

Los Altos History Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting

Date: February 21, 2023

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Place of Meeting: Zoom

1. Call to Order at 3:30 p.m. by Chair Sally Wood

Roll Call: Bernardo, yes; Sally, yes; Sylvia, yes; Duffy, yes; Carol, yes; Jitze, absent.

Guests: Lisa Schmidt, Deborah Padovan, Peter Pirnejad, and Elizabeth Ward.

2. Presentations from the Floor:

Elizabeth Ward spoke about the Opening of the new Permanent Exhibit and thanked members of the History Committee and other Town Residences that were involved in its process.

3. Approval of the December 15, 2022, and January 27, 2023, Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2022, Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes made by Sylvia Jensen, and seconded by Carol Gottlieb as corrected.

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

January 17, Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the minutes made by Sylvia Jensen and seconded by Carol.

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

4. Old Business

- a. Report on presentation of accomplishments and goals at the special council meeting on 11 January – Sally: Held Over to Next Meeting.
- b. Update on plans for “Our Town” – Presentation by Lisa Schmidt
 - i. Lisa gave a summary of her Proposal for the History Committee Sponsorship of “Our Town Newsletter”. Included in her presentation was the background and the process for developing each issue and budget. She continued with a Mission Statement and the Editor’s Role & Responsibilities and restrictions.
 - ii. Sally had procedure questions. Carol and Sylvia thanked Lisa for her presentation and effort spent in gathering all the information.
 - iii. Peter stated the Process should be approved by the Committee.
 - iv. A motion was made by Carol and seconded by Sylvia to create a sub-Committee of Sally and Duffy to revise the document submitted by Lisa, dated

February 21, 2023.

Roll Call: Bernardo, yes; Sally, yes; Sylvia, yes; Duffy, yes; Carol, yes; Jitze, absent.

Motion carried: 5-0.

- c. Update on Planning for the 2023 Morgan Manor event – Carol, Sylvia: Held over.
- d. Update on the long-term plans for the Los Altos History Museum’s Wallace Stegner/ Conservation outdoor meeting. Discussed the condition of the exhibit. Motion to move to next meeting by Carol and seconded by Sylvia.
Roll call: Bernardo, yes; Sally, yes; Sylvia, yes; Duffy, abstain; Carol, yes; Jitze, absent.
Motion carried. 4-0 with one abstention.
- e. Discussion of how the Committee can be involved in the Renovation Plans for the Heritage House. – Held Over to Next Meeting.
- f. Update on signage for the Heritage Trees. - Held over to next meeting.

1. New Business

- a. Discussion of Change to in-person meetings at the Heritage House or Hybrid meeting in Council chambers or meeting rooms. Starting on March 1, all committee members are to meet in person. Decision to meet in Council chamber meetings rooms.
- b. First discussion of topics for the history committee fall presentation. Held over.
- c. Possible Dates for History Walk. Held Over
- d. Discussion of possible rotating display of indoor physical objects to Town History and Corresponding electronic access. Held Over to Next Meeting.
 - i. New donation of painting by Mr. Allen Fox of the Winbigler House.
 - ii. Other photographs, paintings, display objects.
- e. Creation of bibliography of Los Altos Hills history that will become permanent part of web page. Held over to next meeting.
 - i. discussion of focus topics or story collections that would be good addition to an archival collection of Town History.
 - ii. Discussion of review of existing archival publications and research to discover missing, incomplete, or correct information.
- g. Not on agenda: Discussed a Special meeting of the Committee to discuss “Our Town.”

2. Adjourned at 5:54 p.m.