



HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00 p.m Monday, July 27, 2009
Los Altos Community Meeting Chambers
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

CALL TO ORDER

Chair KREISMAN called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair KREISMAN, Commissioners BISHOP, DREWES and WELSH.
Absent: Vice-Chair BAKER, Commissioners LONEY AND MARFATIA.
Staff: Assistant City Manager WALGREN

PUBLIC COMMENTS

W. C. Bethke spoke in opposition to including the Creekside Oaks “Costello Barn” on the Historic Resources Inventory. Commissioners noted that this would be discussed with City Council in future scheduled meetings and that the Creekside Oaks Homeowners Association would continue to be notified about issued related to the barn.

MINUTES

MOTION BY CHAIR KREISMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, to approve the June 22, 2009 meeting minutes.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC INTEREST ITEMS

1. 236 Eleanor Avenue

Following presentation by the applicant, the Commission expressed general support for the proposed second story addition. The applicant noted that they intended keep the removed window along the north elevation in the event they could reuse it in a later planned addition.

MOTION BY CHAIR KREISMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, to recommend approval of the proposed second story addition.
THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. Historic Preservation Ordinance

Assistant City Manager WALGREN noted that staff was finding it difficult to convert from a Kalman rating system to the California rating system for historic buildings in that the California system did not lend itself to a hierarchal comparison – it was a more general system that did not rate structures from high to low historical significance. Following a discussion, the Commission agreed that staff should investigate a hybrid rating system that best met Los Altos’ needs. Staff agreed that more research and understanding was needed before making a recommendation.

MOTION BY CHAIR KREISMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DREWES, to direct staff to continue their research and to recommend how best to amend the Historical Preservation Ordinance at the August 11 study session with City Council.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

DIRECTION ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair KREISMAN adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

James Walgren, AICP
Assistant City Manager