

**Los Altos History Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting**

Date: January 17, 2023

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Zoom

1. Call to Order at 3:33 pm by Chair Sally Wood

Roll Call: Sylvia, yes; Sally, yes; Jitze, yes; Bernardo, yes; Carol, yes. Linda Swan Council Liaison., yes.

Guests Lisa Schmidt, Deborah Padovan, Duffy Price, Georgianna Shea, Kathy Davis, liaison to the Committee from the Los Altos History Museum, John Swan at 3:50 pm; and Elisabeth Ward at 4:15.

2. Presentations from the Floor:

None

3. Approval of the November 15 Regular Minutes and the November 15, Special Meeting.

Motion made to approve the minutes by Sylvia and Seconded by Carol.

Roll Call: Sally, yes; Bernardo, yes; Jitze, yes; Sylvia, yes; Carol, yes. Motion Carried 5-0.

4. Old Business:

a. Report on presentation of accomplishments and goals at the Special Council Meeting January 11. – Held over to February Meeting.

b. Our Town Discussion:

Sally noted the Our Town contract was to be renewed in June of this year and negotiations were underway.

Lisa Schmidt: A new publication is underway that focus on government issues and Council wishes to keep Our Town as second publication focusing on our Town's history and culture. She will present a more detailed presentation on how the History Committee might be involved.

c. Morgan Manor Update. Held over to February Meeting.

d. Heritage House Update. Held over to February Meeting.

5. New Business:

a. Discussion of the long-term plans for the Wallace Stegner Los Altos Museum outdoor exhibited proposal by John Swan. Discussion ensued regarding the costs involved in the move. Possible location of the exhibit and the interface with the Environmental

Design and Protection Committees renovation of the Native Plant Gardens if the Heritage House grounds were to be used.

Kathy Davis and Georgiana Shea, and Elisabeth Ward represented the Los Altos History Museum. Elisabeth said the move was not dependent on Los Altos Hills Picking up the short fall of \$3500.00.

Motion made by Jitze and Seconded to send the following recommendation to Council:

The history committee recommends that the town council consider the possibility of supporting a move of the Wallace Stegner/conservation outdoor exhibit created by the Los Altos History Museum to Los Altos Hills to be displayed near the Heritage house for a period of 2 to 5 years. This recommendation is contingent upon the council allocating funds to cover this project and allocating town staff time to support this project that are specific and separate from those allocated for the history committee projects and goals presented to the council on 11 January 2023. Expected costs include the cost to physically move the display and install it as well as costs to weatherize the display for the long term and to maintain it. It is estimated that the nonrecurring costs will be \$4000 to \$8000, and the recurring costs will include maintenance of the web site and the displays.

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

b. Change of Venue for History Committee's venue:

Deborah said wait until March because current use of zoom expires at the end of February and when all Committee Meetings will be hybrid meetings to be held in either of two conference rooms.

c. Fall presentation discussion: Held over to February Meeting.

d. History Walk dates discussion. Held over to February Meeting.

e. Creation of bibliographs of the Los Altos Hills History that would become a permanent part of the Web Page. Held Over for February Discussion

6. Adjournment: Sally adjourned the meeting at 4:59 pm.