

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE CITY  
OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M. HELD VIA  
VIDEO/TELECONFERENCE PER EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20ROLL CALL**

**Please Note:** Per California Executive Order N-29-20, the Commissions will meet via teleconference only. Members of the Public may call (650) 242-4929 to participate in the conference call (Meeting ID: 148 403 6004 or via the web at: [Historical Commission Meeting](#)).

**ESTABLISH QUORUM**

PRESENT: Commissioners Bartlett, Lang, Paige, and Trapnell

ABSENT: Chair Moore, Vice Chair Horn, and Commissioner Zoufonoun

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Resident Gary Hedden provided information that Greentown is creating a roadmap for a Tree Master Plan. As part of the Tree Master Plan, they were also working on the protection of historical and heritage trees and happy to receive feedback from the Historical Commission.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION**

1. [Historical Commission Minutes](#)  
Approve minutes of the regular meeting of January 24, 2022.
2. [Historical Commission Minutes](#)  
Approve minutes of the special meeting of April 13, 2022.
3. [Historical Commission Minutes](#)  
Approve minutes of the regular meeting of April 25, 2022.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trapnell, seconded by Commissioner Bartlett, the Commission moved to approve the minutes for January 24, 2022, April 13, 2022, and April 25, 2022 with a revision to correct the name Gary Hedden in the April 13, 2022 minutes.

AYES: Bartlett, Lang, Paige, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: Horn, Moore, and Zoufonoun.

**DISCUSSION**

4. [H22-0001 – Brownhouse Design – 151 Hawthorne Avenue](#)  
Advisory review application for an addition, alterations and improvements to an existing one-story house, which is a Historic Resource. The project includes a 609 square-foot one-story addition to the existing house, a new 533 square-foot detached garage, and 26 square-foot addition to the existing basement. The project is considered categorically exempt from further environmental review under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act, and the project is classified as a historic resource restoration/rehabilitation/ preservation project and is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act. Project Planner: Liu

#### STAFF PRESENTATION

Associate Planner Liu presented the staff report recommending approval of H22-0001 subject to the listed findings and conditions and answered questions from Commissioner Trapnell.

#### APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Owner Karen Scussel expressed their efforts to make their dreamhouse to be consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards.

Applicant Julie Brown also commented on the homeowners' commitment for the house.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

History Museum President Gary Hedden expressed support for this project.

Resident Jon Baer also provided support for the project. Also expressed that 1) if the existing entrance door is original, the door is recommended to be preserved and 2) the column in the front of the house is missing, and the column should be preserved as well.

Neighbor Ruvolo family recognized the outreach from the homeowners and expressed support for this project.

Commissioner Lang closed the Public Comment. Commissioner had discussion then proceeded.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trapnell, seconded by Commissioner Paige, the Commission moved to approve the project H22-0001 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

AYES: Bartlett, Lang, Paige, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: Horn, Moore, and Zoufonoun.

5. HPA22-0001 - Brownhouse Design – 151 Hawthorne Avenue

The application includes a request that the Historical Commission recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement for the property. The project is considered categorically exempt from further environmental review under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act, and the project is classified as a historic resource restoration/rehabilitation/ preservation project and is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act. Project Planner: Liu

#### STAFF PRESENTATION

Associate Planner Liu presented the staff report recommending that the Historical Commission recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement for the property.

Associate Planner Liu and Senior Planner Sean answered questions from Commissioner Lang.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Commissioner Lang closed the Public Comment. Commissioner had discussion then proceeded.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Paige, seconded by Commissioner Bartlett, the Commission moved to recommending that the Historical Commission recommend that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute a Mills Act agreement for the property

AYES: Bartlett, Lang, Paige, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: Horn, Moore, and Zoufonoun.

6. H22-0002 and V22-0002 – Danielle DiVittorio – 725 University Avenue

Advisory review for a 63 square-foot addition to an accessory structure (garage) at a historic resource property. The project is considered categorically exempt from further environmental review under Section 15301 of the California Environmental Quality Act, and the project is classified as a historic resource restoration/rehabilitation/ preservation project and is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15331 of the California Environmental Quality Act. Project Planner: Gallegos

STAFF PRESENTATION

Senior Planner Sean presented the staff report for the advisory review for a 63 square-foot addition to an accessory structure (garage) at a historic resource property and answered questions from Commissioner Trapnell.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION

Homeowner Robert Albert introduced himself and the project to the Commission and expressed appreciation to the staff and Commission.

Applicant Danielle DiVittorio provided visual renderings to the Commission for further clarifying the project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

History Museum President Gary Hedden expressed support for this project.

Commissioner Lang closed the Public Comment. Commissioner had discussion then proceeded.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Trapnell, seconded by Commissioner Paige, the Commission moved to approve the project H22-0002 subject to the listed findings and conditions.

AYES: Bartlett, Lang, Paige, and Trapnell; NOES: None; ABSENT: Horn, Moore, and Zoufonoun.

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Commission discussed the Commission's term expirations in September 2022.

**POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Moore adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Staff Liaison