



APPROVED MINUTES

SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
West Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall
456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale

CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeanine Stanek; Vice Chair Nancy McDonough; Comm. Frenchie Marsolais; Comm. David Squellati; Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan; Comm. Ted Ringel

Absent: Comm. Amrit Verma

Staff: Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner; Joey Mariano, Staff Office Assistant

Commission made a motion to excuse Comm. Verma. Motion carried 6 – 0 with Comm. Verma absent.

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of February 3, 2010 Draft Minutes

Comm. Vaidyanathan made a motion to approve the minutes with minor corrections. Comm. Squellati seconded. Motion carried 6 – 0 with Comm. Verma absent.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Advisory Committee for the General Plan Consolidation

1. Update from Commissioner Squellati

Comm. Squellati updated the Commission and noted that there had already been three meetings of the General Plan Consolidation Committee (2/16, 3/31, & 4/22). The committee's discussions included ideas for the framework for the goals and policies in the General Plan, questions about who uses the General Plan and why, and what the "look and feel" of the document should be like. He noted that there was an inquiry by the committee about the frequency of updates to the General Plan. Two elements (Land Use & Transportation and Air Quality & Noise) will be updated within the next two years, but the General Plan itself will not be updated again until 2020. He noted that a public meeting will be held in July

Chair Stanek asked what guidelines are given by the State. Comm. Squellati responded that the State has certain requirements. She further asked about the approval process. Comm. Squellati explained that the City Council will have to ultimately adopt it.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

A. Update on Murphy Avenue Sidewalk Policy

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner, updated the Commission of the policy. He noted that a report will be sent to the Commission soon that will include the draft Murphy Avenue Sidewalk Policy. He summarized the regulations that apply to outdoor seating, sandwich boards, and signage. He noted that these guidelines are to regulate the uses of the sidewalk to provide uniformity and a certain look and feel for this block of South Murphy Avenue.

Chair Stanek asked about the newspaper racks, as she recalls that the design and location of the racks had been brought to the Commission previously. Mr. Kuchenig noted that newsracks are addressed within the "furnishing zone", and that a business owner can submit a request to move such furnishings. She asked if the Commission will take an action. Staff responded no.

Comm. Ringel made a motion for the Heritage Preservation Commission to recommend to the City Council that it consider the 100 block of South Murphy Avenue be designated as a “pedestrian only” street without motor vehicles, bicycles, skate boards and roller skates. He distributed a letter that included the following language:

Motion:

‘ Be it herewith resolved that in keeping with the letter and spirit of The City of Sunnyvale Charter Sec 19.96,010 . b) 3 and b)5 as well as 19.96.030 e , the Heritage Preservation Commission recommends to the City Council of Sunnyvale that it consider that the 100 block of South Murphy Ave be designated forthwith a “PEDESTRIAN ONLY” street sans motor vehicles, bicycles, skate boards and roller skates. ‘

Comm. Squellati seconded.

Motion carried 6 - 0 with Comm. Verma absent.

Mr. Kuchenig noted that the Mayor is scheduled to attend the June 2 meeting for the Member Recognition item.

Joey Mariano, Staff Office Assistant, noted that the City Clerk’s office has allocated a budget to provide snacks at that meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stanek adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner

Enclosed: Letter submitted by Comm. Ringel

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PLANNING DIVISION

Madam Chairperson and Commissioners:

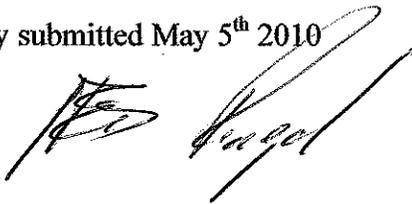
I base my reasoning in making the subsequent motion on the Sunnyvale City Charter chapter 19.96 regarding the Heritage Commission's purposes and responsibilities. (see attached City Charter excerpt)

I concluded that now that the street improvements of the 100 Block of S Murphy Ave. are almost completed a distinctive opportunity is available. Namely, to recommend to the City Council that a high degree of positive emphasis can be placed on the 100 Block of S. Murphy Ave. aka "Sunnyvale's Main Street" by creating a "Pedestrians only" area. As I had noted in my letter to Chairperson Stanek, the creation of a vehicle free zone would enhance the ambiance provided by South Murphy Avenue's historic structures and create an environment conducive for people to meet, shop, dine etc. etc as envisioned by the "URBAN VILLAGE" concept, the theme for the 'Downtown Specific Plan'.

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Respectfully submitted May 5th 2010



CITY of SUNNYVALE CHARTER

Chapter 19.96

Re: Heritage Preservation

19.96.010 Findings and Purpose ...

b) 3- To promote the enjoyment, celebration and use of heritage resources appropriate for the educational, cultural, recreational as well as the material needs of people...

b)5-To enhance property values and to increase economic and financial benefits to the city and it's inhabitants thru incentives for preservation...

19.96.030 Responsibilities

e) Review and comment upon conduct of matters undertaken by the City, County or State which have a bearing upon heritage resources including but not limited to land use, municipal improvements and housing