

NEWS

Historic plan blasted, approved

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After 10 meetings, four study sessions and two-and-a-half years, Mountain View has a historic preservation ordinance. During the two hours of debate, council members described the measure as "a failure," "sausage," and "a cruel hoax," but it was passed by a 5-2 vote of the City Council. Council members Rosemary Stasek and Mary Lou Zoglin voted against the measure.

Original plan

When the original urgency ordinance was passed in April of 2002, property owners on the historic register of 93 homes were prohibited from making demolishing or making modifications in the historic character of their buildings. But owners objected to the restrictions, and the final ordinance is voluntary, allowing property to choose to be on the register and accept restrictions in exchange for benefits such as property tax reductions and less restrictive permit requirements.

The council chambers were packed with over 100 attendees during the meeting on Tuesday. In the lengthy debate that followed, several council members noted that the list of 93 homes was assembled over two years ago on an ad-hoc basis and may not have any historical validity.

"We need a truly professional evalua-

tion of our historic stock," said Council member Nick Galiotto. Council member Stasek was more forceful. "This measure fails because the initial list was defective. As this long, now horrific process comes to an end tonight, I'm completely stunned that we don't have that list," said Stasek. "I don't know where I screwed up and missed that. There's no way of doing this without the real list."

Sausage

As the debate continued, Council member Mike Kasperzak described the pending law as "sausage."

"Its sausage. It's a compromise," said Kasperzak. "But it's a start."

After the meeting, Kasperzak noted that Palo Alto had passed a mandatory ordinance only to see it rejected by the voters in an initiative election.

"We don't want to see that happen here," said Kasperzak.

The council voted to get an estimate from the city's staff of the cost of developing a professional listing of historic buildings, but in its absence, the list of 93 buildings assembled by volunteers remains in place. Owners of those buildings will be mailed instructions from the city to allow them to be removed from development restrictions. The council also voted to initiate a procedure that would require additional meetings with the city planning department before

demolition of one of the buildings would be approved.

IN OTHER BUSINESS, COUNCIL:

Heard a report from attorney Michael Jenkins that cleared City Attorney Michael Martello of ethics charges.

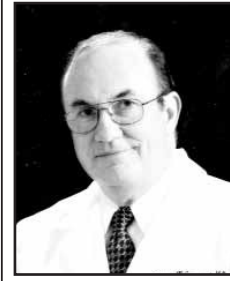
Jenkins was hired to investigate allegations against Martello raised by Michael Read in letters to the council. Read is the estranged husband of Pamela Read, the general manager of Foothill Disposal Co. Foothill holds the contract for trash collection in Mountain View.

Martello sent a letter to the council informing them that he had formed a personal relationship with Pamela Read in early March, and stating that he would not participate in any decision concerning Foothill.

Michael Read had alleged that Martello had improperly influenced negotiations with Foothill. He also stated that Martello had misled the council about the dates the relationship started, used his city credit card to pay for lunches with Pamela Read, and had "engaged in private and possibly inappropriate behavior during working hours."

Jenkins described a lengthy process of interviewing 16 city employees, including Martello, who were then required to submit a written statement signed under penalty of perjury. He also interviewed Michael Read and Pamela Read. Jenkins concluded that Martello had done nothing wrong.

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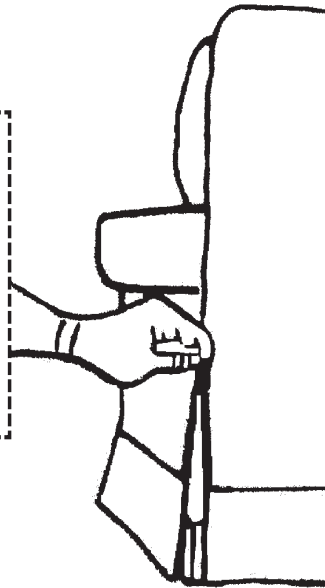
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