



SARATOGA

California

**HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
August 9, 2022**

8:30 AM REGULAR MEETING

1. Site Visit(s)

- a. None

2. Call to Order

Chair Shastri called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

3. Roll Call

Present: Sharon Boyce-Bender, Rina Shah, Priya Shastri

Absent: None

Staff: Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner

4. Oral Communications

None

5. Approval of the March 8, 2022 minutes

BOYCE-BENDER/SHAH MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 8, 2022 MEETING**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: BOYCE-BENDER, SHAH, AND SHASTRI. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

6. New Business

- a. Heritage Orchard Update

Matthew Sutton, Orchard Keepers, provided an update to the HPC. Sutton talked about the recent prune/plums harvest with Village Harvest, over 1,200 lbs. were harvested and was donated to West Valley Community Center. Four (4) community harvests were held, the City promoted the community harvest, the amount of people who are interested in the community harvest has increased from last year. The commissioners asked about the status of the oak root fungus and how the city orchardist is handling this issue. Planting of new trees are planned for January 2023. The commission and the orchardist discussed

how gophers and squirrels are being prevented from coming back into the orchard after they are trapped. Cover crop was recently mowed, the orchard is mowed once or twice a month to increase the organic matter in the soil. Will be doing a soil test in the fall to see how the cover crops for the past two years has increased the organic matter in the soil. Winter cover crop will be planted at the end of September.

7. Staff Comments

Nicole Johnson discussed that the City will be recruiting for the HPC vacancies.

8. Old Business

a. Project status worksheet

Nicole Johnson commented that five letters have been sent to potential HRI properties. Commissioner Shah stated that she should have the Quarry ready for HPC review at the next meeting. The HPC should consider additional heritage trees. Chair Shah discussed about bringing a guest speaker to a future meeting.

9. Commission Items

Commissioners asked about when the HP Ordinance will be presented to the City Council.

10. Adjournment

Chair Shastri adjourned the meeting at 9:15 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner
City of Saratoga