



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

10/02/2025

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

Vice Chair Stocks called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Absent 1 - Chair Patricia Leung

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

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Leung

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [25-1046](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2025

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the September 4, 2025 Meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve items 1.A and 1.B on the consent calendar.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Vice Chair Stocks, and Commissioner Varshney

Excused: 1 - Chair Leung

Abstained: 2 - Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Vargas-Smith

1.B [25-1014](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission 2026 Calendar of Meetings

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission 2026 Calendar of Meetings.

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve items 1.A and 1.B on the consent calendar.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Leung

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-985](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) (File No. PLN25-00350) for 1458 Lexington Street

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission determine the project to be exempt from CEQA pursuant to CEQA Section 15331 of the CEQA Guidelines (Class 31 - Historical Resource Restoration / Rehabilitation) and find that the Mills Act Application and associated 10-Year Plan for restoration and maintenance accomplishes the intent of preserving and maintaining the historical significance of the property; and therefore, recommends 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 1458 Lexington Street.

Assistant Planner Summer Foss provided the staff presentation.

Architect Rob Mayer, and homeowners **Cameron Carty** and **Rachel Law** spoke regarding the project.

Public Comments: **None.**

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

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Leung

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve staff recommendation with the condition of adding a plaque stating the year of construction.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Leung

STAFF REPORT

1. Training and Travel Requests

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.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 Minutes

No updates on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Inciarte, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Chair Leung

The next regular scheduled meeting is on November 6, 2025 at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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