



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2026**

The Historic Preservation Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a regular meeting on January 28, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Martha Queiroz, Planning Commissioner Susan Burnett, and Planning Commissioner Emily Thomas.

Absent: Chair Lee Quintana and Committee Member Allen Feinberg

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approval of Minutes – December 17, 2026

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Burnett to Approve the Consent Calendar.
Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously, (3-0)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. 8 Central Court
Request for Review PHST-26-001.

Consider a Request to Remove a Pre-1941 Property from the Historic Resources Inventory for Property Zoned R-1:10. APN 529-35-034. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3). Property Owner: William Holt and Elizabeth LaSorsa. Applicant: Joel Stieber. Project Planner: Sean Mullin.

Sean Mullin, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Opened Public Comment.

Applicant presented the project.

Joel Stieber, Applicant

- The house has significant foundation issues around the perimeter. An addition was done after 1941 and has foundational problems. Parcels 10 Grove and 5 Central were part of the original parcel. It was subdivided twice. Their research revealed that Andrew L. Eckerson lived there and owned an auto shop. The porch was altered in 1996. The windows and siding were altered. Not sure if the work was permitted. If they re-do the foundation, it would be a reconstruct.

Committee members asked questions of the applicant.

Closed Public Comment.

Committee members discussed the matter.

MOTION: **Motion by Commissioner Burnett** to Recommend Denial to the Community Development Director to a Request to Remove a Pre-1941 Property from the Historic Resources Inventory for Property Zoned R-1:10. APN 529-35-034. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Section 15061(b)(3). Findings Number 3, Distinctive Style Characteristic, and Number 5, Have Not Been Met for Removal. **Seconded by Commissioner Thomas.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously, (3-0)**

3. 34 Pleasant Street

Minor Residential Development Application MR-25-003.

Consider a Request for Approval to Construct a New Second-Story Addition and Exterior Alterations to an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1D. Located at 34 Pleasant Street. APN 529-26-018. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301: Existing Facilities. Property Owner: Michael Hyman. Applicant: Maia Gendreau. Project Planner: Ryan Safty.

Ryan Safty, Project Planner, presented the staff report.

Opened Public Comment.

Applicant presented the project.

Marvin Bamburg, Applicant

- The house was built by the owner's family in the 1920's. They are proposing to add a second story. The house currently covers 1,000 sf and will be expanded to 2,300 sf. It is historic because of age, and not architectural style. It is a simple cottage. The addition will be set back for two reasons. This keeps a similar street front appearance and maintains the structure of the front first floor. The kitchen at the back of the house needs to be fixed. They are available for questions.

Committee members asked questions of the applicant.

Marvin Bamburg, Applicant

- They could not find fiberglass windows with lugs. There are aluminum-clad windows with lugs. These are paintable and will be double-hung and with muntins. They will also build a new foundation for the addition and create a basement space.

Closed Public Comment.

Committee members discussed the matter.

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Chair Quiroz** to Recommend Approval to the Director for the Request to Construct a New Second-Story Addition and Exterior Alterations to an Existing Pre-1941 Single-Family Residence on Property Zoned R-1D. APN 529-26-018. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, Section 15301: Existing Facilities. **Seconded by Commissioner Burnett.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously, (3-0)

OTHER BUSINESS (*Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.*)

4. Select a Chair and Vice Chair

Committee members discussed the matter.

Continue to the next HPC meeting on February 25, 2026.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 28,
2026

An appeal of the decision to deny removal from the Historic Inventory for 647 N. Santa Cruz Avenue will be heard at today's Planning Commission meeting.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

Topic to be agendized:

- Pre-1941 Guidelines. Need an updated inventory. A Town ordinance states that buyers have a responsibility to maintain the home. Realtors need to inform buyers of the categories. How is this enforced?

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the January 28, 2026 meeting as approved by the Historic Preservation Committee.

/s/ Sean Mullin, AICP, Planning Manager