

## HISTORICAL AND LANDMARKS COMMISSION CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1500 Warburton Avenue Santa Clara, CA 95050

# MINUTES Thursday, July 7, 2016 Regular Meeting – 7:00 P.M.

Please refer to the Historical and Landmarks Commission Procedural Items guideline for information on all procedural matters.

An audio recording of this meeting is available in the Planning Office for review or purchase the Friday following the meeting.

## ITEMS FOR COUNCIL ACTION

The following items from this Historical and Landmarks Commission agenda will be scheduled for Council review following the conclusion of hearings and recommendations by the Historical and Landmarks Commission. Due to timing of notices for Council hearings and the preparation of Council agenda reports, these items will not necessarily be heard on the date the minutes from this meeting are forwarded to the Council. Please contact the Planning Division office for information on the schedule of hearings for these items:

None

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Brian Johns, Stephen Estes, Michael Hyams, J.L. "Spike" Standifer, and Jeannie Mahan

Commissioners Absent: Patricia Leung and Priya Cherukuru

Staff Present: Yen Chen, Associate Planner

## 3. DISTRIBUTION OF AGENDA AND STAFF REPORTS

Copies of current agendas and staff reports for each of the items on the agenda are available from the Planning Division office on the Friday afternoon preceding the meeting and are available at the Commission meeting at the time of the hearing. Commissioner Johns reviewed this procedure and noted the agenda is also available on the City's website.

#### 4. DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Chair Johns reviewed the Historical and Landmarks Commission procedures for those present.

## 5. REQUESTS FOR EXCEPTIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES

- A. Withdrawals None
- B. Continuances None
- C. Exceptions None

#### 6. ORAL PETITIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

None

#### 7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items may be enacted, approved or adopted, based upon the findings prepared and provided in the written staff report, by one motion unless requested to be removed by anyone for discussion or explanation. If any member of the Historical and Landmarks Commission, staff, the applicant or a member of the public wishes to comment on a Consent Calendar item, or would like the item to be heard on the regular agenda, please notify Planning staff, or request this action at the Historical and Landmarks Commission meeting when the Chair calls for these requests during the Consent Calendar review.

7.A. Approval of Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes for the meeting of June 2, 2016.

**Motion/Action:** Motion was made by Hyams, seconded by Mahan to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2016 (4-0-1-2, Estes abstain, Cherukuru and Leung absent).

## 8. PUBLIC MEETING ITEMS

8.A. Project Title: Santa Clara University Five-Year Master Plan

File No.(s): PLN2014-10779 / CEQ2014-01184

Location: 500 El Camino Real, an approximate 97.4 acre project site bounded by

Franklin Street to the north, El Camino Real to the east, Market Street to the south, and Lafayette Street to the west. APNs: 230-08-077, 230-10-003, 230-11-040, 230-13-023, 269-23-073 269-38-110 and 269-38-111. Project Site zoned Public, Quasi-Public, and Public Park or Recreation

(B)

Applicant Chris Shay, Santa Clara University

Owner: Santa Clara University

Request: Review and recommendation for the adoption of an Environmental

Impact Report; and Use Permit to amend the Master Development Plan for the Santa Clara University campus. The proposal includes demolition of approximately 269,130 square feet of existing building floor area to construct up to 449,524 square feet of net new classroom, office and student activity space, and 600 new student housing units on the

University campus; and Environmental Impact Report

CEQA Determination:

**Environmental Impact Report** 

Project Planner:

Debby Fernandez, Associate Planner

Staff Recommendation: Recommend approval, subject to conditions

**Notice:** The notice of public meeting for this item was posted within 500 feet of the site and was mailed to property owners within 500 feet.

