



## DRAFT MINUTES

**SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 7:00 P.M.**  
**West 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. Amrit Verma; Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan; Comm. Dale Mouritsen; Comm. Mark Johnson

Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner; Diana O'Dell, Senior Planner; Joey Mariano, Recording Secretary

Mayor Tony Spitaleri

### SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

### PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of March 7, 2012

**Comm. Vaidyanathan** noted some grammatical changes.

**Comm. Vaidyanathan made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 7, 2012 as corrected. Comm. Mouritsen seconded. Motion carried unanimously 6 - 0.**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Board and Commission Member Recognition

**Mayor Spitaleri** thanked the Commission for their service. He presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Vice Chair Squellati for his service to the City.

### 3. "Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale" – Study Issue Overview

**Diana O'Dell, Senior Planner** discussed the study and summarized what she has researched. She also noted that the book "The City of Destiny", by Mary Jo Ignoffo, had some good historical information about Sunnyvale, and that she is in contact with the publisher for permission to use certain material for the study. She noted that there is a Cultural Diversity Committee within the City Manager's Office that may be able to contribute additional information. She further noted a few local community organizations that she would like to contact. She also provided a tentative schedule of the study, and the final product would include a web based publication for easy access to the general public.

**Comm. Mouritsen** noted the Opi family and stated that many of them wrote their stories. He mentioned that it is online, and would like staff to research them.

**Ms. O'Dell** clarified the literature at the Heritage Museum with Comm. Mouritsen.

**Comm. Johnson** arrived.

**Comm. Mouritsen** re-affirmed that this information contains names and addresses of these families.

**Comm. Johnson** noted that he had attended Mary Jo Ignoffo's class this quarter at De Anza College.

**Chair Stanek** noted that she had listened to an audio tape from a man named Delgado. She believes that his family was from Spain. She mentioned that he described a personal story of how life was like in the past in the area.

**Comm. Mouritsen** asked if it is possible to directly contact cultural groups around the City. Ms. O'Dell responded that she can coordinate with Library staff, as they have experience with conducting these types of interviews.

**Chair Stanek** mentioned Flo Wong, an artist in Sunnyvale who has given presentations in the area. She noted that although she did not grow up in Sunnyvale, she is very well versed in the local culture and would be a good source for the Chinese community.

**Comm. Johnson** noted the Imahara family and Jean Libby, a local African American historian.

**Comm. Mouritsen** mentioned a gentleman named Bob Shouse, who is a volunteer at the museum, and is a great source for information regarding German-Russian culture in Sunnyvale.

**Ms. O'Dell** described this study as a two-step process, to identify the several groups and gather information, and then provide it in a more accessible format.

**Chair Stanek** noted the July 11 meeting, which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, rather than the typical 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday.

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

- BOARD MEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

**Comm. Johnson** noted that he had recently seen the construction of the building on Washington Avenue and stated that it seems to be going well.

**Chair Stanek** thanked Vice Chair Squellati and Comm. Vaidyanathan for serving as judges for the writing contest. She noted that awards for the writing contest will be given at the next Council meeting. She described some writings that were submitted.

**Chair Stanek** noted that she received mail about the Historic Preservation Conference in Sonora in June.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

**Mr. Kuchenig** pointed out that there will be a meeting on June 6 to review the FY 2012/2013 Program Budget.

**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner