

## Los Altos History Committee Minutes

### Regular Meeting

Date: April 18, 2023

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Meeting Place: Duxbury Room, Los Altos Hills Town Hall  
26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, 94022  
Only Audio of Zoom Connected

Call to Order and Roll Call at 3:40 p.m. by Sally Wood. The delay was due to technical issues.

1. Roll Call: Duffy Price, yes; Sally Wood, yes; Bernardo Ferrari, yes; Jitze Couperus, yes; Sally Wood, yes; Carol Gottlieb, yes; Sylvia Jensen, absent. Guests: Lisa Schmidt, Melissa, Ellian-Carrillo Assistant Town Engineer; WooJea Kim Town Public Works Director.

#### 2. Presentation from the Floor.

Unannounced WooJae Kim and & Melissa Ellian-Carrillo asked to make a presentation regarding the Heritage House Renovations and asked that the Plans be approved as they were on a May 1, 2023, deadline. Under the guidelines of the presentation from the Floor, the Committee can listen to the issue only and cannot respond or take action. We did agree by consensus to place the Heritage House on the May agenda.

3. Approval of the March 21, 2023, minutes. Moved by Duffy and seconded by Sally to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried 5-0.

Roll Call: Sally, yes; Jitze, yes; Bernardo, yes; Duffy, yes; Carol, yes.

Approval of the March 30, 2023, Minutes. Moved by Duffy and seconded by Sally to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried 5 - 0.

Roll Call: Sally, yes; Jitze, yes; Bernardo, yes; Duffy, yes; Carol, yes.

#### 4. Old Business:

a. The motion to add to the agenda an emergency item for the approval of a letter to Council regarding Carriage House at Foothill College House under Old Business was made by Carol and Seconded by Bernardo.

Roll Call: Duffy, yes; Jitze, yes; Bernardo, yes; Sally, yes; Carol, yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The letter was discussed, and a motion made to approve the letter as amended and to send it to the Council and Staff.

Roll Call: Duffy, yes; Jitze, yes; Bernardo, yes; Sally, yes; Carol, yes. Motion approved 5-0.

b. Update on Planning for the 2023 Morgan Manor event. Nothing to report.

c. Discussion of how the committee can be involved in the renovation plans for the Heritage House.

Under Presentation from floor, was not ajenized to approve, but only to discuss.

d. Update on the signage for the Heritage Trees – Carol. Nothing to report.

e. Review of summary of proposal from the March 30, 2023, Special Meeting regarding the History Committee collaboration with the editor of Our Town and recommend timeline. The committee discussed a revised draft document that summarized background information and plans presented to the committee about restructuring of the Our Town contract, described a collaboration model for the history committee and the editor of Our Town, and listed possibilities for changes in the History Committee charges. The committee agreed that:

- i. The background that provided context did not require further discussion.
- ii. The charges to the committee should remain general and not include specific activities, so they should not be changed.
- iii. The collaboration model would be discussed at the next meeting with the objective of completing a final document approved by the committee.

f. Update on possible dates and speakers for the History Committee’s Fall presentation.

- i. Carol presented a list of possible presentations regarding “The Influence of the Horse” and a list of possible speakers.

g. Update on Possible routes for the Spring History Walk. (Bernardo)

- i. Delayed to the fall to be able to organize it, seek Council approval and do the necessary publicity.

5. New Business:

- a. Possible dates and locations for fall 2023 History walk. No date picked. Carol to work with Bernardo on publicity and Council approval.
- b. Discussion of AC Historic Preservation Group Opportunities. Duffy gave us a summary of the opportunities.
- c. Discussion of Possible rotating display of indoor physical objects related to town history and corresponding electronic access. Tabled to next meeting.
  - i..New donation by Mr. Allen Fox or painting of the Winbigler house.
  - ii. Other photographs, paintings, displayable objects.
- d. Creation of a bibliography of Los Altos Hills history that will become a permanent part of our Web page. Tabled to Next Meeting.
  - i. Discussion of focus topics or story collections that would be good additions to an archival collection of Town History.
  - ii. Discussion of review of existing archival publications and research to discover missing, incomplete, or corrected information.

6. Adjournment at 5:30 pm.