



## APPROVED MINUTES

**SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, November 3, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**West Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall**  
**456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale**

### **CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

The Pledge of Allegiance was taken.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Jeanine Stanek; Vice Chair David Squellati; Comm. Ted Ringel; Comm. Frenchie Marsolais; Comm. Nirmla Vaidyanathan; Comm. Amrit Verma

Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner; Joey Mariano, Senior Staff Assistant

### **SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

None

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A. Approval of September 1, 2010 Draft Minutes

Comm. Vaidyanathan, Squellati, and Marsolais made minor corrections.

**Comm. Vaidyanathan motioned to approve the Minutes of September 1, 2010, as corrected. Comm. Squellati seconded. Motion carried 6-0.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Selection and Ranking of Potential Study Issues for 2011

**Mr. Kuchenig** presented Study Issues CDD 09-05: New Heritage Preservation Designation for Existing Structures as "Buildings of Character", and CDD 11-06: Consideration of Certain City

Parks as Heritage Resources. He noted that there are currently a total of 11 study issues from Community Development. He summarized the two issues to be considered by this Commission.

**Comm. Ringel** asked staff why a consultant is needed and is part of the cost for their study issues. Staff responded that the City uses outside consultants for such studies and for unbiased research.

**Comm. Ringel** further asked staff about the 101-299 staff hours allocated for Study Issue 11-06. Staff responded that this is a typical amount for studies as part of the operating budget. Mr. Ringel noted that this is one of the reasons why the City is in financial difficulty. He also stated that Congress has spent less money on national monuments. He noted that he does not mind funding staff for this study, but he noted his opposition regarding hiring consultants.

**Mr. Kuchenig** responded that consultants are also hired to research other jurisdictions and to review how local agencies handled a particular study that may be similar.

**Chair Stanek** stated that a reason why consultants are brought on board is to have a third party certifying the work. She mentioned the Taaffe-Frances Design Guidelines.

**Comm. Squellati** noted that CDD 09-05 is the exact same wording as last year which did not include their changes. He noted that it bothers him that the Commission's time was spent making changes, yet the new study issue did not reflect their modifications. He felt that staff just copied and pasted wording from last year. He asked Mr. Kuchenig to bring this issue forward to the Director of Community Development.

**Mr. Kuchenig** acknowledged the wording for CDD 09-05 is incorrect. The word "not" was not included in a particular sentence, which makes a significant difference to the purpose of the study issue.

**Comm. Ringel** asked for a definition of a "Building of Character". Staff replied that part of this study issue is to create that definition, although somewhat described, in the write-up. The study would further determine what structures may qualify.

**Comm. Vaidyanathan** asked staff for additional clarification. Mr. Kuchenig gave an example of the building at the northeast corner of Sunnysvale-Saratoga Road and Remington Drive. This building has somewhat of a unique architectural style and may be a structure worth considering as a "Building of Character".

**Comm. Ringel** noted that the building on that location is not "one-of-a-kind", and that there are hundreds, if not thousands of buildings like these in the United States.

**Mr. Kuchenig** further responded to the Commission's questions.

**Comm. Squellati** noted that the purpose of the study is to determine if there are buildings of character, and why.

**Comm. Ringel**, regarding CDD 11-06, noted that Washington Park may be considered protected and designated as open space. He believed that it may have received federal funding at the time it was created. He opposes staff's recommendation as "against study", and stated that he is in favor of the study.

**Comm. Ringel** announced he has problems with both study issues. He does not believe either study has anything to do with heritage preservation.

**Comm. Ringel made a motion to drop CDD 09-05. Comm. Squellati seconded. Motion carried 4-2.**

**Commission recommends CDD 11-05 to the City Council for study.**

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

**Mr. Kuchenig** noted that he has received Chair Stanek's email regarding the E Clampus Vitus Historical Marker near Thai Basil. The marker was moved during reconstruction to across the street near 100 South Murphy Avenue. The marker is intended to commemorate the F.E. Cornell's Country Store that was located at 101 South Murphy Avenue. He further responded that he will follow up.

**Mr. Kuchenig** also noted Chair Stanek's email regarding Taverna Bistro's awning which extends past six feet. It was limited to six feet, per the Landmark Alteration Permit approval. Mr. Kuchenig said he will follow up with the Building Division staff.

**Comm. Vaidyanathan** noted her planned absence in January and February, and if there will be meetings. She asked the Commission for two excused absences.

**Comm. Marsolais** noted that she will have to resign as she will be back and forth to Mississippi. She intends to send a formal letter of resignation to the City.

**Comm. Ringel** asked where the money the Art RFQ comes from. Mr. Kuchenig responded that he has -contacted the Arts Commission, and will provide more information.

### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner

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