



APPROVED MINUTES

SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.
West Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall
456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale

CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Chair Rose Kausek; Comm. Jeanine Stanek; Comm. Nancy McDonough; Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan; Comm. Amrit Verma

Absent: Vice Chair Betty Fussell

Chair Kausek noted that Vice Chair Fussell contacted her via email regarding her planned absence. Motion to excuse Vice Chair Fussell carried 5-0 with Vice Chair Fussell absent.

Staff: Steve Lynch, Senior Planner; Ryan Kuchenig, Associated Planner; Joey Mariano, Staff Office Assistant

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT CALENDAR

A) Approval of **March 5, 2008** Draft Minutes

Chair Kausek motioned to approve the March 5, 2008 Draft Minutes at the next scheduled meeting as it was not included in the packet for review. Comm. Vaidyanathan seconded. Motion carried 5-0 with Vice Chair Fussell absent.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- A) **2008-0336**: Application for a Resource Alteration Permit to add a new two car, attached garage to be located in front of an existing Heritage Resource property. The property is located at **1029 Ranere Court** (near Peekskill Dr.) in an R-0 (Low Density Residential) Zoning District.

Steve Lynch, Project Planner, noted that the applicant has requested continuance to the June 4, 2008 meeting. He stated that the applicant hired Leslie A. Dill, historic architectural consultant, and the applicant would like to include her report as part of the Commission's review.

He further noted that the Commission has the discretion to either continue this item to a date certain or hear it tonight.

Comm. McDonough made a motion to continue the item to the next meeting on June 4, 2008. Comm. Vaidyanathan seconded. Comm. Stanek made a friendly amendment to allow public comments tonight and on the June 4, 2008 meeting. Motion carried 5-0 with Vice Chair Fussell absent.

Roger Smith, resident on Ranere Court, asked staff and the Commission if they themselves conducted a site visit of the property. He noted that artistic liberty was taken in the photo simulations by the applicant and the renderings are not depict what actual occurs on the site.

Mike Skidmore, on Prune Court, noted that the applicant's letter refers to a "main road" and that this no longer exists, and that the only road is Ranere Court. He then noted there is substantial historical significance to this property and is concerned that the property would fall off the City's Heritage Resource inventory.

Philip Merritt, Ranere Ct, is also is concerned that the property would be removed from the City's Heritage Resource inventory. He noted that the successor of the original owner, Mr. Caviglia moved into the home during the agricultural era. He noted that the property represents the original owner. He believes that their generation has an obligation to preserve its historical significance. He further noted that the Commission is directed by the City to preserve historic sites.

Gene Mevnier, Peekskill Dr., asked how many heritage homes are designated Historical. Staff responded that there are about 100 historical sites in its inventory. Staff responded that there is a heritage inventory list available to the public which can be forwarded to them or found on the City's web site.

Kristen Evans, Prune Ct., noted that Mrs. Caviglia had many fruit trees and that there are many trees around the area that she would like to have preserved.

Sylvia Mevnier, Peekskill Drive, asked what is the compelling interest to remove the historic resource? She stated that if we cannot save something that is of historic interest, then all these meetings are a waste of time.

Maxine Freeborn, Ranere, noted that she was five years old when her parents built the home on 1029 Ranere Court. She noted that Alex Moore, architect, has given wrong information in his report. She noted the report states that the house was constructed next to an existing house with a garage. She noted that the old house was constructed elsewhere, and later moved to the rear of the lot, which had a barn, but not a garage. She mentioned that, in the 1940's, her mom wanted a garage and that's when they built the detached garage that exists in the rear yard today. Then, in the 1960's, her dad put in the additional living area next to the garage. She passed out photographs of the house during the 1940's. She noted her disapproval of the proposal, which will affect the home from its heritage status and may lead to future destruction of the resource.

Alex Moore, project architect, noted his apologies about any wrong statements regarding the barn being a garage. He also noted that they are trying to preserve the property. Their intention is to preserve the significance of the property and to keep it on the historical resource inventory. He noted their plans are in conjunction with the Secretary of Interior's Standards.

Mr. Lynch noted that he will make sure that everyone gets a copy of the Secretary of the Interiors Standard's review.

Philip Merritt asked what it takes to de-list the property. Mr. Lynch gave clarification of the process in regards to de-listing a property under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Chair Kausek closed the public Hearing.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Steve Lynch, Senior Planner