



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m., Monday, September 22, 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, and MCDONALD.
Absent: Commissioner HAMBLIN
Staff: Staff Liaison LACEY

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KREISMAN, to approve the August 25, 2008 meeting minutes, subject to the recommended changes by Commissioner KREISMAN.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. 500 University Avenue

The Commission noted that the shop drawings and architectural details of the project met the intent of maintaining the architectural integrity of the structure.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, to approve the shop drawings and architectural details as proposed.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. .

2. Historical Preservation Award

Chair BAKER presented an outline of the progress made on the award thus far. The Commissioners discussed forming a subcommittee to focus on completing the award, once the Commission has had a chance to meet with the outside consultant hired to re-evaluate the historical properties listed within the inventory. Commissioner MCDONALD was nominated the head the subcommittee.

ITEM TABLED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

3. Certified Local Government Grants

The Commission discussed applying for a grant to update the Kalman Scale with a more current scoring system and to prepare a full historical context statement for the City once the Commission

has had the chance to meet with the outside consultant hired. The discussion included the merits of updating the ranking system versus continuing to use the Kalman Scale, reasons for needing a full context statement, the timing of submitting a funding request to the City Council, and updating the inventory for demolished structures.

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4. Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Rehabilitation
Vice-Chair MARFATIA presented a discussion on a lecture she attended about the Secretary of the Interior Standards for Historic Rehabilitation.

NO MOTION.

COMMISSION REPORTS

5. The Community Picnic
Chair BAKER reported that the Historical Commission's booth at the picnic was successful and thanked the Commissioners for participating in the event.

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
- Certified Local Government Grants
- Meeting with consultant
- Historical downtown placards
- Staff report/outline on changes to the historical preservation and zoning code ordinances that may affect historical properties, and progress on the civic center master plan
- San Antonio Club Sign
- Essay Contest

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:39 PM.

Shaun Lacey
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission