



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

04/02/2026

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 6:04 p.m.

Commissioner Varshney participated in the meeting remotely under AB 2449 in Government Code § 54953(f) due to emergency circumstances.

Present 6 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte, Chair Patricia Leung, Commissioner Kathleen Romano, Vice Chair Ed Stocks, and Commissioner Kaushal Varshney

Absent 1 - Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Stocks, to excuse Commissioner Vargas-Smith.

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [26-378](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the March 5, 2026 Meeting.

1.B [26-279](#) Action on Draft Certified Local Government (CLG) 2024-2025 Annual Report

Recommendation: Recommend that the Commission review and take action to approve the Draft Certified Local Government (CLG) 2024-2025 Annual Report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve the consent calendar.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [26-256](#) Public Hearing: Rezoning to Remove the Historic Combining District from 1341 Homestead Road (906 Monroe Street to Remain in Historic Combining District). CEQA Status: Determination of Consistency with the Downtown Precise Plan Final EIR

Recommendation:

Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed Rezoning to Remove the Historic Combining District from 1341 Homestead Road (906 Monroe Street to Remain in Historic Combining District) will not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the Historic Resource Inventory property and recommend approval to the Planning Commission and City Council, respectively.

Associate Planner Daniel Sobczak provided the staff presentation.

Applicant Paul Tai and Myron Von Raesfeld spoke about the project.

Public Speakers:

Rick Grathy

Jonathon Evans

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

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Inciarte, to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 5 - Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Inciarte, Chair Leung, Commissioner Romano, and Commissioner Varshney

Nay: 1 - Vice Chair Stocks

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

3. [26-280](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a Historic Resource Property Designation for the Tiburcio Vásquez Gravesite Located in Santa Clara Mission Cemetery

Recommendation:

There is no staff recommendation.

There was no staff presentation.

Public Comments: **None.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Inciarte, seconded by Commissioner Stocks to to approve designation of the Tiburcio Vasquez gravesite as historically significant and to recommend that City Council nominate it for local landmark designation.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

4. [26-281](#) Historic Preservation Ordinance Update and Expenditure of Funds

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks approve the expenditure of funds from the Historical Preservation Reserve account to support the update of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and authorize staff to prepare a scope of work, issue a Request for Proposals (RFP), and proceed with the consultant selection process.

There was no staff presentation.

Public Speaker:

Jonathon Evans

A motion was made by Commissioner Inciarte, Seconded by Commissioner Celso, to approve staff recommendation.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

STAFF REPORT

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 Romano, seconded by Commissioner Celso, to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

The next regular scheduled meeting is on May 7, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

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