



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

03/05/2026

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

Chair Leung called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Present 7 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte, Chair Patricia Leung, Commissioner Kathleen Romano, Vice Chair Ed Stocks, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith , and Commissioner Kaushal Varshney

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [26-108](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2025

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Stocks, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Romano abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at the December meeting.

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

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Romano

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Public Speaker:
Rob Mayer

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [26-68](#) Public Hearing: Recommendation on the Significant Property Alteration / Architectural Review (PLN25-00524) for an approximately 481 square foot first floor addition and an approximately 233 square foot second floor addition to an existing two-story single-family residence for a property on the Historic Resource Inventory Located at 1184 Washington Street. CEQA Status: Exempt from CEQA per Sections 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) and 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation).

Recommendation: Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find the proposed project located at 1184 Washington Street will not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the Historic Resource Inventory property and that the proposed construction is compatible with the resource and recommend approval of the Significant Property Alteration / Architectural Review, subject to conditions and findings.

Associate Planner Tracy Tam provided the staff presentation.

Architect Rob Mayer spoke about the project. **Homeowners Julie and Shea Salinas** were available for questions.

Public Comments: **None.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve staff recommendation with the removal of Condition of Approval (P2), which required a reduction in the proposed second-floor square footage.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

3. [26-240](#) Potential Landmark Designation for Tiburcio Vásquez Gravesite

Public Comments: **None.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Inciarte, seconded by Commissioner Varshney, to approve staff recommendation. This item will be formally agendized at a future meeting for the initiation and recommendation to City Council.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

- 4. [26-238](#) Public Hearing: California Preservation Foundation (CPF) 2026 Annual Conference

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

Public Comments: **None.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve expenditure of Commission funds for up to four (4) commissioners to attend the California Preservation Foundation conference.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

STAFF REPORT

Staff provided an overview of the process for updating the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. A consultant will be selected through a Request for Proposals (RFP), and staff will return at a future meeting with an item requesting authorization to expend funds to initiate this work.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

No updates on this item.

Subcommittee Reporting - 20 Minutes

No updates on this item.

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
Board/Committee	Lead/Alternate

Commissioners provided updates on various items, meetings, and groups that they are assigned to.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Romano, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Aye: 7 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

The next regular scheduled meeting is on April 2, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers.

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