



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Historical & Landmarks Commission

01/07/2021

6:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

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Historical and Landmarks Commissioners and Staff Liaison will be participating remotely.

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present 7 - Chair Patricia Leung, Vice Chair Stephen Estes, Commissioner J.L. "Spike" Standifer, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Michael Celso, Commissioner Megan Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Kathleen Romano

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [21-1283](#) Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of November 5, 2020

Recommendation: Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of November 5, 2020.

Commissioner Celso abstained due to his absence at the November 5, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to approve staff recommendation.

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

Abstained: 1 - Commissioner Celso

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [21-1289](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a request for a new plaque for the property at 1357 Main Street

Recommendation: Approve a modified bronze plaque circa 1915 for the property located at 1357 Main Street, and allocate funds to cover the cost of the plaque in the amount of approximately \$200.00.

A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Romano to approve staff recommendation.

Aye: 7 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

3. [21-1254](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) for 904 Madison 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.

A motion was made by Commissioner Romano, seconded by Commissioner Estes to approve staff recommendation and to also include a new plaque circa 1875.

Aye: 7 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

4. [21-1250](#) Action on Other Business

Recommendation: There is no staff recommendation.

Board and Committee Assignments

- Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium (Estes / Leung as alternate)
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara (Vargas-Smith)
- Old Quad Residents Association (Leung / Vargas-Smith as alternate)
- Development Review Hearing (Romano / Vargas-Smith as alternate)
- Agnews Historic Cemetery Museum Committee (Standifer / Romano as alternate)
- BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee (Vargas-Smith / Swartzwelder as alternate)
- Zoning Ordinance Update (Swartzwelder / Romano as alternate)
- El Camino Real Specific Plan Community Advisory Committee (Leung)
- Downtown Revitalization (Vargas-Smith / Romano as alternate)

There was one change made to the Commissioners' assignments: **Commissioner Romano** assigned to Zoning Ordinance Update with **Commissioner Swartzwelder** as the alternate.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swartzwelder, seconded by Commissioner Romano to approve the change to the Commissioners assigned to the Zoning Ordinance Update.

Aye: 7 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

STAFF REPORT

1. Budget

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos provided a presentation on the current budget and expenditures thus far in the 2020/2021 fiscal year.

2. Berryessa Adobe Maintenance

Staff Liaison Rebecca Bustos provided an update on the Berryessa Adobe maintenance activities. The Commission requested that this item remain on future agendas for periodic updates.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Subcommittee Reporting - 20 minutes

Commissioners reported on subcommittee activities.

2. Board and Committee Assignments - 15 minutes

Commissioners reported on assignments.

3. Announcements and Other Items - 10 minutes

None.

4. Commissioner Travel and Training Requests - 10 minutes

No travel or training reported. No requests to attend trainings.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Estes, seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Aye: 7 - Chair Leung, Vice Chair Estes, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, Commissioner Celso, Commissioner Swartzwelder, and Commissioner Romano

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