



**MINUTES**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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Regular Meeting  
7:00 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2006  
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers  
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair GIRDLEY called the meeting to order at 7:00 m.

**ROLL CALL:** Chair GIRDLEY, Vice-Chair GIRDLEY, Commissioners BLAKE, DREWES, FOERSTER, HAMBLIN and SCHINK

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

It was moved by Commissioner HAMBLIN and seconded by Commissioner FOERSTER to adopt the March 27, 2006 minutes.

The motion passed 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS:**

1. **461 Orange Avenue – Foothills Congregational Church:** Request to modify the pitch of the dormer windows and replace the existing wood shake roof with a synthetic slate material.  
*(Banks)*

Ray Peck spoke on behalf of the congregation and requested approval of the proposed modifications. He mentioned the church's goal is to use a more durable roofing material and that the modifications to the dormers are intended to address drainage problems that are currently occurring. He also presented a composite material option that is intended to simulate wood for the Commission to consider if they did not feel the slate is appropriate. Mark Leonard and Tom Wa, also members of the church, requested approval.

All the Commissioners expressed that replacing the wood shingle roofing with slate would significantly alter the appearance of the building. Commissioner H. GIRDLEY noted that she had seen realistic options for simulated wood shingles and could support the request.

It was moved by Commissioner FOERSTER and seconded by Commission DREWES to deny the request to use a synthetic slate roof and require that the roof remain wood shake.

The motion passed 6-1 (H. GIRDLEY)

The Commissioners did not feel the changes to the dormer windows were compatible with the design of the building and noted that there are materials available to help protect the roof without a shed roof. The Commission preferred retaining the existing dormer windows, but allowing the roof to be raised slightly to allow positive drainage from the roof.

It was moved by Commissioner DREWES and seconded by Commissioner H. GIRDLEY to deny the applicants requested modification to the dormer windows, but allow the roof to be modified to have a 1:12 maximum pitch and a gutter consistent with the existing building trim.

- 2. Commission Roles and Responsibilities:** Review discussion items from the City Council regarding the role and responsibility of the Commission and protocols for committees to follow. *(Banks)*

The Commission discussed the items requested by the City Council and authorized Chair GIRDLEY to forward a letter to the City Council with the comments (see attached):

- 3. Essay Contest:** Report on this years essay contest. *(Foerster)*

Commission FOERSTER discussed this years essay contest and noted that there would be a reception before the May 9, 2006 City Council meeting .

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

The Chair and Vice Chair met with the City Council Personnel Committee and discussed funding for updating the HRI. The Committee recommended that the Commission contact the Community Foundation to help fund the update.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **COMMISSION REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Items suggested for future meetings include a review of Chapter 12.44 (Historic Preservation), developing questions for future applicants to the Commission and the request for 571 Cherry Avenue.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair GIRDLEY adjourned the meeting at 9:35 pm.

Curtis Banks  
Staff Liaison to the Historical Commission

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