



**DRAFT MINUTES  
SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
Wednesday, April 3, 2013 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; Comm. Mark Johnson; Comm. Mike Michitaka; Comm. Dale Mouritsen; Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan; Comm. Amrit Verma

Absent: Vice Chair David Squellati (excused)

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

City Council Liaison: Councilmember Chris Moylan (present)

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

None

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of March 6, 2013

**Comm. Mouritsen made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 6, 2013 as presented. Comm. Vaidyanathan seconded. Motion carried 6-0, with Vice Chair Squellati absent.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**FILE #:** 2013-7120  
**Location:** **193 S. Murphy Ave.** (APN: 209-06-016)  
**Proposed Project:** Landmark Alteration Permit to allow exterior modifications including new window and door placement, new awning, and repainting of the façade  
**Applicant / Owner:** Narender Ramarapu / Patrick Young Trustee  
**Environmental Review:** Categorically Exempt Class 1  
**Staff Contact:** Ryan Kuchenig, (408) 730-7431, rkuchenig@sunnyvale.ca.gov

**Mr. Kuchenig** presented the proposal. He described the main points of the staff report. He also noted that 189 thru 195 South Murphy Avenue are included with this application. He said that the proposed floor plan will include sliding doors in the front and will allow for additional outdoor

dining space. Furthermore, he noted that the proposed new awning would be the same size and shape; however, it would have a different color and it would be placed a few inches lower. He handed out color samples.

**Comm. Johnson** asked staff to elaborate on the windows.

**Comm. Mouritsen** asked to clarify the site plan.

**Comm. Vaidyanathan** noted page 3 of Attachment C, regarding the windows. She asked about the two doors that will be replacing the single door, which appear darker.

**Mr. Kuchenig** noted that the doors will retain clear glass, and further explained the building's facade.

**Comm. Johnson** clarified that the use is a restaurant. Mr. Kuchenig responded with the affirmative.

**Chair Stanek** asked about the existing counter that is located at the front of the building. Mr. Kuchenig noted that it is being removed.

**Comm. Michitaka** said that he has visited the project site and this led him to believe that the west side of Murphy Avenue is not in good shape. He noted other downtown pedestrian friendly areas such as Santana Row in San Jose and Castro Avenue in Mountain View, and stated that Murphy Avenue does not bring in as many visitors. He further asked the Commission what the main purpose or plan for Historic Murphy Avenue.

**Chair Stanek** spoke about the background of downtown Sunnyvale.

**Councilmember Moylan** agreed with Comm. Michitaka's comments regarding the downtown area and Murphy Avenue, and stated that this may be a good study issue proposal.

**Comm. Johnson** noted the tenants on Murphy Avenue should have some type of color coordination.

**Comm. Michitaka** also noted the difference in colors among the businesses on Murphy Avenue.

**Chair Stanek opened the public hearing.**

**Narender Ramarapu**, applicant, noted the buildings are currently in poor condition and that the proposed color schemes were influenced by Santana Row and the Downtown Sunnyvale plans. He noted attachment C, page 2, shows that the design of the front glass will be more inviting.

**Comm. Michitaka** asked applicant Mr. Ramarapu about the scope of the proposal. Mr. Ramarapu replied that the proposed changes are for the exterior façade only, and the floor plan remains the same.

**Chair Stanek** noted that the proposal is actually reverting somewhat to the original design.

**Mr. Kuchenig** noted the new front setback would provide for more outdoor dining.

**Comm. Michitaka** appreciated Mr. Ramarapu for investing in the building, and on Murphy Avenue in general, as the street is in need for more improvements to help it's economic livelihood.

**Chair Stanek closed the public hearing.**

**Comm. Johnson made a motion to move with Alternative 1, to approve the Landmark Alteration Permit with the attached Conditions of Approval. Comm. Michitaka seconded. Motion carried 6-0 with Vice Chair Squellati absent.**

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

- BOARD MEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

**Comm. Michitaka** asked staff to provide a general update of the downtown development.

**Mr. Kuchenig** provided a brief background of the downtown area and also noted the Murphy Avenue Streetscape improvements.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

None.

#### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

**Comm. Michitaka** requested a briefing of how Murphy Avenue and other heritage sites relates to the downtown area, regarding its current situation and any proposed plans.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner