

Los Altos Hills History Committee Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: Tuesday July 16, 2019 @ 3:38 p.m.

Meeting Place: Parks & Recreation Building
26379 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, California

In attendance:

Carol Gottlieb, Jitze Couperus, Sylvia Jensen, Sally Wood, & Linda Swan (Associate Member) and guests Denise Williams and Kjell Karlsson.

Absent: Carol Grewal

Resigned: Nobuko Cleary, May Davenport

Presentations from the Floor: None

Approval of Minutes:

June 18, 2019—Approved. Linda to send to Deborah Padovan.

Old Business

- History Talk and Slide Presentation by Jitze—Epic Fights, such as our zoning, Measure B? Jitze will give talk again, perhaps through Parks and Recreation group. Thursday, October 10, 2019 in the Council Chambers.
- 1958 General Plan and 1963 General Plan Research—Nothing new.
- Cataloguing the files to be more user friendly—Sally has been inventorying files. Now doing top down review. Mixed bag. Four drawers of historical files. By the middle of September, Sally expects to have gone through the files and categorized it.
- Jitze Couperus has a lot of historical info on his website. Clippings come from unknown sources, so copyrights are an issue if Town takes it over.
- Two New Members Needed—Denise Williams may be interested. Barry Smith wants to come to a couple of more meetings to see if his interests mesh with the committee. He may want to write.
- Fall Presentation—Tales of Moody Road. Sunday, September 29, 2-4 PM. Joe Kleitman is on for the presentation. So far we have Tom McReynolds (on Town Council at the time of closing of Adobe Lodge), Joan Sherlock (grew up in area), and Karen Lemes on the program. Need one line teaser for poster. Need publicity (Sally to put together poster. Need to get into Town Crier and into Town Calendar), food (Sylvia in charge), videography. Need moderator (Jitze may be moderator). May need more chairs (wait to see how RSVPs go and then rent them, if needed).
- Fall History Walk—Magdalena/Stonebrook area around the quarry. Sylvia Jensen to be in charge of organizing. Morgan Manor—ask owner if we can go on grounds for the

walk (see if John Swan has phone number for owner). Carol to contact Ann Duwe to pin down date.

- June 20 Report to Council has been changed to August 22.
- Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Exhibit on Emergency Preparedness—Have not heard anything more about this. Have not had any more meetings. Assume it is no longer relevant to us.
- Report on Booth at June 2 Town Picnic—Reasonably good response from long-term residents, who put pins on map indicating where they lived and for how long. Talked to quite a few residents. Man living on Rhus Ridge has info on the Duvenecks. Need to figure out who he is and how to contact him.
- History Essay Contests—Sally put 1000 word article in contest. It may be published in newsletter. San Mateo County does not vet letters sent in from residents. Maybe we can do something similar. There are about 125 letters of reminiscences from LAH residents that History Committee is hoping to have published. Source of funding is an issue.
- St. Luke's (Chapel in the Hills) Flagpole—Flagpole is now a cellular tower repeater. Cell company wants to take it down and replace it with tree-type cell tower. It is not the original flagpole. Has a thin bronze engraved plaque at the bottom, about 6 in square. Should put the old flagpole back or one like it and put new bronze plaque there.
- Need new chairperson for committee. Sally would like to stay as co-chair. Carol has been chair for two years. Motion was approved for Sally and Carol to be co-chairs.

New Business

- Winter Presentation
- Jitze has book of photographs of plaques around Town.

Adjourned at 5:18 p.m.