



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Heritage Preservation Commission

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

7:00 PM

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

Special Meeting - 7PM

Public Participation

Accessibility/Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Johnson led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Chair Sue-Ellen Johnson
Vice Chair Sarosh Patel
Commissioner Steve Caroompas
Commissioner William Garrett
Commissioner Ashmita Rajkumar
Commissioner Pamela Sharma
Commissioner Aaron Sofaer

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1.A.** [24-0161](#) Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023

MOTION:

Commissioner Caroompas moved and Vice Chair Patel seconded the motion to approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of

September 6, 2023, as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Johnson
Vice Chair Patel
Commissioner Caroompas
Commissioner Rajkumar
Commissioner Sharma
Commissioner Sofaer

No: 0

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Garrett

- 1.B.** [24-0162](#) Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023

MOTION:

Commissioner Sharma moved and Commissioner Garrett seconded the motion to approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023, as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Johnson
Vice Chair Patel
Commissioner Caroompas
Commissioner Garrett
Commissioner Rajkumar
Commissioner Sharma
Commissioner Sofaer

No: 0

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2.** [24-0160](#) Selection and Ranking of Study Issues

Commissioner Caroompas asked when it is appropriate to suggest for the Commission to visit Heritage Resources and Ms. Ishijima suggested to discuss this during the Non-Agenda Items and Comments section of the meeting.

Chair Johnson asked about other study issues such as the Historic Plaque Program, and then asked if this is a separate study issue from the study issues being considered at this hearing and Mr. Schroeder noted that this is a separate study issue. He noted that this Study Issue is geared for promotion and marketing the visitation of Heritage and Landmark Resources.

Commissioner Sharma asked staff about CDD 18 02: Update and Review of the Heritage Resource Inventory and the proposed budget, whether the cost could be increased in order for a better chance of approval from City Council. Mr. Schroeder discussed that the budget is a general estimate. Commissioner Sharma then asked if there is a place to amend the budget for this study issue and Mr. Schroeder noted that the minutes will be provided to the City Council as a medium to provide the Commission's comments regarding the study issue rankings.

Commissioner Sofaer asked staff to clarify if CDD 18 02 pertains to the current properties that are listed in the Heritage Resource Inventory only and Mr. Schroeder responded that this study issue explores whether additional properties, including non residential development, should qualify based on adopted criteria for nomination.

Chair opened the public hearing.

There were no public or online speakers, and the Commissioners had no further comments.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Sharma advocated for CDD 18 02 and to attend the Council meeting on their own behalf during the Study Issue rankings and Commissioner Garrett agreed.

Vice Chair Patel noted his preference for CDD 18 02 rather than CDD 19 06: Programs to Encourage Visitation to Heritage and Landmark Resources. He noted that 19 06 may be accomplished without a study.

Chair Johnson advocated for CDD 18 02 and noted that some resources may be lost soon.

Commissioner Rajkumar agreed with Chair Johnson advocating for CDD 18 02.

Commissioner Caroompas agreed to rank CDD 18 02 over CDD 19 06.

Commissioner Sofaer also noted that CDD 18 02 should be prioritized.

All of the Commissioners agreed that CDD 18 02 should be ranked as first and CDD 19 06 as second.

MOTION:

Commissioner Sofaer moved and Commissioner Rajkumar seconded the motion to approve the Study Issue rankings with CDD 18 02 ranked as priority over CDD 19 06.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 7 - Chair Johnson
Vice Chair Patel
Commissioner Caroompas
Commissioner Garrett
Commissioner Rajkumar
Commissioner Sharma
Commissioner Sofaer

No: 0

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Caroompas suggested the Commission conduct a walk through to visit the Murphy Station Heritage Landmark District, as it has been some time since an official visit has been conducted and that new development, time, and dilapidation of some structures are occurring.

Mr. Schroeder noted the property owners are responsible for the upkeep of buildings, and that the City has a Neighborhood Preservation Code Enforcement Division to record complaints and possible violations.

Chair Johnson asked Ms. Ishijima about a property to be removed from the Heritage

Resource Inventory and Ms. Ishijima noted that she has not heard from the property owner regarding the proposed removal. She provided more discussion regarding a new survey of possible Heritage Resources, since the last survey was conducted in the 1980's. Commissioner Caroompas commented that he personally removed his property from the Inventory.

Commissioner Caroompas asked staff how they could submit properties to the Inventory and Mr. Schroeder provided context on the process.

Commissioner Sofaer asked staff if a business is a potential resource, and not just a property or building. Ms. Ishijima pointed out that the Del Monte Cannery and Atari are known companies that are listed as a heritage resource.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.