CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jeanine Stanek; Vice Chair David Squellati; Comm. Amrit Verma; Comm. Dale Mouritsen; Comm. Mark Johnson

Absent: Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan (Excused)

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

Council Liaison Jim Griffith

Members of the Public: Diane Petereif

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of June 7, 2012


PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Squellati nominated Chair Stanek to continue as Chair. Comm. Mouritsen seconded. Motion carried 4-2 with Comm. Vaidyanathan and Comm. Johnson absent.

Comm. Johnson arrived at the meeting.
3. Discussion of Potential Study Issues for 2013

Mr. Kuchenig provided an update of the status of the current study issue, “Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale”. He noted a quick web link, www.History.InSunnyvale.com that has been created on the City’s website. He mentioned that Diana O’Dell, Senior Planner, will be presenting the study issue at the September meeting.

Comm. Verma noted her planned absence for the next meeting on September 5, 2012.

Chair Stanek mentioned that the Heritage Preservation Commission web site is not easy to find for the general public, and asked staff to possibly find a way to make it easier to access.

Comm. Mouritsen inquired whether there can be a study or report to summarize the upcoming Centennial Celebration.

Council Liaison Griffith pointed out that such a study would not be considered for ranking until next year.

Chair Stanek described a previous study issue related to Heritage Trees. She noted that it may be time to conduct another study, since the last survey was conducted several years ago.

Chair Stanek also mentioned a possible study of commercial buildings in downtown.

Mr. Kuchenig noted last year’s study issues ranked by this Commission; one was ranked, another was deferred, and the other was dropped by the City Council.

Comm. Johnson mentioned that he intends to reintroduce the study issue from last year (CDD-12-04), Recognition of the Technological Events and Innovations of Sunnyvale.

Vice Chair Squellati inquired if historic design elements such as street lights on Murphy Avenue could be incorporated into new redevelopment in the downtown area.

Chair Stanek noted that structures along Sunnyvale Avenue between Iowa Ave. and El Camino Real may have historic value. She mentioned that a survey was conducted a couple years ago, but was not sure if certain buildings were included. She noted that homes (north of the railroad tracks) may also be considered historic and that a survey of the area may be worth consideration.

Mr. Kuchenig clarified Chair Stanek’s inquiry, and possible study of the downtown area for any new heritage resources, including commercial buildings.

Comm. Johnson inquired about the pedestrian-only study on Murphy Avenue. Mr. Kuchenig responded that this study was considered by Council in July of 2011, but no final determination was made.

Council Liaison Griffith noted that it was determined that further study and discussion was needed before a decision could be made.
NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- BOARD MEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Vice Chair Squellati inquired whether anyone has applied for a seat in this Commission, and the application deadline. Councilmember Griffith responded that the deadline for the next round of interviews Friday, August 3, 2012.

Chair Stanek noted that the City website has an e-notification service, where you can automatically receive various City-related information, such as City Council agendas and City news releases.

Chair Stanek asked Councilmember Griffith about the possible sale of homes next to Murphy Park that are City owned.

Council Liaison Griffith summarized the Council action regarding the sale of these homes.

Council Liaison Griffith continued to summarize the discussion and decisions from the previous City Council meeting, including the discussion of a possible new branch library in Sunnyvale.

Chair Stanek noted that Council Liaison Griffith has a blog page.

Council Liaison Griffith provided the web address www.dweeb.org.

Mr. Kuchenig restated that the next meeting will include the review of “Cultural Heritage of Sunnyvale” study issue.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ryan Kuchenig Associate Planner