



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

05/07/2026

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting
City Hall/East Wing
Sparacino Conference Room
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 6:05 p.m.

Present 4 - Commissioner Michael Celso , Commissioner Yvonne Inciarte, Chair Patricia Leung, and Commissioner Kathleen Romano

Absent 3 - Vice Chair Ed Stocks, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith , and Commissioner Kaushal Varshney

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

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

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [26-495](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting Minutes of the April 2, 2026 Meeting.

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

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

Excused: 3 - Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [26-404](#) Public Hearing: Recommendation on the Architectural Review (PLN24-00521) for Demolition of the Existing 1,198 Square Foot One-Story Residence and the Construction of a New 3,817 Square Foot Two-Story Residence at 4435 Fillmore Street Located Within 200 Feet of Two Historic Resource Inventory Properties. CEQA Status: Exempt from CEQA per Section 15332 - In-Fill Development Projects.

Recommendation: Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 4435 Fillmore Street will not destroy or have significant adverse effect on the integrity of the HRI listed properties within 200 feet of the subject property; that the proposed construction is compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and recommend approval of the Architectural Review at the Development Review Hearing.

Associate Planner Meha Patel provided the staff presentation.

Daniel Warren (Applicant) spoke about the project.

Public Comments: **None.**

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

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

Excused: 3 - Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

A motion was made by Commissioner Inciarte, seconded by Commissioner Celso, to continue this item date certain to the June 4, 2026 Historical and Landmarks Commission Meeting with recommendation to: (1) reduce the massing of the second story; (2) move the massing toward the rear of the residence; (3) provide a rendering showing the view of the new house from the nearby historic house, located at 4406 Fillmore Street.

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

Excused: 3 - Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

STAFF REPORT

No updates on this item.

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 Inciarte, to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

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

Excused: 3 - Vice Chair Stocks, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Varshney

The next regular scheduled meeting is on June 4, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers and via Zoom.

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