



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting

6:30 p.m., Monday, August 25, 2008
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

TRAINING SESSION

CANCELED

7:00 p.m., Monday, August 25, 2008
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CALL TO ORDER

Chair BAKER called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair BAKER, Commissioners DREWES, KREISMAN, LONEY and MCDONALD.
Absent: Vice-Chair MARFATIA and Commissioner HAMBLIN
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to approve the July 28, 2008 meeting minutes.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. Historical Preservation Award

The Commission noted that the Historical Preservation Award proposal had not been fully reviewed and additional time was needed to prepare comments finalize the proposed criteria.

ITEM TABLED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

2. 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. The discussion included the merits of updating the ranking system versus continuing to use the Kalman Scale, reasons for needing a full context statement and the timing of submitting a funding request to the City Council. Commissioner KREISMAN noted that the City of San Jose currently uses the

Kalman Scale and volunteered to find out more information about how the Kalman Scale is applied and if the City has any plans to update their ranking system.

ITEM TABLED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

3. The Community Picnic

Chair BAKER reported that the Historical Commission's booth will be located in the on the Hillview lawn and asked that all Commissioners to sign up for shifts to operate the booth.

NO MOTION.

4. Tax Assessment on Mills Act Properties

Commissioner KREISMAN discussed the Mills Act and the recent increases in tax assessment, noting that property owners with a Mills Act contract do have the ability to challenge an increase in their property taxes.

NO MOTION.

COMMISSION REPORTS

None

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:33 PM.

Zachary Dahl, AICP
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission