

Memorandum

TO: Toni Taber
City Clerk

FROM: Harry Freitas

**SUBJECT: HISTORIC LANDMARKS
COMMISSION**

DATE: April 13, 2017

Approved

Date

BACKGROUND

Council Policy 0-4, Consolidated Policy Governing Boards and Commissions, allows the Department staff liaison for the Commission to submit a memo to the City Clerk with its evaluation of applicant(s) based on the powers and duties of the Commission, any special eligibility requirements, and experience, background and expertise of the applicant(s). The memo should include a statement setting forth attendance, residency information and compliance with City requirements (e.g., commission training, state-mandated training, Form 700 filing) on any incumbents eligible for reappointment.

COMMISSION'S SPECIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

San José Municipal Code Section

2.08.2620 - Special eligibility requirements.

A.

Members shall be residents of the city, unless the city council specifically authorizes a nonresident member.

B.

Members of the commission shall be persons having demonstrable interest and expertise in historic preservation.

C.

Whenever possible, at least three members shall have professional expertise in one of the following disciplines: architecture, history, architectural history, planning, prehistoric and historic archaeology, folklore, cultural anthropology, curation, conservation, and landscape architecture or related disciplines, to the extent such professionals are available in the community.

(Ord. 25209.)

APPLICANT EVALUATION

The applicants listed below meet the residency requirements, and have special eligibility requirements noted below:

1. Lance Shoemaker: Lance has a Masters Degree in Urban Planning and is interested in preservation of the San Jose history, neighborhood preservation and urban form. He has served on other commissions including the Housing Commission and is a member of the Victorian Preservation Association. He is familiar with the City Landmark designation and Mills Act processes and has been involved with them as a private resident.
2. Merelee Shelton: Merelee was a professor at San Jose City College for 30 years. She has a strong interest in historic preservation and has worked for History San Jose as a docent and given tours of the Fallon House and the Peralta Adobe. She has also worked on some other commissions including the Social Services Commission, the Human Relations Commission and the Police Auditor Committee.
3. Ed Saum: Ed is an architect and is currently the chairperson of the City Historic Landmark's Commission and the on the City HLC Design Sub-Committee. He is doing a good job as chair of the HLC, has a good attendance record and has gone out of his way to attend trainings and workshops on historic preservation. He has professional experience in the restoration of homes and private clubs, and is also on the Shasta Hanchett Neighborhood Association.
4. Lisa Ruder: Lisa has a BA in geography and has a strong interest in historic preservation. She served on the Steering Committee with the City's Redevelopment Agency and the Department of Transportation to develop the "The Alameda: A Plan for a Beautiful Way" from 2009-2012. She recently attended the Santa Clara County Workshop on Historic Preservation given by the State Historic preservation Office.
5. Steve Polcyn: Steve was a previous HLC Commissioner in 2002-2005, and has BA in Fine Arts and a Masters in Urban Planning. His work is related to architecture and urban design and he was involved in historic building renovation of the San Jose Women's Club. He is a member of the California Preservation Foundation, a member of PacSJ and has been on other committees. His wife is Kim Walesh, the City of San Jose's Director of the Office of Economic Development.
6. Steve Lynch: Steve has a MA in City Planning. He is currently a real estate developer. He has 10 years of City Planning experience working for 3 different local cities. In Sunnyvale he was the liaison to the Historic Preservation Commission.
7. Basim Jaber: Basim has a BS in engineering and has been a consulting engineer for the Santa Clara Valley Water District. He was also the co-founder and is a Board member of the Mt.

April 13, 2017

Subject: Historic Landmarks Commission Applicant Evaluation

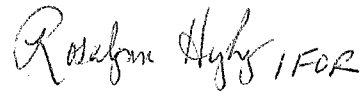
Page 3 of 3

Umunhum Conservancy organization responsible for the preservation of Mt. Umunhum. He has a strong interest in historic preservation.

8. Jennifer Hembree: Jennifer has a BA in Archaeology & Historic Preservation and she writes historic evaluations professionally. She has over 10 years of experience in preparing historic evaluations, and has a strong interest in historic preservation.
9. Harriet Arnold: Harriet is a professor of social welfare and psychology at the University of Pacific, and she is "extremely interested in historic preservation". She volunteers for History San Jose and is a member of PacSJ.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the above applicants meet the special eligibility requirements for the appointment to the Historic Landmarks Commission San José Municipal Code.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rosemary Hyatt", followed by the letters "FOR" in a slightly different script.

Harry Freitas, Director of the
Planning, Building and Code
Enforcement Department