



# City of Santa Clara

## Meeting Minutes

### Historical & Landmarks Commission

06/06/2019

7:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers  
1500 Warburton Avenue  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Commissioner Patricia Leung called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

**Present** 4 - Commissioner Patricia Leung, Commissioner J.L. "Spike" Standifer, Commissioner Ana Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Michael Celso

**Excused** 1 - Vice Chair Stephen Estes

#### DECLARATION OF COMMISSION PROCEDURES

Commissioner Patricia Leung reviewed the Historical and Landmarks Commission procedures.

#### REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONS, WITHDRAWALS AND CONTINUANCES

None

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A [19-699](#) Action on Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of May 2, 2019

**Recommendation:** Approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of May 2, 2019.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Celso and seconded by Commissioner Standifer to approve the Historical and Landmarks Commission Minutes of May 2, 2019.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

#### PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

**PUBLIC HEARING / GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [19-613](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of a Significant Property Alteration (SPA) permit for a rear porch addition at a Mills Act property located at 806 Jackson Street

**Recommendation:** Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed project located at 806 Jackson Street is designed as such to retain the essential character defining elements that make it significant; that the proposed project does not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the designated property; that the alterations is compatible with the existing structure; and that the rehabilitation of the residence meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission forward a recommendation to the Director of Community Development to approve the proposed project.

**Public Speaker(s):** Todd Heintz

**A motion was made by Commissioner Celso and seconded by Vargas-Smith that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project located at 806 Jackson Street is designed to retain the essential character defining elements that make it significant; that the proposed project does not destroy or have a significant adverse effect on the integrity of the designated property; that the alterations are compatible with the existing structure; and that the rehabilitation of the residence meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

**A motion was made by Commissioner Celso and seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith that the Historical and Landmarks Commission forward a recommendation to the Director of Community Development to approve the proposed project.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

3. [19-607](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of Historical Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract) for the property at 610 Monroe Street

**Recommendation:** Based upon the analysis and findings of the historical evaluation staff recommends that the Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the Mills Act Contract application, including the approval of a 10-Year Rehabilitation and Maintenance Plan associated with this historical preservation agreement.

**Public Speaker(s):** Gregory Meyer and 5 Members of the Public

**A motion was made by Commissioner Standifer and seconded by Commissioner Vargas-Smith that the Historical and Landmarks Commission forward a recommendation to the City Council for approval of the Mills Act Contract application, including the approval of a 10-Year Rehabilitation and Maintenance Plan associated with this Historical Preservation Agreement.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

4. [19-471](#) Public Hearing: Consideration of Significant Property Alteration (SPA) permit for a new detached accessory dwelling unit on an Historic Resource Inventory property; and a Variance to allow increased height at 22'-6" for the proposed accessory dwelling unit

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find the project as proposed will not significantly impact the integrity of the existing resource; and also find there are no specific physical circumstances that distinguish the project site from its surroundings; find there are no unique circumstances that would create an unnecessary hardship for the applicant if the usual zoning standards were imposed and, therefore, recommend denial of the variance to the Planning Commission.

**Public Speaker(s):** Rob Mayer, Laura Esber and 6 Members of the Public

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith and Commissioner Standifer to recommend approval of the SPA permit to the Planning Commission with the finding that the proposed project would not impact the historical integrity of the main residence.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

**A motion was made by Commissioner Standifer, seconded by Commissioner Celso to recommend approval of the proposed Variance request to the Planning Commission.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

5. [19-633](#) Public Hearing: Referral of projects near Historical Resource Inventory Properties, and Design Review to remove the exterior wood siding and replacement with stucco siding to match a new detached accessory dwelling unit at 1255 Monroe Street.

**Recommendation:** Recommendation that the Historical and Landmarks Commission finds that the proposed project does not adversely impact the integrity or historic context of the listed resources in the vicinity of the project site.

Recommend that the Historical and Landmarks Commission forward a recommendation to the Director of Community Development to approve the proposed project.

**Public Speaker(s):** Leopoid Vandeneynde

**A motion was made by Commissioner Celso and Commissioner Standifer that the Historical and Landmarks Commission find that the proposed project does not adversely impact the integrity or historic context of the listed resources in the vicinity of the project site, and recommend to the Director of Community Development to approve the proposed project, subject to hand troweling the cement plaster (stucco).**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

## **COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

6. [19-700](#) Informational Report: Correspondence Received

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends the Historical and Landmarks Commission note and file the correspondence received.

- Retirement celebration flyer for Bob Byrd, President of the Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara

**A motion was made by Commissioner Vargas-Smith and seconded by Commissioner Leung to note and file report.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes

Announcements / Other Items

No additional items reported.

Board or Committee Assignments

**Commissioners** present reported on assignments.

Commissioner Travel and Training Reports, Requests to Attend Training

**Commissioner Vargas-Smith and Commissioner Standifer** reported on sessions and workshops they attended at the California Preservation Conference held in Palm Springs, May 8 thru 11th.

**Commissioner Leung** reported on lecture event held as part of May Preservation Month. The lecture covered "Santa Clara's 'Californio Community'" which was co-sponsored by the Santa Clara Woman's Club. The Commission thanked Honorary City Historian Lorie Garcia for putting together the event.

**HLC LIAISON REPORT**

City Council and Planning Commission Actions

**Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen** reported on Council and Planning Commission items.

Upcoming Agenda Items

**Staff Liaison Yen Han Chen** provided updates on upcoming agenda items.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular scheduled meeting is on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Standifer and seconded by Commissioner Celso to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 p.m.**

**Aye:** 4 - Commissioner Leung, Commissioner Standifer, Commissioner Vargas-Smith, and Commissioner Celso

**Excused:** 1 - Vice Chair Estes