



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
Lobby Conference Room, Sunnyvale City Hall
456 West Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale 94086

CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeanine Stanek; Vice Chair David Squellati; Comm. Mark Johnson; Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan

Absent: Comm. Frenchie Marsolais; Comm. Amrit Verma (excused)

Staff Present: Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner; Joey Mariano, Recording Secretary

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of July 13, 2011

Comm. Vaidyanathan made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2011 with minor modifications. Vice Chair Squellati seconded. Motion carried 4 – 0 with Comm. Marsolais and Verma absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Discussion of Potential Study Issues for 2012

Mr. Kuchenig discussed the Study Issue process and deadlines. He noted that after the discussion, he would write up the draft study issue papers. He would then send them by email to the commissioners for feedback. The selection and ranking by the Commission will occur in November.

Chair Stanek asked the Commission for their ideas of any potential study issues for next year.

Comm. Johnson suggested an idea to preserve and locating recognize significant technological innovations that have occurred in the City. He also noted companies that were located in Sunnyvale, such as Atari.

Mr. Kuchenig noted that in 1996, a similar idea was proposed and studied, RTC 96-444. He noted some key elements of the study and that ultimately the City Council did not pursue the recommendations and options that were presented.

Comm. Johnson pointed out that there is also several companies that may have not organized in Sunnyvale, but are now located here; such as Hewlett Packard (HP).

Vice Chair Squellati mentioned Lockheed Martin and Hendy Ironworks, which are also located in Sunnyvale and had a major technological impact on society.

Commissioners further discussed several other companies that are located in Sunnyvale.

Chair Stanek noted some buildings along El Camino Real and Mathilda Avenue that could be possible Heritage Resources, due to their architectural design or history. Chair Stanek noted that previous studies primarily examined residential properties and that a new study could focus on commercial or nonresidential properties.

Comm. Johnson expressed his interest in a study that examines the cultural heritage of Sunnyvale, with more focus on the non-European people and events that have contributed or are noteworthy.

Chair Stanek stated that she does not see much history of non-European background in the collection at the Sunnyvale museum.

Mr. Kuchenig noted that it may be possible that some of these ideas discussed may be studied without a study issue being needed. He reiterated that he will draft up study issue papers based on the notes from this meeting.

Comm. Johnson noted that there are many local ethnic community organizations that could assist in such a study. Ultimately, some form of recognition or publication can be produced.

Vice Chair Squellati asked staff to summarize the potential study issues. Mr. Kuchenig described in summary three items; technological innovations, nonresidential structures, and cultural heritage of the City.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- BOARD MEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Comm. Vaidyanathan noted that she will be in India for four months.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Chair Stanek noted the Centennial Celebration.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Chair Stanek announced the Heritage Museum's October 3rd meeting will be about female architects.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:33

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner