

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017, AT 7:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Trapnell, Vice-Chair Ahmadjian-Baer, Commissioners Bai, Bartlett, Chapman and Lang

ABSENT: Commissioner Horn

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No resident comments

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Bartlett, seconded by Vice-Chair Horn, the Commission moved to approve the minutes with a revision to reflect the correct spelling of the Halsey house. AYES: Bartlett, Chapman and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: Horn; ABSTAIN: Ahmadjian-Bar, Bai and Lang. The motion failed and the item was continued to next meeting.

2. 17-H-04 – Chapman Design Associates – 571 Cherry Avenue

Historic Alteration permit for 1,427 sq. ft. one-story addition to a one-story historic landmark structure.

Staff presented the report.

Applicant, Derek Teixeira presented the project

Public Comment

No public comments

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Chapman, seconded by Commissioner Bartlett, the Commission approved the project subject to the listed findings and conditions. AYES: Ahmadjian-Baer, Bai, Bartlett, Lang and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: Horn; ABSTAIN: Chapman

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

2. Hillview Community Center Task Force

Capital Improvement project for the design and construction of the Los Altos Community Center.

Staff, Sarah Henricks, presented the item.

The Commission discussed the Hillview Community Center. The Historical Commission recommends the Hillview Community Center Task Force consult with the Los Altos History Museum to ensure that any Community Center space that is currently used for programs and events is allowed for in the new center. Similarly, the Commissioners request conference rooms and event space in the new center for very large events, like craft shows, large museum events and other community events. The Historical Commission urges the Task Force to be aware of any impact to the History Museum, the orchard, or any other historical sites when considering placement of the new center. To encourage collaboration, the Commissioners suggest creating jointly used, flexible, multi-use indoor and outdoor space that would facilitate crowds that may come to the History Museum programs as well as a portable stage.

3. Historic Preservation Regulations

Staff discussed the proposal to schedule a joint meeting between staff and historical commission subcommittee to develop direction for the code changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance. After meeting with the subcommittee and developing the code changes, the item is to be brought back for a public hearing at which the commission would develop their formal recommendations to the City Council.

Public Comment

Residents Kurt Seifert and Dafna spoke in favor of modifying the Historical Preservation Ordinance.

4. Civic Center Apricot Orchard

Receive update from staff.

Public Comment

Los Altos History Museum Executive Director, Elizabeth Ward, spoke in support of the preservation of the orchard and the historic plaque placement in the Civic Center Orchard. She encouraged the Commission to continue to support the orchard.

5. Monthly Staff Report

Staff discussed the joint meeting Historical Commission and the Board of the Los Altos History museum scheduled Monday, September 25, 2017, and project plan submittal requirements for application

The commissioners agreed to the meeting starting at 5:00 pm. Commissioner Chapman raised concerns regarding the historical commission and design review procedure.

Public Comment

Los Altos History Museum Executive Director, Elizabeth Ward, spoke in support of the joint meeting and discussed the meeting schedule.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Chapman raised concerns regarding the historical commission and design review procedure and the timing for processing applications.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Trapnell adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Sean K. Gallegos
Staff Liaison