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 that the OHPIE (Orchard Heritage Park Interpretive Exhibit). The OPHIE binders included experiences of growing up and living in that unique orchard culture. He mentioned that these binders are available in the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum archives.

Comm. Mouritsen noted that this project would be a great resource for study issue CDD 12-03 (Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale).

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 locations of these family orchards.

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 historian of Africa-American history.

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 2nd Wednesday of the month, rather than the typical 1st 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, Comm. Mouritsen, 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:

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner