



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Heritage Preservation Commission

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Wednesday, July 22, 2020

7:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

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### SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

#### ROLL CALL

Senior Planner George Schroeder noted Commissioner Cadouri's planned absence.

Vice Chair Holthaus was absent during roll call and joined the telepresence meeting during Item #2.

**Present:** 5 - Chair Dixie Larsen  
Commissioner Steve Caroompas  
Commissioner Shanna Gaudenti  
Commissioner Dawn Hopkins  
Commissioner David Wu

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Melanie Holthaus  
Commissioner Jilian Cadouri

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [20-0671](#) Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2020

Commissioner Wu made a comment to include that he felt discouraged from asking further questions during Item #2 "Heritage Resources Plaque Program for Private Property".

#### MOTION:

Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2020, with modifications.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Larsen  
Commissioner Caroompas  
Commissioner Gaudenti  
Commissioner Hopkins  
Commissioner Wu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Vice Chair Holthaus  
Commissioner Cadouri

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. [20-0707](#) CEQA and Historical Resources Training

Senior Assistant City Attorney Rebecca Moon provided training with a slide presentation.

Vice Chair Holthaus joined the meeting.

3. [20-0676](#) **SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT:** Amend the Downtown Sunnyvale Specific Plan  
**Location:** Downtown Sunnyvale  
**File #:** 2017-8047  
**Zoning:** DSP  
**Applicant/Owner:** City of Sunnyvale  
**Environmental Review (SCH # 2018052020):** Adopt a resolution to make findings required by CEQA, certify the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and adopt a Statement of Overriding Considerations and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.  
**Project Planner:** Michelle King, (408) 730-7463, mking@sunnyvale.ca.gov

Commissioner Caroompas recused himself from hearing the item because of property owned near the Downtown Specific Plan boundary.

Principal Planner Michelle King provided a slide presentation.

Commissioner Wu asked if the Sunnyvale Historical Context was studied and included in the review.

Senior Planner Schroeder noted that the Historical Context Statement was posted

to the online Agenda before this meeting.

Principal Planner King noted that Heritage Grove is already listed as a City Heritage Resource.

City Consultant Kristy Weis, Vice President, David J. Powers, noted that they have evaluated cultural resources within a quarter mile around the project site and that the Heritage Resources list was also evaluated. She noted that the Sunnyvale Historical Context Statement will be reviewed.

Applicant Travis Duncan, Sares Regis, provided a slide presentation.

Chair Larsen opened the public hearing.

Speaking as member of the public, Resident Steve Caroompas noted his excitement with the proposed plans and said that he hopes to see holiday lights on Redwood Grove when it gets developed, as what was done in previous years. He also noted that the applicant's PowerPoint presentation should be made available to the public to get a better understanding of the proposal.

Commissioner Wu asked if the Vargas family has been attempted to be notified and Community Development Director Ryan responded that the Commission may add a condition to address this request.

Chair Larsen asked Commissioner Wu of his intent for contacting the Vargas family, and what his thoughts were if they were to be reached. Commissioner Wu stated that the City should attempt to contact a family member out of respect to Manuel Vargas, whom the heritage tree planting was dedicated to.

Chair Larsen closed the public hearing.

#### MOTION:

Commissioner Wu moved and Commissioner Hopkins seconded for Alternative 1: Recommend to the City Council to a) Certify the Environmental Impact Report (see link in Attachment 1 to the report), b) Make the Findings Required by the California Environmental Quality Act and Approve a Statement of Overriding Considerations for the relocation or removal of one of the trees included the Heritage Grove, a City Heritage Resource, (Attachment 4 to the report), c) Approve a Mitigation Monitoring

and Reporting Program (MMRP) for the DSP amendments and future development projects as they pertain to Heritage Resources, and d) Approve the amended Downtown Specific Plan as it relates to Heritage Resources, with the following additional conditions:

- 1) Review and address the Sunnyvale Historical Context Statement in the project.
- 2) Make best efforts to reach out to the Vargas family to notify them of the project.

Motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Larsen  
Vice Chair Holthaus  
Commissioner Gaudenti  
Commissioner Hopkins  
Commissioner Wu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Cadouri

**Recused:** 1 - Commissioner Caroompas

4. [20-0672](#) Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Larsen was nominated to continue to serve as the Chair.

**Yes:** 5 - Vice Chair Holthaus  
Commissioner Caroompas  
Commissioner Gaudenti  
Commissioner Hopkins  
Commissioner Wu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Cadouri

**Abstain:** 1 - Chair Larsen

#### **Selection of Vice Chair**

Commissioner Hopkins was nominated to serve as the Vice Chair.

**Yes:** 5 - Chair Larsen  
Vice Chair Holthaus  
Commissioner Caroompas  
Commissioner Gaudenti  
Commissioner Wu

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Cadouri

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Hopkins

### **STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

None

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

### **INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

Senior Planner Schroeder noted that the City Council adopted the Plaque Program policy, including the Commission's modifications, on May 19, 2020. Chair Larsen asked how the City will promote the Plaque Program. Community Development Director Ryan noted that it will take about a year to get funding for the program in place, then City staff will notify owners of heritage resources about how they can apply.

Senior Planner Schroeder also said that NASA has reached out to the City regarding a Section 106 process they are beginning to conduct regarding Hangar #1 and #3 at Moffett Field. He said that they have a rehabilitation project for Hangar #1 and are planning to demolish Hangar #3 due to the extensive structural damage.

Senior Planner Schroeder noted that tonight is Vice Chair Holthaus' last meeting and thanked her for her service.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Larsen adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.