



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

05/06/2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Leung called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

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

Absent 1 - Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Romano to excuse Commissioner Vargas-Smith's absence.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [21-599](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of April 1, 2021

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of April 1, 2021.

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

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Commissioner Estes spoke regarding City street tree removals in his neighborhood and expressed concern that the trees were part of the original landscape plan for the neighborhood and should not have been removed. He and his neighbors are working with the City Arborist to identify a suitable replacement tree species. **Commissioner Estes** also announced that he would be resigning from the Commission within the next few months due to moving out of the area.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-600](#) Consideration of a request for an informational plaque for the property at 710 Madison Street (continued from the April 1, 2021 HLC meeting)

Recommendation: Staff does not have a recommendation.

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos updated the Commission on the project. The Commission asked clarifying questions regarding the ownership and installation of the plaque.

Chair Leung and **Commissioner Romano** were recused from voting due to the proximity of their residence to the property.

Public Speaker(s): Suzanne Avina
Tim Konkol

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartzwelder, seconded by Commissioner Celso to approve the plaque language written by Historical Advisor Lorie Garcia for an 18 x 24 inch bronze plaque, the associated budget expenditure, and to accept a \$500.00 donation towards the plaque from Suzanna Avina.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

Recused: 2 - Chair Leung, and Commissioner Romano

3. [21-429](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) for 834 Main Street

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the Mills Act Application and associated 10-Year Plan for restoration and maintenance accomplish the intent of preserving and maintaining the historical significance of the property; and therefore, recommend Council approval of a Mills Act Contract, and the adoption of a 10-Year Restoration and Maintenance Plan associated with the Historical Preservation Agreement.

Associate Planner Nimisha Agrawal provided the staff presentation.

Owner Rebecca Fung spoke about the history of the house and answered questions from the Commission about the design.

Commissioner Standifer abstained from voting due to technical difficulties relating to Zoom.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Estes to approve staff recommendation and to approve a bronze plaque circa 1932.

Aye: 5 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Standifer

STAFF REPORT

1. Berryessa Adobe Maintenance

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos shared **Architectural Advisor Craig Mineweaser's** letter stating that the assessment of the building will take place this month.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos notified the Commission that the stories that several of the Commissioners wrote would be posted on the City's social media pages throughout May in honor of Historical Preservation Month.

2. Board and Committee Assignments - 15 minutes

Commissioners present reported on assignments.

3. Announcements and Other Items - 10 minutes

None.

4. Commissioner Travel and Training Requests - 10 minutes

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos and **Development Review Officer Gloria Sciara** confirmed they would be attending the California Preservation Conference, leaving 4 complimentary tickets for Commissioner use. They noted that staff would send an email to the Commissioners to confirm attendance.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Celso to expend funds up to \$450.00 for the Commission to attend the California Preservation Conference taking place June 8 - 10, 2021.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Romano to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Thursday, June 3, 2021.

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

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Vargas-Smith

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