



**APPROVED MINUTES
SUNNYVALE HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 10, 2013 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. Mike Michitaka; Comm. Dale Mouritsen; Comm. Nirmala Vaidyanathan

Absent: None

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

City Council Liaison: Mayor Tony Spitaleri (absent)

SCHEDULED PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Draft Minutes of June 5, 2013

Comm. Johnson requested a change on page three, second paragraph, to state "since the products are presented with two decimal places, they appear to be dollar amounts."

Comm. Vaidyanathan made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2013 as amended. Vice Chair Squellati seconded. Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Comm. Vaidyanathan motioned to nominate Chair Stanek to continue as Chair and Vice Chair Squellati to continue as Vice Chair. Comm. Michitaka seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

2. Discussion of Potential Study Issues for 2014

Mr. Kuchenig noted the key dates of the 2014 issue process. He mentioned that there had been previous discussion of the Murphy Avenue Design Guidelines by the Commission. He further noted that he aims to present all the ideas in a draft format by September and that departments need to submit the study issues to the City Manager by October.

Comm. Vaidyanathan asked about the Murphy Avenue Design Guidelines.

Chair Stanek discussed the Taaffe-France Design Guidelines and the Murphy Avenue Streetscape Guidelines that were updated a few years ago on Murphy Avenue.

Mr. Kuchenig explained that the design guidelines primarily address the exterior appearance of the buildings.

Comm. Michitaka stated the guidelines are very subjective and do not state any specifics. Mr. Kuchenig explained that the role of the Heritage Preservation Commission is to use them as a guide for making decisions.

Comm. Johnson mentioned the Munsell color code, which was previously noted by Comm. Michitaka, and that it should be included in the Murphy Avenue Design Guidelines as a reference to review paint color proposals.

Chair Stanek noted that since she works at the Sunnyvale Heritage Museum, residents have approached her with offers of donations of old pictures. She noted that photographs of significant buildings that are planned to be demolished should be cataloged and that this could be a study issue.

Chair Stanek mentioned the "Butchers Corner" property may be worth photographing if the structures were to be demolished.

Mr. Kuchenig noted that a windshield survey of structures which may have historical significance may be done without a formal study.

Comm. Michitaka asked about the City's web site file size requirements and storage capacities. He noted that the City's web site is slow.

Comm. Mouritsen inquired about aerial photos of the City, and how far back they are available. He expressed interest in the City's historic aerial photos and that they should be made available.

Chair Stanek mentioned that Sanborn maps could be used to view historic information.

Comm. Vaidyanathan noted a site on Wolfe Road, north of Homestead Road, that has a sign regarding a well. She noted that signs around the City describing historic places may be a good study issue.

Mr. Kuchenig took notes of the Commission's ideas.

Chair Stanek pointed out the previous Eichler Design Guidelines study and the controversy that occurred with owners and residents. She noted that some owners opposed restrictions to their homes.

Chair Stanek noted updating the “Images” book with more photos that have become available.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

- BOARD MEMBERS OR COMMISSIONERS ORAL COMMENTS

Chair Stanek described a mosaic of book covers by authors in Sunnyvale that will be for sale at the Heritage Park Museum, and is available to view on the Sunnyvale Heritage Park Museum website.

Vice Chair Squellati asked about any development permits for the “Butchers Corner” located at 871 E. Fremont Avenue. Mr. Kuchenig noted that a Preliminary Review application has been submitted to the Planning Division.

Mr. Kuchenig also noted that there is a plan to rehabilitate the Ace Loan Building, located at 151 Washington Avenue.

Comm. Johnson added that he noticed work being conducted inside this building. Mr. Kuchenig responded that the owners are allowed to make modifications inside the building with building permits without the Commission’s approval.

Mr. Kuchenig noted that the building that came to this Commission, located at 193 S. Murphy Avenue, may not be exactly what was proposed and approved. He explained the necessary modifications of the original proposal due to building code requirements.

Chair Stanek noted the applicant for the Goodwill building has approached the museum to choose a historic photo for the mural.

Vice Chair Squellati noted that if Murphy Avenue is planned to be extended south, then it should match Historic Murphy Avenue.

- STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ryan Kuchenig, Associate Planner