



DATE: April 19, 2023

AGENDA ITEM #3

TO: Historical Commission

FROM: Nazaneen Healy, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: 2023 Santa Clara County Historic Preservation Award

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider nominations for the 2023 Santa Clara County Historical Preservation Award

BACKGROUND

On March 7, 2023, the City received an invitation (Attachment A) from the Santa Clara County Preservation Alliance (SCCPA)¹ to participate in the SCCPA Awards Night on Friday May 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at History Park San Jose. The event is intended to highlight and honor individuals and groups who made significant preservation efforts throughout the County. The Awards Night will include informational exhibits, live music, and food and beverages for purchase.

A nomination from the Historical Commission will be considered by the SCCPA if submitted by April 21, 2023. At the Awards Night a representative from the Historical Commission would present the recipient with the award, which is a plaque provided by the SCCPA.

Last year the Commission selected the owners of 1365 Grant Road to receive an SCCPA Award for restoration of their 1915 farmhouse. Prior to the meeting, no formal nominations by members of the public were received so the Commission selected the most recent recipient of the Los Altos Historic Preservation Award. Separately the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission honored the Los Altos History Museum with a SCCPA Award for the restoration of the Spagnoli Tank House.

DISCUSSION

The Commission should consider the written evidence and oral testimony from members of the public before discussing how the nominees meet the criteria below and before voting on the award recipient.

General Criteria

- Nominations should demonstrate creative solutions to the preservation and/or interpretation of Santa Clara County historic, cultural, and prehistoric resources.

¹ The Santa Clara County Preservation Alliance includes the Santa Clara County Historic Heritage Commission, the San Jose Historic Landmarks Commission, the Preservation Action Council of San Jose, the California Pioneers of Santa Clara County, and History San Jose, the Los Gatos Historical Society, the Saratoga Historical Foundation, and the Campbell Historical Museum.

- Nominations should demonstrate how the project or activity conforms to applicable professional standards, such as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation, or other standards for archaeology, interpretation, oral history, and other types of projects or activities.
- Special consideration will be given to historic and cultural preservation projects/activities that:
 - Demonstrate successful public/private partnerships
 - Benefit the community and reflect community-centered and supported efforts
 - Promote sustainability and "green" design while preserving the historic fabric of a resource
 - Broaden the ethnic and cultural diversity of historic preservation activities

Project Criteria

- Restoration, rehabilitation or adaptive use of historic buildings, structures, sites, or cultural landscapes.
- Activities related to the identification, protection, and interpretation of historic and prehistoric resources:
 - Innovative efforts in historic preservation education, public outreach, or interpretive programs
 - Projects that demonstrate novel approaches to the protection of historic and/or prehistoric archaeological sites
 - Exemplary historical research projects, including oral histories
 - Projects that celebrate ethnic and cultural diversity of historic preservation

Staff received one nomination for the SCCPA Award:

- The Los Altos Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, nominated by Ann Hepenstal (Attachment B)

Attachments

- A. 2022 Santa Clara County Preservation Alliance Awards Night Invitation
- B. Los Altos Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Nomination