



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Heritage Preservation Commission

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

7:00 PM

West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W.
Olive Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hannalore Dietrich called the meeting to order.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Dietrich led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Chair Hannalore Dietrich
Vice Chair Dawn Hopkins
Commissioner Melanie Holthaus
Commissioner Dixie Larsen
Commissioner Dale Mouritsen
Commissioner Kenneth Valenzuela

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Mike Michitaka

PRESENTATION

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[17-1037](#)

Approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes
of August 4, 2017

Comm. Hopkins motioned to approve the Draft Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2017 as corrected. Comm. Holthaus seconded.

Motion carried as follows:

Yes: 6 - Chair Dietrich
Vice Chair Hopkins
Commissioner Holthaus
Commissioner Larsen
Commissioner Mouritsen
Commissioner Valenzuela

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michitaka

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[17-0874](#) Review Civic Center Master Plan Concepts and Provide Feedback on Project Alternatives

Interim City Manager Kent Steffens presented the Civic Center Modernization Plan with Mark Roddy, architect with Smith Group JJR. He noted that the Commission is to provide input and not to make any decisions tonight. The plan has been presented to each of the Boards and Commissions, and a community workshop was held on October 12, 2017. He noted that City Council will consider and select a preferred Master Plan alternative at the Nov. 7, 2017 Council meeting.

Chair Dietrich asked if any members of the public had questions.

Deborah Marks, Sunnyvale Urban Forest Advocates, asked about the trees and open space for each alternative.

Mr. Roddy noted that there are 900 trees within the Civic Center, and that over half are considered protected trees. He noted that the trees are important to the development. He said that the trees were analyzed, and the proposed buildings have been designated to preserve the protected trees.

Comm. Larsen asked if the conceptual plan in the slide presentation is the finished design of the City Hall building in Option 1.

Mr. Roddy replied that the buildings are only conceptual plans.

Comm. Hopkins asked about the electric vehicle parking and about the trees within the open space. Mr. Steffens replied that staff have not gone that far into planning electric vehicle parking spaces.

Comm. Mouritsen discussed traffic mitigation.

Chair Dietrich noted to use minimal usage of cement in both options and that parking spaces should not be decreased. She also noted that the garages are too far from the Library, City Hall, and Public Safety buildings.

Comm. Valenzuela asked if there is green space on the roof. Mr. Roddy clarified that only Option 2 has somewhat of a green roof over the Council Chambers.

Comm. Holthaus preferred the layout in Option 2; however, preferred the use of wood within the design of Option 1.

Catherine Lin, resident, asked if there will be bike paths to and from the Civic Center from the surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Steffens replied that the City's Master Bike Plan will be updated in 2018.

[17-0994](#)

File #: 2017-7701

Location: 316 Morse Avenue (APN: 204-040-025)

Zoning: R-2

Proposed Project:

RESOURCE ALLOCATION PERMIT to consider the historic significance of a single-family home which is listed as part of the Sunnyvale Heritage Resources Inventory.

Applicant / Owner: Catherine Liu (applicant) / Xiangyang Yao (owner)

Environmental Review: Environmental review will be conducted as required by California Environmental Quality Act provisions and City Guidelines upon determination of significance by the Heritage Preservation Commission.

Ryan Kuchenig, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Chair Dietrich asked if there are other homes on the street that are on the Heritage Resource List. She then clarified with staff that the proposal to this application is to decide to either keep or remove the home from the Heritage Resource List. She asked if the owner is planning on developing a duplex.

Chair Dietrich opened the public hearing.

Kara Brunzell, architectural historian with the applicant, noted that she is a preservationist and normally does not recommend historical homes to be removed from heritage lists. After studying this home, she concluded that the historical

integrity is lacking, as many features have changed since the original construction.

Comm. Larsen asked the owner if she was aware of the home being on the Heritage Resource List at the time she purchased the home. Ms. Catherine Liu said she was only aware of the Heritage Resource listing after she purchased the home and visited the Community Development to discuss tenant improvements.

Chair Dietrich closed the public hearing.

Chair Dietrich discussed the Heritage Resource List and noted that the homes current design should not have it eligible to be listed as a Heritage Resource. She is in favor of removing the home from the Sunnyvale Heritage Resource List.

Comm. Larsen moved and Comm. Mouritsen seconded the motion for Alternative 2 - Determine that the single-family home does not have local historic significance.

Motion carried as follows:

Yes: 6 - Chair Dietrich
Vice Chair Hopkins
Commissioner Holthaus
Commissioner Larsen
Commissioner Mouritsen
Commissioner Valenzuela

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Michitaka

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Chair Dietrich noted the Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Sunnyvale Public Library on November 18-19.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dietrich adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.