



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m Monday, September 28, 2009
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAKER, SECONDED BY CHAIR KREISMAN, to approve the July 27, 2009 meeting minutes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0) MARFATIA Abstained.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER BAKER, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA, to approve the August 24, 2009 meeting minutes.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. 1585 Grant Road

The owner answered questions from the Commission, noting that the historic value of the house was not that significant.

The Commission expressed general support for the proposed subdivision.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to recommend approval of the proposed tentative map.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0).

2. 398 Main Street

Associate Planner LACEY presented the staff report and answered Commissioner questions.

Commissioner BISHOP arrived.

The Commission raised concerns about the quality of the proposed signage materials and the number of signs proposed on the facade. The Commission also expressed their support for exposing the upper windows on the Main Street facade to reflect the original historic character of the building. Following the discussion, the Commission expressed their general support for the signage provided that the design was revised to address their concerns.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to approve the proposed sign permit subject to the recommended conditions of approval, with the following additional conditions:

- Encourage the applicant to expose any existing windows behind the wood panel along the facade and not damage them when mounting the sign.
- The applicant shall work with staff to provide a structural analysis for the mounting detail of the signage.
- Encourage the applicant to use a different shade of green and not add any building-mounted signage to the First Street frontage.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

3. Historic Preservation Ordinance

Staff Liaison DAHL provided an update on the status of the historic rating system update and confirmed that a study session with the Commission and the City's historic consultant is scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 5:00 pm at City Hall.

The Commission noted their support for developing a tiered rating system, but debated the merits of whether or not a numeric rating system should be retained. The Commission felt this discussion would be most appropriate in the context of the study session.

NO MOTION

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KREISMAN adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission