



## City of Saratoga

# HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES

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**Date:** Tuesday, September 9, 2014 / 8:30 A.M.

**Type:** Regular Meeting

**Place:** City Hall /Administrative Conference Room - 13777 Fruitvale Avenue

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**a. Roll Call.**

i. **Present:** Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky

ii. **Absent:** none

**b. Review of minutes.** Conrado/Cappello moved to approve the HPC Minutes for the *August 12, 2014* Meeting. ***Motion Passed (7-0)***. *Ayes:* Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky. *Noes:* None. *Absent:* None. *Abstain:* None.

**c. Posting of Agenda** – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, the agenda was properly posted on *September 4, 2014*.

**d. Non-Agendized Communications** –

i. Craig Aubrey asked Commissioner Marchetti for information on the Mills Act.

ii. April Halberstadt provided information on potential future training topics to be discussed under agenda item 1c.

**e. HPC direction to staff regarding non-agendized communications** – none.

**1. New Business** –

**a. 15231 Quito Road.** The owner requested Mills Act approval for *Casa Tierra*. It was clarified that while Landmark and Mills Act status could help protect the home from being demolished by future owners, a new owner could remove the property from the list. Conrado/Cappello moved to approve the Mills Act Application. ***Motion Passed (7-0-0)***. *Ayes:* Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky. *Noes:* None. *Absent:* None. *Abstain:* None.

**b. Election of Vice Chair.** Cappello/Marchetti moved to elect Larry Schuck as Vice Chair of the Heritage Commission. ***Motion Passed (7-0-0)***. *Ayes:* Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky. *Noes:* None. *Absent:* None. *Abstain:* None.

**c. HPC Training.** The HPC has met their required training for the period October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014. The HPC would like next term's training to be longer than 2 hours, be more in-depth than the last training, include more tools, and include book recommendations. Commissioners should bring their ideas for training topics to the October 2014 HPC meeting.

**2. Old Business**

**a. Street Names** – Commissioners Marchetti and Stransky presented a list of street names for consideration by the HPC. As discussed and if approved by the City Council, the pre-

approved list would allow applicants to bypass HPC review. The HPC suggested some minor edits to clarify the proposed process, including how the list of historic names could be applied to the street name. Commissioner Marchetti will send staff the document. Conrado/Schuck moved to approve the list of names and process, as amended. **Motion Passed (7-0-0)**. Ayes: Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

**b. Heritage Tree Inventory workplan** – The following 7 trees have been scheduled for City Council review and approval of heritage tree status:

- i. *Madronia Cemetery - Ponderosa pine, Dawn redwood, and Coast redwood*
- ii. *Blaney Stone pine*
- iii. *District Office oak*
- iv. *Susie's Garden Valley oak*
- v. *Canyon Springs eucalyptus*

Cappello/ Conrado moved to approve the following tree for heritage tree status. **Motion Passed (7-0)**. Ayes: Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

- vi. Redwood School *dawn Chinese redwood* – this tree is located at the entrance to the school in memory of a deceased teacher.

The following updates were provided:

- vii. **Aloha Oak**. Commissioner Marchetti is still working on the application
- viii. **Hakone trees**. Commissioner Stransky has been in touch with Ann WaltonSmith to complete the application

**c. Landmark List workplan** –

- i. **21000 Big Basin Way (“Hakone Gardens”)**. Conrado/Marchetti moved to approve this property for Landmark status based on criteria a & c. **Motion Passed (7-0)**. Ayes: Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.
- ii. **20640 Third Street (“Sam Cloud Hay & Feed Warehouse”)**. Shah/Stransky moved to approve this property for Landmark status based on criteria a, b, & c. **Motion Passed (7-0)**. Ayes: Cappello, Conrado, Marchetti, Nugent, Schuck, Shah, Stransky. Noes: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None.

The following updates were provided:

- iii. **20021 Bella Vista (“Rancho Bella Vista”)**. Commissioner Conrado needs the owner's name and address.
- iv. **14501-14503 Big Basin Way (“Cloud-Smith Building”)** Commissioner Nugent has not received a response from the owner.

- v. **14251 Fruitvale Avenue (“Novakovich Ranch”)** Commissioner Nugent has not received a response from the owner.
- vi. **14519 Big Basin Way (“Green Store Building”)**. Commissioner Schuck hand delivered the letter but also needs the owner’s name and address.
- vii. **14413-14415 Big Basin Way Kerr Building/Hogg Building**. Commissioner Shah has not received a response from the owner.
- viii. **14495 Big Basin Way (“Hutchinson Building”)**. Commissioner Shah has not received a response from the owner.
- ix. **14754 Pierce Road (“Paul Masson Lodge”)** Commissioner Stransky has not received a response from the owner.

**d. Big Basin Way workplan.** Commissioner Shah has selected the first 10 buildings along Big Basin way for consideration for Heritage Inventory status.

1.	US Bank	14411 Big Basin
2.	Wildwood Market	14413 Big Basin
3.	Golden Mirror	14415 Big Basin
4.	Wedding Dress	14417 Big Basin
5.	The Bank	14421 Big Basin
6.	Fat Robin	14429 Big Basin
7.	Gallery Saratoga	14433A Big Basin
8.	Saratoga Eyes	14433B Big Basin
9.	UPS Store	14435 Big Basin
10.	Da Mario Restaurant	14439 Big Basin

### 3. Action Items for Discussion / Update (No staff memo):

- a. **21170 Big Basin Way** – This address is in unincorporated Santa Clara County and therefore not in consideration for the City’s Heritage Inventory.
- b. **Old Grandview Ranch** - Commissioner Nugent will update the HPC at the October meeting.

**4. Commissioner Comments.** The HPC would like to agendize a discussion of adding one or more trees at Casa Tierra for heritage tree inventory status.

### 5. Adjournment