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HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2012
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair WELSH called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair WELSH, Commissioners AHMADJIAN-BAER, BAKER, CHAPMAN, LONEY and MARFATIA.
Absent: Commissioner BISHOP
Staff: Staff Liaison DAHL

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the January 23, 2012 regular Historical Commission meeting.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER MARFATIA SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN, to approve Meeting Minutes.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. 166 Hawthorne Avenue

Applicant Dan Casas spoke on behalf of the property owners and presented a photo that appeared to show the house had been moved from Pepper Drive to Hawthorne Avenue. He noted that the report didn't reflect this and that the house does not merit being designated as a Historic Resource due to lack of integrity. He also noted that only a few of the original windows and doors remain in the house and that the owners do not want their house listed on the HRI.

The Commission noted their job is to review the whole body of evidence and that moving a house does not necessarily take away a structure's physical integrity. The Commission also noted that the basic architectural integrity of the house is intact, that the structural integrity appears sound and that it is a good example of Tudor Revival. One Commissioner noted that the percentage of windows and doors that have been replaced does reduce the historic integrity of the structure.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER LONEY SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BAKER, to make findings that the property at 166 Hawthorne Avenue retains sufficient physical integrity and

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historic significance to be designated as a Historic Resource and listed on the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory.

THE MOTION CARRIED 5-1 (MARFATIA OPPOSED).

The Commission discussed the remaining five properties, noting some had window replacements additions and that there could be historic significance that was not yet known.

MOTION BY CHAIR WELSH SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BISHOP, to continue consideration of the property at 164 Doud Drive and direct staff to work with the Los Altos Historic Museum to research the historic significance of the property.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. 12-H-01 – 634 Orange Avenue

Property owner Lauren Fobes spoke in support of removing the property from the HRI due to lack of structural and historical integrity, noting that these claims were supported by the reports that were provided to the Commission. She noted that there was substantial termite damage, water damage due to poor plumbing, bad wiring and multiple additions and alterations to the original structure.

The Commission expressed general support for the request to delist, noting that there was evidence to support the owner's claims. The Commission also noted that the rear of the house had been substantially altered from its original date of construction.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER CHAPMAN SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER AHMADJIAN-BAER, to remove the property at 634 Orange Avenue from the Los Altos Historic Resources Inventory and find that it is not a Historic Resource due to lack of integrity and historic significance.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Historic Resources Inventory Update

Staff Liaison DAHL noted that there was nothing new to report.

NO MOTION

5. Margaret Thompson Essay Contest

Chair WELSH reported that the contest was moving forward, that the deadline to for submittals was March 9th and that the judging would take place on March 24th.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Chair WELSH requested that the 2066 Crist Drive be added to a future agenda for further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair WELSH adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM