



City of Saratoga
HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
FINAL MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, June 12, 2018/ 8:30 A.M.

Type: Regular Meeting

Place: City Hall /Administrative Conference Room - 13777 Fruitvale Avenue

1. Site Visit

a. None

2. Call to order: Chair Stransky called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM

3. Roll Call:

Present: Chair Annette Stransky, Commissioners Marilyn Marchetti, Dr. Jo Rodgers, Alexandra Nugent, Paula Cappello, and Rina Shah

Absent: None

Staff: Nicole Johnson, Planner II, Sandy Baily, Special Projects Manager

4. Oral Communications:

None

5. Approval of minutes from May 8, 2018 meetings.

Shah/Rodgers moved to approve the minutes. Motion passed. Ayes: Shah, Rodgers, Marchetti, Stransky, Nugent, and Cappello. Noes: None. Absent: None Abstain: None

6. New Business:

a. Reserve library and find a speaker for 2019 National Heritage Preservation Month

Commissioner Stransky recommended that the HPC reserve the library and find a speaker as soon as possible for next May. Commissioner Nugent recommended Dave Weinstein as a speaker to discuss mid-century architecture. There might be a possibility of also getting Steven Eichler. Commissioner Stransky said she would work with the library in booking the rooms and Commissioner Nugent would contact Weinstein.

6. Staff Comments:

a. HPC meeting time

Nicole Johnson discussed the matter and informed the HPC that the first, third and fourth Thursdays of the month in the afternoon and evening were available. Due to conflicts of some of the Commissioners and due to City staff's current increased night meeting commitments with the General Plan update, the HPC decided to table the matter until later next year.

b. HPC Commissioner binders

Nicole Johnson recommended that the HPC should take their binders with them in the event there is an item on an agenda where they would need to review information provided in their binder prior to the meeting.

c. HPC Training-CA Modern Architecture

Nicole Johnson suggested a California Preservation Foundation webinar training regarding California Modern Architecture for the HPC. The HPC agreed that their regular meeting in August would be a good time for the training. The HPC commented that the Planning Commission and City Council should be invited.

d. Saratoga Avenue/Heritage Lane update

Sandy Baily discussed staff's findings regarding HPC's role in reviewing work along the heritage portion of Saratoga Avenue. Based on the research information provided in the memo to the HPC, staff has interpreted that the City Code is written to regulate HPC review for work done only within the public right-of-way of a heritage lane, not beyond the limits of the right-of-way (excluding for fences). The HPC disagreed with staff's interpretation and requested an interpretation from the City Attorney. Rodgers and Marchetti will work together in developing a draft memo from the HPC to the City Attorney to justify their interpretation. The draft memo will be finalized at the next meeting.

7. Old Business:

a. Project status provided by Commissioners

The HPC discussed updates they had regarding the projects they were working on.

b. Events/Calendar: Blossom Festival (June 23)

Commissioner Stransky went over the logistics of the upcoming Blossom Festival and Commissioner Shah said that she would help out at the booth. HPC requested getting a tablecloth for their table with the name of their Commission. Commissioner Marchetti will follow up with staff regarding the matter.

8. Adjournment

Chair Stransky adjourned the meeting at 9:53 A.M.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Nicole Johnson
Planner II
City of Saratoga