



## HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

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7:00 p.m., Monday, July 28, 2008  
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers  
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

### ROLL CALL

Present: Chair BAKER, Vice-Chair MARFATIA, Commissioners DREWES, HAMBLIN,  
KRIESMAN, LONEY and MCDONALD.  
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL and Assistant Planner LACEY

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY, to  
approve the April 28, 2008 meeting minutes.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MCDONALD, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LONEY,  
to approve the June 23, 2008 meeting minutes.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (6-0).

Vice-Chair MARFATIA arrived.

### DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. 232 Burke Road  
Assistant Planner LACEY made himself available for questions.

The project architect spoke in support of the proposed modification.

The Commissioners did not have any concerns with the proposed modifications.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER HAMBLIN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES,  
to approve the proposed architectural modifications.  
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Historical Preservation Award  
Chair BAKER presented draft criteria for a historical preservation award.

The Commission discussed the importance of getting a proposal to the City Council by the end of 2008, but noted that they needed more time to review the proposal and enhance the criteria.

ITEM TABLED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

3. Certified Local Government Grants

Chair BAKER presented a draft memo that summarized a request to the City Council to ask for matching funds to update the historical rating system and Historical Preservation Ordinance. The Commission discussed the need to update the historical rating system, noting that Los Altos was one of the few jurisdictions that still used the Kalman Scale to rate historic properties. However, the Commission was concerned that more information was needed on updated historic rating systems before a recommendation was made. Staff noted that the HRI Update currently underway would help provide more information about more current methods of rating historic resources.

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### COMMISSION REPORTS

4. The Community Picnic

Chair BAKER reported that the Historical Commission's booth will be located in the main picnic area, that the history hunt will be happening again and asked that all Commissioners help operate the booth.

### 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
- The Community Picnic
- Tax Assessment on Mills Act Properties

### ADJOURNMENT

Chair BAKER adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

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Zachary Dahl, AICP  
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission