

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, AT 7:00
P.M AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Commissioners Adams, Bartlett, Coe, Lang, and Paige

ABSENT:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident, Jon Baer provided comment supporting historic preservation.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

DISCUSSION

1. H21-0002 and SC21-0021– Dino Garcia – 604 Milverton Road

Request for Historic Advisory Review and Design Review for a new two-story house with a 5,414 square-foot first story and a 2,831 square-foot second story, and the conversion of an existing historic house into a historic accessory building. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15303 (“New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures”) and Section 15331 (“Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation”) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Project Planner: Gallegos.

Project Planner Sean Gallegos presented the staff report.

The property owner, Michael Giovannotto, provided a presentation and responded to commission questions.

Public Comment: No public comments

The Commission discussed the application.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Coe, seconded by Commissioner Bartlett, the Commission moved to recommend approval of H21-0002 and SC21-0021 subject to the findings and conditions listed in the staff report.

AYES: Adams, Bartlett, Coe, Lang, and Paige; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.

2. HPA23-0001 – Sreenivas Tallam – 41 Hawthorne Avenue

Request to execute a Mills Act agreement for the property located at 41 Hawthorne Avenue. This project is categorically exempt from environmental review under Section 15331 (“Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation”) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Project Planner: Gallegos.

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The property owner, Sreenivas Tallam, provided a presentation and responded to commission questions.

Public Comment: No public comments

The Commission discussed the application.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Paige, seconded by Commissioner Bartlett, the Commission moved to recommend approval of H23-0001 subject to the findings and conditions listed in the staff report.

Chair Lang stated for the record that the Historical Commission urges the Planning Commission to have an open mind and to give consideration to facilitating the need to work with the existing structure and preserve its historic status.

AYES: Adams, Bartlett, Coe, Lang, and Paige; NOES: None; ABSENT: None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

3. Historic Apricot Orchard
Receive an update from the Los Altos History Museum Orchard Commons Committee regarding the preservation and status of the Historic Apricot Orchard.

Jane Packard, Volunteer Chair of the Orchard Commons Committee for the Los Altos History Museum provided a presentation on the condition and future of the Los Altos Apricot Orchard, which is a City Landmark.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

The Commission requested an update regarding the Halsey House.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Lang adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Sean Gallegos
Staff Liaison