



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, January 24, 2011
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair LONEY called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair LONEY, Commissioners BAKER, BISHOP, KREISMAN, MARFATIA and WELSH.
Absent: Commissioners DREWES.
Staff: Assistant Planner LACEY and Staff Liaison DAHL.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the November 22, 2010 Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to approve Consent Calendar.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Commissioner WELSH arrived.

2. 11-H-01 – 420 Yerba Santa Avenue
Assistant Planner LACEY presented the staff report and answered questions from the commissioners.

The Commission expressed general support for the proposed stucco wall.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to approve the new stucco wall along the front property line.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Historic Resource Evaluation Methodology
4. General Plan Amendment
5. Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the staff report for items 3, 4, and 5., and answered questions from the Commissioner.

Several members of the public spoke in support of the proposed changes to the City's historic preservation regulations, asking questions about the implications of the new regulations and wondering how individual properties would be affected.

The Commission spoke in support of the proposed changes, noting that this was the culmination of several years of work and public outreach, and that it was important for the City to have a current historic preservation program that was consistent with State and Federal preservation practices.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to recommend approval an updated historic resource evaluation methodology to replace the Kalman Scale to the City Council.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WELSH, to recommend approval of an amendment to the Community Design and Historic Resources Element of the Los Altos General Plan to the Planning Commission and the City Council.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA, to recommend approval of amendments to the Historical Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 12.44 of the Los Altos Municipal Code, to the City Council.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Certified Local Government Program – 2009-2010 Annual Report

Staff Liaison DAHL presented the annual report to the Commission.

NO MOTION

7. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Commissioner KREISMAN provided an update on the Essay contest, noting that the essay topic was on the Duveneck Family.

A member of the public asked if the essay contest materials could be made available to students who were not enrolled at one of the schools that received teacher materials.

NO MOTION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair LONEY reported on the tribute to former Historical Commissioner Don McDonald and requested that the Historic Preservation Award be added to the February agenda.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair LONEY adjourned the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission