Los Altos Hills History Committee Minutes

Meeting Date & Time:  Tuesday May 21, 2019 @ 3:40 p.m.

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

In attendance:
Carol Gottlieb, Jitze Couperus, Sylvia Jensen, Sally Wood, Carol Grewal, & Linda Swan (Associate Member)
Absent: Nobuko Cleary, May Davenport

Presentation from the Floor:

Brad Hauser, owner, 14700 Manuella Road—Hills Brothers greenhouse has been incorporated into the house. Now a Los Altos Hills Landmark. Presentation on Mills Act. General Plan says that Town should implement it. Shumate House, Morgan Manor, Ginzton House, and Griffin House are on National Register. Contract between town and homeowner. 10 years to remove from the list. Difference between Williamson (Agricultural Land) and Mills Act (Historical Properties)? Useful to explain the difference, to reduce confusion about the two.

Approval of Minutes:
August 21, 2018—Approved with correction of spelling of Susan Mandel’s name
September 18, 2018—Approved with addition of Sally Wood as absent and with correction of Jitze’s name under Approval of Minutes.
February 19, 2019—Approved with correction of Linda Swan and addition of Guest: Kjell Karson.
April 16, 2019—Approved with addition of Guests: Kjell Karson, Les Earnest, Karen Lemes and correction of Anne Duwe’s name. Old Business item f.) --correction of “encourage applicants”. Under New Business, correct that Fall Presentation is scheduled for September 29 and the title will be “Tales of Moody Road”.

Old Business

- Hills Brothers Coffee House—Article for Newspaper
- History Talk and Slide Presentation by Jitze—Epic Fights, such as our zoning?
- 1958 General Plan and 1963 General Plan Research—Nothing new
- Cataloguing the files to be more user friendly—Jitze suggested we use an Excel spread sheet.
- Two New Members Needed—Contact people who know or are very interested in history of the town, such as Barry Smith, Karen Lemes, Joan Sherlock.
- Mills Act
- Fall Presentation—Tales of Moody Road. Carol will talk to Joe Kleitman about speaking.
- Fall History Walk—Magdalena/Stonebrook area around the quarry. Sylvia Jensen to be in charge of organizing.
- June 20 Report to Council—Carol to present report. Jitze will correct typos and add pictures. Add Mills Act info. Add attendance for Ginzton presentation and that Ginger Summit was
moderator. Add “proposed” to Town Hall renovations. Hills Brothers greenhouse has been approved as Town Landmark. History Walk down Fremont, Miranda, and Manuella. Remove statement about Nobuko oral history of Steve Finn until we can review it. New light fixture is in Heritage House. Goals—Mills Act equivalent

• Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Exhibit on Emergency Preparedness

New Business

• Request to nominate the Los Altos History Museum for a Volunteer Service Award.—LAH History Committee is not the right committee to nominate the History Museum. Have not had that much involvement with them.
• History Essay Contests—Group in San Mateo? Need more info.
• Booth at June 2 Picnic—Pathway Map with historical landmarks quiz. Did it last year, but could do it again. Carol has table and shade.

Adjourned at 5:20 p.m.