



HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

ACTION MINUTES

March 1, 2017

Regular Session

6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

City Hall Wing

200 East Santa Clara Street

San José, CA 95113

Commission Members

Edward Saum, Chair

Joshua Marcotte, Vice Chair

Melissa Daniels

Eric Hirst

Anthony Raynsford

Harry Freitas, Director

Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement

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The procedure for public hearings is as follows:

- After the staff report, *applicants may make a five-minute presentation.*
- Anyone wishing to speak in favor of the proposal should prepare to come forward. After the proponents speak, anyone wishing to speak in opposition should prepare to come forward. *Each speaker will have two minutes.*
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The Commission will then close the public hearing.
- *The Historic Landmarks Commission will take action on the item.*

The procedure for referrals is as follows:

- Anyone wishing to speak on a referral should prepare to come forward. *Each speaker will have two minutes.*
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- *The Historic Landmarks Commission will comment on the referral item.*

If a Commissioner would like a topic to be addressed under one of the Good and Welfare items, please contact Planning staff in advance of the Commission meeting.

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AGENDA
ORDER OF BUSINESS

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Commissioners Saum, Marcotte, Daniels, Hirst, and Raynsford

ABSENT: None

1. DEFERRALS

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

No Items

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

The consent calendar items are considered routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Historic Landmarks Commission, staff or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately. If anyone in the audience wishes to speak on one of these items, please make your request at this time

No Items

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

No Items

4. STUDY SESSION

- a. **Presentation of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)/ Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the BART Phase II Extension (Samantha Swan, VTA) <http://www.vta.org/bart/draft2016seis-seir>**

Recommendation: No action required.

Samantha Swan, with Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) made a presentation explaining the environmental documents and the process the BART Phase II Project.

Public Comments:

Franklin Maggi, a historian, stated that the College Park Station was evaluated in 2003 by JPR and should be re-evaluated to acknowledge its association with Jack London, the author of Call of the Wild, since he referenced it in his book.

He also stated that 865 The Alameda was evaluated 2002 and was found ineligible for the California or National Historic Registers; however, the building has recently been fully restored and should be re-evaluated to acknowledge the improved integrity, and also that the building was designed by Wolfe and Higgins and was the former Col and & Cerruti Packard Motor Cars Sales and Service Dealership.

Larry Ames asked for an update on High Speed Rail (HSR) and Samantha Swan (VTA) said VTA is coordinating with them and a report is expected in August that will be more specific on their proposed alignment.

Brian Grayson, with PacSJ wanted to be sure the reports include the most accurate documentation of buildings that have not been surveyed yet.

Comments from Commissioners:

The Commission was concerned that the new simulated views of the BART Stations do not address the adjacency to historic buildings (e.g the Cahill Station Figure 5-13 and the Speery Building Figure 5-11).

Samantha Swan indicated the station designs are still conceptual. The Commission wanted to be sure that the stations and associated facilities adjacent to the Five Wounds Church and Diridon Station will be compatible with the historic architecture. They asked whether the Diridon Station is on the Historic Resources Inventory, and staff indicated that is listed as City Landmark Structure.

They also asked whether the single bore or the twin bore design would be safer. Samantha said they are both safe, however, since the single bore design is newer they will also be preparing risk assessment for that design.

The Commission was concerned about the pre and post-condition surveys of the historic structures. Samantha indicated they will do the surveys, and if there are cracks that increase in size, or new cracks VTA will repair them.

The Commission wanted to be sure that the Downtown Station to the west of Diridon would be coordinated with the High Speed Rail.

They were concerned that the simulation of 91 East Santa Clara Street (Figure 5-11) shows the building being demolished and replaced with a BART Station. The Commissioners asked whether it was on the Historic Resources Inventory, and staff indicated they would check and get back to them. (Further review shows the building is listed as Eligible for the California Register.)

5. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

None

6. OPEN FORUM

- a. Members of the public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission cannot engage in any substantive discussion or take any formal action in response to the public comment. The Commission can only ask questions or respond to statements to the extent necessary to determine whether to (1) refer the matter to staff for follow-up; (2) request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or (3) direct staff to place the item on a future agenda. Each member of the public may fill out a speaker's card and has up to two minutes to address the Commission.

Larry Ames provided an update regarding the Willow Glen Trestle, and said they hope to have a decision by the Court soon. He also provided an update on the County's effort to have the Santa Clara County listed as a National Heritage Area.

The Commission asked about the City's replacement of street signs and what the City does with the signs after removal. Staff said they would get back to the Commission on this.

Brian Grayson, with PacSJ announced that PacSJ is hosting a tour of eight 1920s Spanish Revival houses and buildings designed by the architectural firm of Wolfe and Higgins on August 26, 2017, from 10am -4pm.

Franklin Maggi announced a Santa Clara County Historic Preservation Certified Local Government Workshop on 3/24/17, from 10:00 - 2:45pm at 100 San Antonio St.in San Jose, and staff encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

7. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Report from Secretary, Planning Commission, and City Council
1. Past Agenda Items
 2. Future Agenda Items

Susan Walsh stated that the Department is trying to hire a consultant to complete the historic survey work that was done for the Greater Gardner Neighborhood Content Statement in 2011. The historic consultant will start updating the historic surveys in the Fall, and the City will hold community meetings and public hearings at the Historic Landmarks Commission and the City Council to establish a Conservation Area.

Susan also mentioned that unfortunately the Laine Market, a City Landmark in Alviso, has fallen down due to the recent storms. Staff will send the Commissioners a photo and the information on the Landmark.

3. Summary of communications received by the Historic Landmarks Commission on regarding:

- b. Update on Levitt Pavilion and St. James Park Design Competition activities.

The Parks Director determined that the Protest received by the firm of !Melk/Free to the selection of the CMG Landscape Architecture firm was without merit. The protesting firm has now filed an appeal to the City Council, which was anticipated to be heard by the Council in February, however, the Council review will now be considered on March 7, 2017.

- c. Report from Committees
 - 1. Design Review Subcommittee (Saum)
Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month as necessary.
- d. Approval of Action Minutes
Recommendation: Approval of Action Minutes for the Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting of February 1, 2017
The Commission unanimously approved the Action Minutes.
- e. Status of Circulating Environmental Documents: Draft Environmental Impact Reports:
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=5204> (Greyhound Bus Station) circulation period has been extended from February 15, 2017 to February 22, 2017.

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- b) Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact.
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 - c) Speakers should discuss topics related to City business on the agenda, unless they are speaking during open forum.
 - d) Speakers' comments should be addressed to the full body. Requests to engage the Mayor, Council Members, Board Members, Commissioners or Staff in conversation will not be honored. Abusive language is inappropriate.
 - e) Speakers will not bring to the podium any items other than a prepared written statement, writing materials, or objects that have been inspected by security staff.
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