



**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
HEARING SYNOPSIS**

Wednesday, June 1, 2011

Regular Session

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

San Jose City Hall

200 East Santa Clara Street

San José, CA

Commission Members

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If you want to address the Commission, **fill out a speaker card (located at the technician's station), and give the completed card to the technician. Please include the agenda item number for reference.**

The procedure for public hearings is as follows:

- After the staff report, *applicants may make a five-minute presentation.*
- Anyone wishing to speak in favor of the proposal should prepare to come forward. After the proponents speak, anyone wishing to speak in opposition should prepare to come forward. *Each speaker will have two minutes.*
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- The Commission will then close the public hearing.
- *The Historic Landmarks Commission will take action on the item.*

The procedure for referrals is as follows:

- Anyone wishing to speak on a referral should prepare to come forward. *Each speaker will have two minutes.*
- Commissioners may ask questions of the speakers. These questions will not reduce the speaker's time allowance.
- *The Historic Landmarks Commission will comment on the referral item.*

If a Commissioner would like a topic to be addressed under one of the Good and Welfare items, please contact Planning staff in advance of the Commission meeting.

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AGENDA
Order Of Business

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Colombe and Jackson absent. All other Commissioners present.

1. DEFERRALS

Any item scheduled for hearing this evening for which deferral is being requested will be taken out of order to be heard first on the matter of deferral. If you want to change any of the deferral dates recommended or speak to the question of deferring these or any other items, you should say so at this time.

No Items

2. CONSENT CALENDAR

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The consent calendar items are considered to be routine and will be adopted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made by a member of the Historic Landmarks Commission, staff or the public to have an item removed from the consent calendar and considered separately. If anyone in the audience wishes to speak on one of these items, please make your request at this time.

No Items

The following items are considered individually:

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **HL10-196 and MA11-003.** Historical Landmark Nomination to designate the "Curtis House" as a landmark of special historic, architectural, cultural, aesthetic or engineering interest, or value of a historic nature, and Historic Property contract (California Mills Act) between the City of San Jose and the property owner, located at 96 S. 17th Street (Norwita & Preston Powell, owners). Council District 3. SNI: University. CEQA: Exempt.

The Commission recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Landmark Designation (4-0-2, Commissioners Colombe and Jackson absent).

The Commission recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Historic Property Contract with modifications to the Exhibit C Preservation Plan of the Contract to remove or reduce the amount of landscaping work, remove the kitchen remodel, and add in work associated with façade improvements and replacing the roof with tile (4-0-2, Commissioners Colombe and Jackson absent).

- b. **MA11-001.** Historic Property contract (California Mills Act) between the City of San Jose and the property owner, located at 755 Story Road for the property known as the Ashworth- Remillard House (Sue Cucuzza, owner). Council District 7. SNI: n/a. CEQA: Exempt.

The Commission recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Historic Property Contract (4-0-2, Commissioners Colombe and Jackson absent).

- c. **CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT ANNUAL REPORT (09-10).** Review of the Report. Citywide. CEQA: Not a Project.

The Commission deferred action on this report until its September meeting and requested that additional information be provided regarding the reduced City resources for Historic Preservation efforts.

4. REFERRALS FROM CITY COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR OTHER AGENCIES

No Items

5. OPEN FORUM

- a. Summary of communications received by the Historic Landmarks Commission

None

- b. Members of the public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's Agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. The Commission cannot engage in any substantive discussion or take any formal action in response to the public comment. The Commission can only ask questions or respond to statements to the extent necessary to determine whether to (1) refer the matter to staff for follow-up; (2) request staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or (3) direct staff to place the item on a future agenda. Each member of the public may fill out a speaker's card and has up to two minutes to address the Commission.

Brian Grayson of PAC*SJ announced an architectural tour in San Jose.

6. GOOD AND WELFARE

- a. Continue discussion regarding the Remillard/Dandini House and the Smith House (Colombe)

Deferred to September 2011.

- b. Discussion of Fire Station #1/Potential Fire Museum

Commission to send a letter to the Council inquiring about the status of the pending Historic Landmark nomination for the Fire Station #1.

- c. Discussion of Photo Contest for 2012

Deferred to September 2011.

- d. Report from Secretary, Planning Commission, and City Council

1. Update on Greater Gardner Survey

The full Survey is expected to be complete in June 2011.

2. Future Agenda Items

- **Gardner Survey**
- **General Plan Update**

3. Other

Commissioners with terms ending 6/30/11 and who are eligible for reappointment were encouraged to submit their materials to the City Clerk's Office. The Clerk's Office will be conducting a recruitment to fill vacancies on the Commission.

e. Commissioners' report from Committees:

1. Design Review Subcommittee (Colombe and Cohen)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4 pm as necessary

No Report

2. History San José Collections Committee (Jackson)

Meets the 2nd Thursday of every 3rd month at 12 noon

Commissioner Cohen has reached out to History San Jose to ask if they would be interested in having the collections discussion as a standing item on the Commission agenda instead of a separate Committee.

3. GP Update Task Force Progress Report (Colombe and Cohen)

The Task Force meets again in August. The Draft Environmental Impact Report is expected to be available for public comment in June.

f. Review of the 5/3/10 Meeting Report

Approved.

g. Status of Circulation of Environmental Review Documents

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/>

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETINGS

- September 7, 2011 at 6 p.m. at San Jose City Hall, City Council Chambers
- November 9, 2011 at 6 p.m. at San Jose City Hall, City Council Chambers