



MINUTES

SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 2, 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. Amrit Verma

Absent: Comm. Frenchie Marsolais (unexcused until further notice); Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan (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 September 7, 2011

Vice Chair Squellati made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2011. Comm. Verma seconded. Motion carried 4-0 with Comm. Marsolais and Vaidyanathan absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. **FILE #:** 2011-7662
Location: 133 S. Murphy Ave. (APN: 209-06-004)
Proposed Project: Landmark Alteration Permit to allow awnings covering a rear restaurant patio area.
Applicant / Owner: Taverna Bistro / John Hubbard
Environmental: Categorically Exempt Class 1

Review:

Staff Contact: Gerri Caruso, 408-730-7591, gcaruso@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner, presented the report.

Vice Chair Squellati asked staff if the awnings are attached or detached from the building as the report states both in separate instances.

Mr. Kuchenig confirmed that it is a freestanding patio cover, not attached to the main building.

Chair Stanek questioned staff about the planters and if the proposed patio cover will affect the adjacent property. She further inquired whether the patio cover will prevent water runoff onto the neighboring property.

Mr. Kuchenig responded it is designed to prevent runoff and that the building permit process will ensure that this issue is addressed.

Vice Chair Squellati asked staff if the patio cover will screen the existing garbage refuse area. Mr. Kuchenig responded that it will not screen the garbage area.

Chair Stanek opened the public hearing.

Emrah Gures, applicant, noted that the patio cover will help his business through the winter season and stated that expanding his restaurant will create a few more jobs to the area.

Vice Chair Squellati asked Mr. Gures if the patio cover is one piece and slanted so it does not accumulate water.

Mr. Gures responded in the affirmative and noted that the cover will include gutters for rain management.

Charly DeKoning, associate of Mr. Gures, described the logistics of the patio cover and clarified the Commissioners' concerns.

Chair Stanek stated that she is in favor of changes to the rear of that building, and that it will improve the aesthetics of the building façade from the parking lot side of South Murphy Avenue.

Comm. Johnson asked about the safety of the patio cover.

Mr. Kuchenig responded that the Building Division will review the safety of the construction as part of the building permit process. The building permit is required prior to the construction of the patio cover.

Chair Stanek closed the public hearing.

Comm. Johnson made a motion on 2011-7662 to approve the Landmark Alteration Permit with Alternative #1 of the staff report; approve the Landmark Alteration Permit as modified by the Conditions of Approval for a metal cover over the rear outdoor dining area of the existing restaurant. Vice Chair Squellati seconded.

Motion carried 4-0 with Comm. Vaidyanathan and Comm. Marsolais absent.

3. Selection and Ranking of Potential Study Issues for 2012

Mr. Kuchenig summarized the study issues for the Commission.

Comm. Johnson asked staff about the study issue process in relation to this Commission.

Mr. Kuchenig responded that the Community Development Department undertakes new study issues every year. Depending on the rankings and budget for the upcoming year, a certain number of them can be completed, in addition to the studies that carry over from the previous year. He stated that typically three or four new study issues are ranked by City Council for Community Development and can be reviewed in the upcoming year.

Vice Chair Squellati asked staff regarding CDD 12-03 under section #7, where there is not a budget stated. Mr. Kuchenig responded that this section needs clarification and will need to be revised for the City Council.

Comm. Johnson stated that he is having difficulty ranking CDD 12-03 and 12-04, as these issues were his ideas and both are equally important. He further stated that the City's upcoming anniversary is what inspired him to bring forth these studies.

Vice Chair Squellati made a motion to defer study issue CDD 12-04. Chair seconded. Motion does not carry after a 2-2 vote.

Chair Stanek made a motion to defer study issue CDD 12-03. Motion dies for a lack of a second.

The Heritage Commission ranked each study issue.

CDD 12-02 Possible Nomination of Non-Residential Properties to the Heritage Resource Inventory.

The Commission voted to rank this study issue to be the second of the three study issues.

CDD 12-03 Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale.

The Commission voted to rank this study issue to be the first of the three study issues.

CDD 12-04 Recognition of the Technological Events and Innovations of Sunnyvale.

The Commission voted to rank this study issue to be the third of three study issues.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Kuchenig noted a Request for Qualifications for an art proposal on Murphy Avenue may be brought to the Commission for review and comments sometime soon. The concept will likely be different than what had been brought to the Commission last year.

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

Chair Stanek noted that the Heritage Preservation Commission will most likely be invited to participate in the upcoming walking tour on the 100 block of South Murphy Avenue being planned by the Sunnyvale Celebration scheduled for August 2012.

Chair Stanek noted that the Centennial Committee is holding a writing contest for students. Mayor Melinda Hamilton asked Chair Stanek about the possibility of Heritage Preservation Commission members serving as judges for the contest. Chair Stanek requested that a formal invitation be sent to the Commission.

Chair Stanek also noted that several scavenger hunts are being planned for the Centennial Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner