



51 S. San Antonio | Los Altos CA 94022

MEMORANDUM

May 15, 2023

FROM: Dr. Elisabeth Ward
Director, Los Altos History Museum

RE: Library Patio Project

This memorandum documents the intent of Los Altos History Museum, through its Orchard Commons Committee, to collaborate with the Los Altos Library on the design of an outdoor reading room. We understand and appreciate the desire to provide access into the Children's Reading Room through a corridor that would be constructed within the boundary of the Historical Landmark of the Civic Center Heritage Orchard, as designated in Resolution 91-31 (see attachment).

The City of Los Altos is responsible for maintaining the quality of City Historical Landmarks, as an irreplaceable historical asset of benefit to all members of the community. This responsibility includes timely exchange of information about all activities that might affect expansion of the footprint of existing buildings or landscaping features that might extend into the landmark boundaries.

Maintaining the quality of this City Historical Landmark entails collaboration to ensure that any alterations are constructed with a soft footprint that will enhance outreach programs without reducing the capacity of the orchard to sustain the original number of trees. If construction operations alter the quality or quantity of tree sites in the orchard, it is our understanding that the damage will be offset by appropriate mitigation actions agreed upon through open communication.

The goal of the [Orchard Commons Committee](#) of the Los Altos History Museum is to maintain, restore and renovate the Civic Center Heritage Orchard in a manner that provides an appealing working landscape and to facilitate outreach programs that enhance a sense of place and civic pride. This goal is in alignment with the vision of the Museum to provide inclusive multi-generational and multi-cultural programming and with the City's [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#).

Cc: Rose Baiza, Community Librarian, Los Altos Library
Jennifer Weeks, County Librarian
Gabriel Engeland, City Manager, City of Los Altos
Teresa Morris, Chair, Parks & Recreation Commission
Larry Lang, Chair, Historical Commission
Bruno Delagneau, Chair, Environmental Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 91- 31

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
MODIFYING AN APRICOT ORCHARD AS A HISTORICAL LANDMARK

WHEREAS, by virtue of its adoption of Ordinance No. 78-16 and 90-225, the City Council of the City of Los Altos did establish a procedure for the designation and preservation of historical landmarks within the City of Los Altos; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of its adoption of Resolution 81-23, the City Council of the City of Los Altos did designate a portion of APN 170-42-029 known as the Civic Center Apricot Orchard a historical landmark; and

WHEREAS, by designation of this property as a historical landmark it is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Ordinance 90-225; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that Ordinance Section 2-8.404, the Historical Commission has reviewed and recommends modifying the limits of the Civic Center Apricot Orchard as shown on Exhibit A, as located on APN Nos. 170-42-029 and 170-43-001; and

WHEREAS, the City Council concurs with the recommendation of the Historical Commission in this regard;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby determine that the subject property is designated as a historical landmark and is subject to the terms and conditions outlined in Ordinance 90-225;

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos on the 8th day of October, 1991, by the following roll call vote:

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AYES: Mayor Spangler, Councilmembers Bruno, Laliotis, Lave, & Reeder
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

SR Spangler
Mayor

Carol Schary
City Clerk

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