



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Heritage Preservation Commission

Wednesday, July 1, 2026

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

Public Participation

7 P.M. HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Garrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Garrett led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Sofaer arrived after the roll was conducted by Chair Garrett.

Present: 5 - Chair William Garrett
Commissioner Orna Bitton Palmon
Commissioner Charles McManis
Commissioner Annette Phan
Commissioner Aaron Sofaer

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Pamela Sharma
Commissioner Parthiv Rawal

PRESENTATION

- A. [26-0650](#) PRESENTATION - SB 79 (2025) Overview
Abundant and Affordable Homes Near Transit Act

Principal Planner Aastha Vashist presented a slide presentation regarding State Assembly Bill 79 and provided an overview of the Abundant and Affordable Homes Near Transit Act.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION:

Commissioner McManis moved and Commissioner Sofaer seconded to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Garrett
Commissioner Bitton Palmon
Commissioner McManis
Commissioner Phan
Commissioner Sofaer

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Sharma
Commissioner Rawal

1. [26-0645](#) Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026.

Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 3, 2026, as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [26-0525](#)

Proposed Project:
RESOURCE ALTERATION PERMIT: to modify the existing historic resource with the development of four three-story townhomes in the rear and the retention of a 960-square foot single family house.
Location: 434 Crescent Avenue (APN: 211-35-030)
File #: PLNG-2024-0719
Zoning: R-3/PD (Medium Density Residential/Planned Development)
Applicant / Owner: Gordon Wong, GKW Architects (applicant) /John Chao (owner)
Environmental Review: A Class 32 categorical exemption relieves this project from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) provisions.
Project Planner: Margaret Netto, Senior Planner, (408) 730-7628
mnetto@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Project Planner Margaret Netto presented a slide presentation.

Commissioners discussed and confirmed that the project is within the historical requirements.

Applicant presented a slide presentation and clarified Commissioner's questions and comments.

Chair Garrett opened the public hearing.

Chair Garrett closed the public hearing.

MOTION:

Commissioner McManis moved and Commissioner Bitton-Palmon seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve the Resource Alteration Permit based on the Findings in Attachment 2 and subject to the Conditions of Approval in Attachment 3.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Garrett
Commissioner Bitton Palmon
Commissioner McManis
Commissioner Phan
Commissioner Sofaer

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Sharma
Commissioner Rawal

3. [26-0648](#) Selection of Chair

MOTION:

Commissioner McManis moved and Commissioner Sofaer seconded to nominate Chair Garrett to continue to serve as the Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Garrett
Commissioner Bitton Palmon
Commissioner McManis
Commissioner Phan
Commissioner Sofaer

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Sharma
Commissioner Rawal

4. [26-0649](#) Selection of Vice Chair

MOTION:

Chair Garrett moved and Commissioner Phan seconded the motion to nominate Commissioner McManis to serve as the Vice Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Garrett
Commissioner Bitton Palmon
Commissioner McManis
Commissioner Phan
Commissioner Sofaer

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Sharma
Commissioner Rawal

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Garrett noted the email that they received regarding the historical plaque located in San Miguel Elementary School and Ms. Ishijima noted that school districts are under State jurisdiction. Ms. Ishijima informed the inquirer to continue working with the school district and that the Sunnyvale Historical Society may also be able to help.

-Staff Comments

Ms. Ishijima noted that a special August meeting may not be needed and the next regular meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2026.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Garrett adjourned the meeting at 7:41 PM.

Public Participation Options

In person public comment:

Online participation:

Online public comment:

Written public comment:

Public review of items:

Planning a presentation for a Heritage Preservation Commission meeting?

Planning to provide materials to the Commission?

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