



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

01/02/2020

6:00 PM

Staff Conference Room
City Hall Council Chambers
1500 Warburton Avenue
Santa Clara, Ca 95050

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Romano that the Historical and Landmarks Commission excuse Commissioner Swartzwelder.

Present 6 - Commissioner Patricia Leung, Vice Chair Stephen Estes, Commissioner J.L. "Spike" Standifer, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Michael Celso, and Commissioner Kathleen Romano

Excused 1 - Commissioner Megan Swartzwelder

DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Commissioner Patricia Leung read the Historical and Landmarks Commission procedures.

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES

The Applicant on Item 4 requested to be heard earlier on the agenda.

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith that the Historical and Landmarks Commission move Item 4 ahead of Item 2 under Public Hearing / General Business.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A [20-1473](#) Action on Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of September 5, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of January 2, 2020.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Romano

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARING / GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [20-1320](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of HLC Referral for projects near Historical Resource Inventory for the property located at 655 Jefferson Street

Public Speaker(s): Rob Mayer, Architect

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith that the Historical and Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed project would not adversely impact the integrity of the listed resources in the vicinity of the project; and recommend to the Planning Commission that there are unusual conditions applying to this property and support the Variance request.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

3. [20-1329](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a Significant Property Alteration (SPA) permit for an addition and a new ADU in basement at a Mills Act property located at 1393 Santa Clara Street

Public Speaker(s): Seif and Lauren Mazareeb, and Rob Mayer, Architect

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Celso that the Historical and Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed project located at 1393 Santa Clara Street retains the essential character defining elements that make it significant; that the proposed project 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; and that the rehabilitation of the residence meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, subject to the conditions of approval of the SPA permit, with the following modification to substitute Condition C7:

The applicant shall 1) provide photographs of the cobblestone before removal; 2) rebuild with the existing cobblestone; 3) exercise care and artisanship to achieve appearance similar to the porch wall and porch column; and 4) reproduce to a practical degree.

Aye: 4 - Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

Recused: 2 - Commissioner Leung, and Commissioner Romano

4. [20-1431](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of HLC referral for projects near a Historical Resource Inventory for the property located at 473 Lafayette Way

Public Speaker(s): Saul Caruso, Architect

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 473 Lafayette Way does not have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the historic resource at 950 Bellomy Street and that the alteration is compatible with the existing structure and neighborhood.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

5. [20-1472](#) Action on Other Business before Historical and Landmarks Commission

Public Speakers(s): None

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Standifer to continue the Election of Officers for a full Commission.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano and seconded by Commissioner Standifer to appoint Commissioner Romano as the Lead and Commissioner Leung as Alternate to the Zoning Ordinance Update, and appoint Commissioner Romano as Alternate to both Agnew Historic Cemetary Museum Committee and Downtown Revitalization.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder

Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen asked that Commissioners to update their resume and Statement of Qualifications, and to report on training Received between October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019. He noted SHPO has yet to release the Template for the CLG 2018-2019 Annual Report for reporting.

Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen reported on Leadership Santa Clara 2020 program. He reminded those interested the deadline is January 10, 2020.

Announcements / Other Items

No additional items reported.

Board and Committee Assignments

Commissioners present reported on assignments.

Commissioner Travel and Training Reports, Requests to Attend Training

No travel or training reported. No request to attend training.

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 11:05 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is on February 6, 2020.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Swartzwelder