**Discussion:** Chair John commented that he toured SCU with Chris Shay. Mr. Chen provided a brief introduction to the project. He noted that the item was continued from the June 2, 2016 meeting in order for the Commission to review additional information associated with the project site and to consider the DEIR and comments on the DEIR. Mr. Chen noted that Lorie Garcia, Honorary City Historian, provided written comments for consideration. Mr. Chen commented that State Historic Preservation Office did not comment on the proposal. The City's environmental consultants from David J. Powers & Associates, Inc. and Albion Environmental, Inc. were present to answer questions on the Environmental Impact Report and Cultural Resources Treatment Plan.

Chris Shay from Santa Clara University provided a detailed power point presentation on the proposed Master Development Plan. He also discussed at length with the Commission on the viability of the Alternative sites identified in the DEIR. The Commission discussion focused on the proposed School of Law (Charney Hall) and demolition of Bergin Hall within the area of the proposed STEM Center. The warehouse building where the proposed student housing building is to be located did not appear to have historical integrity as noted by Chair Johns.

Mark Hylkema, State Archaeologist, spoke on the Third Mission Site during the public comment period. He noted that he had worked on the re-route of the El Camino Real (State Highway) in the 1980s. Members from the Woman Adobe and Old Quad Resident Association spoke on the project. They noted the need to protect the residences at the end for Franklin Street. Chair Johns closed the public comment period.

#### Motion/Action:

Motion was made by Estes, seconded by Johns to recommend approval of the proposed Charney Hall with the state of the art archeological techniques, subject to accenting of known below-ground features in the floor coverings with future floor covering changes reviewed by the HLC (3-2-0-2, Standifer and Mahan opposed, Cherukuru and Leung absent). The motion failed to garner four affirmative votes need from the seven-member Commission.

Motion was made by Johns, seconded by Estes to recommend approval of the staff recommendation to retain Bergin Hall (5-0-0-2, Cherukuru and Leung absent)

Motion was made by Johns, seconded by Estes to recommend approval of the proposed residential halls with installation of a plaque at the location of existing art building (former warehouse) (4-0-1-2, Hyams abstain, Cherukuru and Leung absent).

#### OTHER BUSINESS

#### 9.A. Commission Procedures and Staff Communications

#### i. Announcements/Other Items

- Correspondence received for HLC
  - None
- Review requests for the procedure for the referral of re-roofing of single family residences and Mills Act properties
  - Commissioner Johns requested that the procedure for referral of items to the Commission be provided in writing.
- Monthly Report on HT properties: Residential reversions (verbal update)

#### ii. Report of the Liaison from the Planning and Inspection Department

- City Council and Planning Commission Actions (verbal update)
- Mr. Chen reported that the Planning Commission has two new members. He noted the new Director of Community Development will come on board in August.
- Commissioner Johns requested background information on the demolition of King's Highway Motel at 1031 El Camino Real.

## iii. Commission/ Board Liaison and Committee Reports

- Santa Clara Arts and Historic Consortium (Standifer/Cherukuru as alternate) [Fourth Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. - Headen-Inman House]
- Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara (Mahan/Leung as alternate) [Second Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. - Harris Lass Preserve]
- Old Quad Residents Association (Hyams/Mahan as alternate)
- Architectural Committee (Mahan / Johns as alternate)
- Agnews Historic Cemetery Museum Committee (Standifer/Hyams as alternate)
- BART/ High Speed Rail/ VTA BRT Committee (Johns/Cherukuru as alternate)
- Zoning Ordinance Update (Johns/Hyams Alternate)
- Review of Mills Act Contracts Ad-hoc Committee (Johns, Hyams and Estes)
- Review of Publications, CAMP and Technical Briefs Ad-hoc Committee (Cherukuru, Mahan and Estes)

#### iv. Commission Activities

- Commissioner Travel and Training Reports
  - Commissioner Johns reported on CPF Training Workshop A Crash Course in Night Photography at a Celebrated, Historic Cemetery June 18, 2016.

## v. Upcoming Agenda Items

- Projects not requiring HLC Review- TBD
- Review of Street Name List TBD
- Commission Training TBD (Lorie Garcia)

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 p.m. The next regular Historical and Landmarks Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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