



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

09/05/2019

7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Patricia Leung called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

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

DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Commissioner Patricia Leung read the Historical and Landmarks Commission procedures.

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [19-1023](#) Action on Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of June 6, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Celso and seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of June 6, 2019.

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

Abstained: 2 - Vice Chair Estes, and Commissioner Swartzwelder

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

As a member of the public, Nancy Biagini brought up concerns over construction activity at 575 Benton Street. She noted sensitivity over archaeological and historical resources at the site. Ms. Biagini noted request from citizens to stop the project to ensure resources were being protected. Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen reported that the project approved with conditions of approval and environmental mitigation measures. He noted staff has been working with the developer and others to ensure the adherence to the approval.

PUBLIC HEARING / GENERAL BUSINESS

2.A [19-951](#) Public Hearing: Mills Act Contract for 908 Fremont Street

Public Speaker(s): Todd and Kristy Rosenbaum

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Standifer that the Historical and Landmarks Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the Mills Act Contract application, including the adoption of 10-Year Rehabilitation and Maintenance Plan associated with this Historical Preservation Agreement.

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

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

3.A [19-1024](#) Action on Other Business before Historical and Landmarks Commission

Public Speaker(s): None

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartzwelder, seconded by Commissioner Celso that the Historical and Landmarks Commission approve the request for small bronze plaque for 1770 Homestead Road "c.1916".

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Standifer to approve the 2020 Historical and Landmarks Commission Schedule of Meetings with a 6:00 pm start time.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes and seconded by Commissioner Standifer to continue the Election of Officers to November meeting for a full Commission.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Leung to appoint Commissioner Swartzwelder to Bart/High Speed Rail/MTA BRT Committee as an Alternate.

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

Announcements / Other Items

No additional items reported.

Board and Committee Assignments

Commissioners present reported on assignments.

Commissioner Travel and Training Reports, Requests to Attend Training

Commissioner Leung reported on Monterey's cool historic map.

HLC LIAISON REPORT

City Council and Planning Commission Actions

Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen reported on Council and Planning Commission items.

Upcoming Agenda Items

Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen provided updates on upcoming agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Estes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting is on October 3, 2019.

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