



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

**MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 27, 2024**

The Historic Preservation Committee of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a regular meeting on March 27, 2024 at 4:03 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:03 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Susan Burnett, Vice Chair Lee Quintana, and Committee Member Barry Cheskin.

Absent: Planning Commissioner Adam Mayer and Committee Member Martha Queiroz.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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

1. Approval of Minutes – March 13, 2024

MOTION: **Motion by Vice Chair Lee Quintana to approve the Consent Calendar.
Seconded by Committee Member Barry Cheskin.**

VOTE: **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. 32 Euclid Avenue
Request for Review Application PHST-23-019.

Requesting Approval to Remove a Presumptive Historic Property (Pre-1941) from the Historic Resources Inventory for Property Zoned R-1:8. APN 529-30-064. Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Section 15061 (b)(3).

Property Owner/Applicant: David Wilson

Project Planner: Sean Mullin

Sean Mullin, Senior Planner, presented the staff report.

Opened Public Comment.

Applicant presented the project.

Kurt Anderson, Architect; Andy Buran, ECORP Consulting, Inc.

- Andy presented a synopsis of the report. Information was gathered from aerials, permits, etc. The evaluation was made based on National, State, and Los Gatos registered criteria. The report concludes that it doesn't meet the criteria.

Committee members asked questions.

Sandra Mahl, Power of Attorney for former owner, Jerra Rowland.

- She spoke with former husband and the former owner. They were never told that their house was of historic significance, and never asked for historical designation. It didn't seem appropriate. They made a lot of alterations to the front and back.

Kurt Anderson, Architect

- The integrity of the structure is lost, as Sandra said, it had a lot of alterations. It looks like a house and not a barn. The new design has a farmhouse style.
- Alex met with neighbors, and they were in favor of the project.

Closed Public Comment.

Committee members discussed the matter.

- I still see a barn. There are many parts that are barn-like.
- It would cost a lot of money, but it could be restored.
- It should remain on the inventory.
- Not enough historical background of the site and who owned it.
- Appreciate all the research.
- The structure has been substantially modified.
- It doesn't reflect a clear architectural style anymore.
- Not convinced if a council member owning it qualifies as an important person.
- Advocate removing it from the Historic Inventory.

MOTION: **Motion by Chair Burnett** to recommend denial of the request to remove a presumptive historic property (pre-1941) from the Historic Resources Inventory for property zoned R-1:8. Findings are based on the structure's architectural integrity, architectural design of a barn, and association with a notable Los Gatos person. **Seconded by Vice Chair Quintana.**

VOTE: **Motion passed, 2-1. Committee Member Cheskin voted no.**

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 27, 2024 meeting as approved by the Historic Preservation Committee.

/s/Jennifer Armer, AICP, Planning Manager