

Town of Los Altos Hills

History Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Time: 3:30 pm Note:

Meeting Place: Duxbury Conference Room

Los Altos Hills Town Hall, 26379 Fremont Road

Los Altos Hills, CA 94022

Committee Meetings are held in-person. As a courtesy, and in compliance with applicable state law, staff and members of the public may participate in the meeting in person at the Town Hall or virtually via Zoom Video Conference.

Members of the public wishing to speak are requested to raise their *virtual* hand during the time for public comment. Before speaking, please identify yourself by name and indicate where you reside.

Note: All votes shall be made by roll call and individual votes will be stated in the minutes.

Committee Members: Bernardo Ferrari (co-chair); Patty Woolsey, Carol Gottlieb (co-chair); Sylvia Jensen (vice chair); Sally Wood.

Associated Member: Joe Heinrich, Deanna Tryon, Barry Smith, Jitze Couperus; Nancy Traficanti; Siobhan Korman.

City Council Liaison: Linda Swan

1. Call to Order at 3:35 pm.

2. Roll Call of Committee Members: Bernardo _Present__; Patty -_Present__; Sylvia_Absent__; Carol - _Present__; Sally _Absent__: Associate Member Joe _Present; Deanna-_Absent__ ;Barry _Present__; Jitze _Present__; Nancy Traficanti _Absent : Siobhan Korman—absent; Council Liaison Linda Swan Absent -zoom_. Guests: Alice Mansell, DAR; Sue Welch; Karen Emerzian; Rajiv Bhatega– Mayor; Cody Einfalt, acting City Manager

3. Presentations from the Floor: Persons in attendance or via zoom may may address the Committee on items of interest that are within the Committee’s jurisdiction but not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. The Committee is not permitted to take action on items raised during Public Comment but may refer matters to staff for review or place them on a future agenda for discussion.

a. Cody Einfalt, Acting City Manager, gave us an update of the Committee’s Work Plan requests. All requests were approved and funded except for Staff Time to complete the History Element.

- Completion of the Heritage House and its celebration of the Town’s 70th Anniversary.
- Plagues for the Heritage Tress at Byrne Preserve

- Reinstall the De Anza Route Plaques
- Fall Presentation
- Historical Landmark designation for Chapel of the Hills
- Research Town History

4. Old Business

a. Historical Sites Update

- 1.) Heritage House Updates: Two chairs have been purchased for the seating area. House will be tented. Melissa to arrange for the History Committee to view the inside of the House.
- 2.) Martha Lynn Water Tower - Still no word when it be put on the Council's agenda.
- 3.) Shumate Brick Pillars – To be determined is the Shumate Pillar is in the section of road owned by the Town or in the road-right-a-way easement. If it is the road-right-a-way, then permission would have to be received from the property owner to prune the vegetation. Added Note: Pathway documentation shows there is a General Public easement which includes pre legend a 5-foot general public easement along the inside of the boundary and 10-foot easement along the boundary.) All three Shumate pillars are in need of some cement repair.

- b. Updating Digital Archival – Jitze & Rajiv. No added information. A future discussion will be agendize next month to discuss how to break down the town's history by eras.
- c. Work Plan – Element Update to the General Plan – Due to the Planning Department workload was not approved for this year's work plan – History Committee can continue its work.
- d. Signage for the Heritage Oak Trees in Bryne Preserve – Update: Nothing to report. Funding has been approved.
- e. 70th Anniversary – Funding has been approved for the Open House. Melissa needs to give us date.
- f. Other items for maintenance – Cupola – Nothing to Report.
- g. De Anza 1776 Reenactment Ride Plaque – Update: Alice Mansell had sent the Committee an email regarding the De Anza Trail status. See Attachment.
- h. June Issue of "Our Town": List of Possible Articles for June Issue – See Attachment.
- i. 12871 Atherton Court – Landscape. Approved by the Site Development Committee with additional screening.

4. New Business:

a. Approval of September, October, January & February minutes. – September, October, and January were not available for approval. February Minutes – Motioned by Bernardo and seconded by Sally that the minutes be approved. Approved by consensus.

5. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at five o'clock.