



SARATOGA

California

**HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
February 14, 2023**

8:30 AM REGULAR MEETING

1. Site Visit(s)

- a. None

2. Call to Order

Chair Shastri called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

3. Roll Call

Present: Margarete Minar, Priya Shastri, Sharon Boyce-Bender and Zhen Li,

Absent: None

Staff: Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner

4. Oral Communications

Gene Zambetti spoke about the Saratoga Jail at the end of Oak Street and also discussed Judge Foster. Zambetti suggested to the HPC to consider a historic plaque in this location.

5. Approval of the December 13, 2022 minutes

BOYCE-BENDER/MINAR MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 13, 2022 Meeting**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: MINAR, SHASTRI, BOYCE-BENDER, LI. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

6. New Business

- a. Welcome Commissioners Zhen Li and Margarete Minar

- b. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

SHASTRI/MINAR MOVED TO **NOMINATE BOYCE-BENDER AS CHAIR**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: MINAR, SHASTRI, BOYCE-BENDER, LI. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

BOYCE-BENDER/MINAR MOVED TO **NOMINATE MARGARETE MINAR AS VICE CHAIR**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: MINAR, SHASTRI, BOYCE-BENDER, LI. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE

- c. Heritage Orchard Update from the City Orchardist

Matthew Sutton provided an update of what has been going on in the Heritage Orchard over the past several months. The orchard is now “whole” over 500 trees have been planted. Students from horticultural and parks and recreation classes at West Valley College were invited to assist with planting the new trees. Buds are starting to open. Punning season will start soon. Orchard Keepers has been meeting with the city to discuss the community harvest, should be mid-June to July.

Chair Boyce-Bender stated that she saw someone in the orchard picking greenery, and asked if we should be concerned about this. Matthew said that there are many weeds that are used for culinary or medical purposes. It’s not causing any damage.

d. HPC meeting time

Chair Boyce-Bender brought up changing the time to 9 AM. The commission decided to keep the meeting time at 8:30 AM.

e. CLG Annual Report

HPC stated the CLG report is acceptable as presented.

f. HPC 2023/2024 workplan

The Commissioners discussed that funding for 5 POI should be requested. The HPC agreed that that the workplan is acceptable as presented.

7. Staff Comments

8. Old Business

a. Project status worksheet

The commissioners discussed the project status worksheet and potential HRI properties.

9. Commission Items

The HPC would like to visit the heritage orchard as a part of the March agenda and the HPC members should visit the site of the Saratoga Jail (4th street) prior to the March meeting.

10. Adjournment

Chair Boyce-Bender adjourned the meeting at 9:29 AM

Minutes respectfully submitted:
Nicole Johnson, Senior Planner
City of Saratoga