



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

06/29/2023

6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

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 June 29, 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 6:01 p.m.

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

Absent 2 - Commissioner Michael Celso , and Commissioner Amy Kirby

A motion was made by Commissioner Stocks, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, to excuse Commissioners Kirby and Celso.

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Inciarte

1.A [23-777](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of May 17, 2023

1.B [23-778](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of June 1, 2023

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

GENERAL BUSINESS

[23-779](#) Consideration of the 950 Monroe Street Mixed-Use Project

Public Speakers:

Dave Delozier
Adam Thompson
Robert Fitch
Brian Goldberg
George Haro
Janet Stevenson
Jonathon Evans
Joy Diaz
Stanley Carlson
Noreen Carlson
Steve Ringer
Lou Farria
Quentin Diduck
Michael Cole
Mike
Alicia Guerra
Donna West
Bev Hermack

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Stocks, to forward a recommendation of approval of the Minor SPA to the Community Development Director with recommended added conditions as follows:

- Update the Mills Act Contract for 906 Monroe Street with an updated 10-year plan and DPR that include analysis of 1341 Homestead Road.

-While removing the non-historic rear addition at 930 Monroe Street, the applicant should restore any material that is salvageable.

Aye: 4 - Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

Recused: 1 - Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to recommend denial of the Planned Development Rezoning and Vesting Tentative Subdivision Map to the Planning Commission.

Aye: 4 - Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

Recused: 1 - Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Stocks, to recommend denial of the Architectural Review for the mixed-use project to the Development Review Hearing Officer. The Commission recommended denial because the townhouses would negatively affect the HRI properties on-site as well as those within 200 feet. The proposed six-story height of the mixed-use building is too tall for the surrounding single-family homes, and it would affect the ebb and flow on Monroe Street.

Aye: 4 - Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

Recused: 1 - Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

The Commission voted to not provide a recommendation on the Environmental Impact Report because the City Attorney advised that response is needed to a late public comment received outside of the CEQA 45-day public comment period.

Aye: 4 - Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Commissioner Stocks, and Commissioner Inciarte

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

Recused: 1 - Vice Chair Vargas-Smith

STAFF REPORT

- 1. Berryessa Adobe Maintenance
- 2. Downtown Post Office History Survey

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, to request that City Historian and Historical Advisor to the HLC Lorie Garcia to complete the historic survey for the Downtown Post Office.

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

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUEST

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to adjourn the meeting.

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

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Celso, and Commissioner Kirby

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