promote the National Historic Preservation Month event on May 23, 2020.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartzwelder, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to allocate up to \$1,000 of HLC budget funds toward advertisement and refreshments for the National Historic Preservation Month activity on May 23, 2020.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

Staff Liaisons Yen Han Chen and Rebecca Bustos asked that Commissioners update their resumes and Statement of Qualifications, and to report on training received between October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019 for use in the CLG 2018-2019 Annual Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Swartzwelder, to approve the HLC 2020 Work Plan and 2019 Accomplishments.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

Commissioners discussed items to bring forward for discussion at the City Council joint dinner on March 17, 2020.

Announcements / Other Items

No additional items.

Board and Committee Assignments

Commissioners present reported on assignments.

Commissioner Travel and Training Reports, Requests to Attend Training

Staff Liaisons Yen Han Chen and Rebecca Bustos announced the upcoming California Preservation Conference to be held in Sacramento May 17-20.

HLC LIAISON REPORT

City Council and Planning Commission Actions

Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen reported on Council and Planning Commission items.

Upcoming Agenda Items

Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen provided updates on upcoming agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Romano to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is on April 2, 2020.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano