



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m Monday, October 27, 2008
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair BAKER, Vice-Chair MARFATIA, Commissioners DREWES, KREISMAN, LONEY, HAMBLIN and McDONALD.
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL and Recreation Director TUCKER

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member from the Cool Los Altos Committee spoke of an upcoming citizen advisory meeting.

MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to approve the September 22, 2008 meeting minutes.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. 51 South San Antonio Road

Chair BAKER recused herself from this item due to her employment with Santa Clara County Council who advises the committee that will be reviewing this grant application.

Recreation Director TUCKER presented the staff report with a recommendation to support the History Museum's efforts to obtain grant funding and answered questions.

The Commission expressed strong support for completing the restoration of the Smith House and the History Museum's efforts to obtain grant funding to do so.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMBLIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, to recommend to the City Council that they support the efforts of the History Museum to apply for grant funding to complete the Smith House porch and second story restoration.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

2. Historic Preservation Award

Commissioner MCDONALD presented revised draft award criteria and discussed the importance of recognizing historic preservation in the City. The Commission discussed projects that could be eligible, what type of award would be presented to the winner and how it could be publicized to increase visibility. It was noted that the Commissioner should further discuss the issue with the City Council before finalizing any award criteria.

NO MOTION.

3. Joint Community Volunteer Awards Nomination

Commissioner MCDONALD presented an award nomination for Margaret Thompson and asked for the support of the Commission.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA, to support the nomination of Margaret Thompson for a Joint Community Volunteer Award.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner LONEY spoke about the Margret Thompson Essay Contest that would be coming up in May of 2009 and asked for volunteers.

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair BAKER requested that the following items be added to the agenda of the next Historical Commission meeting as discussion items:

- Historical Preservation Award
- The Essay Contest

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission