



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Heritage Preservation Commission

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

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

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair Sofaer led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Vice Chair Aaron Sofaer
Commissioner William Garrett
Commissioner Charles McManis
Commissioner Ashmita Rajkumar
Commissioner Pamela Sharma

Absent: 2 - Chair Sue-Ellen Johnson
Commissioner Parthiv Rawal

PRESENTATION

1. [25-0801](#) California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Training

Senior Assistant City Attorney Sandy Lee presented a training of the California Environmental Quality Act in regards to historic preservation.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

2. [25-0799](#) Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2025

Recording Clerk Joey Mariano noted a correction to the title to reflect the June 4,

2025 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner McManis motioned and Commissioner Garrett seconded to approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2025, as submitted.

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Sofaer
Commissioner Garrett
Commissioner McManis
Commissioner Sharma

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Johnson
Commissioner Rawal

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Rajkumar

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

3. [25-0797](#) Selection of Chair

Vice Chair Sofaer asked the Commission for any nominations.

Commissioner Garrett and Vice Chair Sofaer stated that they would like to serve as the Chair.

Councilmember Liaison Mayor Klein suggested that the nominees may speak of their advocacy as to why they would be a good candidate to serve as the Chair to the Commission.

Vice Chair Sofaer spoke on her behalf of running a meeting efficiently.

Commissioner Garrett spoke of his background as an attorney and is pursuing a degree in Urban Planning.

Vice Chair withdrew her nomination.

Commissioner Sharma noted that she feels that they would both do a great job to serve as the Chair.

There were no speakers to this item.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Sofaer made a motion and Commissioner Sharma seconded to select Commissioner Garrett to serve as Chair.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Vice Chair Sofaer
Commissioner Garrett
Commissioner McManis
Commissioner Rajkumar
Commissioner Sharma

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Johnson
Commissioner Rawal

4. [25-0798](#) Selection of Vice Chair

Vice Chair Sofaer asked the Commission for any nominations to serve as the Vice Chair.

Commissioner McManis and Commissioner Sharma stated that they would like to serve as Vice Chair.

Vice Chair asked the nominees to advocate for themselves as to why they would like to serve as the Vice Chair.

Commissioner McManis noted that he has served in the Commission for a year and he feels he has an understanding of the Commission and his professional background as a manager, vice president, and a Chief Operating Officer.

Commissioner Sharma noted that she has previously served as Chair to this Commission and has had professional managerial experience and leadership experiences in clubs.

There were no speakers to this item.

Mayor Klein discussed some options to decide on how to move forward with voting for the two nominees and Vice Chair Sofaer decided to take a poll, as follows:

Commissioner Sharma voted for herself.

Commissioner McManis voted for himself.

Commission Rajkumar voted for Commissioner Sharma.

Vice Chair Sofaer voted for Commissioner Sharma.

Commissioner Garrett voted for Commissioner Sharma.

MOTION:

Vice Chair Sofaer made a motion and Commissioner Rajkumar seconded for Commissioner Sharma to serve as the Vice Chair.

The motion carried as follows:

Yes: 5 - Vice Chair Sofaer
Commissioner Garrett
Commissioner McManis
Commissioner Rajkumar
Commissioner Sharma

No: 0

Absent: 2 - Chair Johnson
Commissioner Rawal

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Sharma thanked Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Sofaer for serving as Chair.

-Staff Comments

Senior Planner Momoko Ishijima thanked previous Chair Johnson and Vice Chair Sofaer for serving and congratulated the new chair and vice chair, Chair Garrett and Vice Chair Sharma.

Ms. Ishijima noted a study item of the Historical Context Statement Update, with the consultants as ARG, who will be presenting a report for the Commission's input.

Ms. Ishijima noted former Murphy's Law Tavern on Murphy Avenue has submitted a Landmark Alteration Permit application for a new tenant for a facade update and other architectural updates.

Ms. Ishijima discussed the Technological Innovations Study Issue went through a contract extension and the Commission will be reviewing a report in the near future.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

Mayor Klein stated that he is happy to be the Commission's new Councilmember Liaison and noted the upcoming Chair and Vice Chair training.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Sofaer adjourned the meeting at 8:33 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?

Language Access and Translation

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