

EL CERRITO HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MINUTES

April 17, 2018

Dave Weinstein called the meeting to order at 4:35.

Directors Dave Weinstein, Chris Horn, Barbara Hill, Pat Shaw, Chris Sterba, and Tom Panas were present. John Falconer was also present. Director Joanne Rubio had notified the Board that she would not be able to attend the meeting.

The minutes of the March 20 meeting were approved as submitted.

There was no public comment.

Dave Weinstein reported to the board that the Rodini the house on Elm Street appears to be suffering from neglect. There are broken windows, rain is able to get in, and there is no serious protection against unauthorized occupancy. Tom Panas volunteered to discuss this with city staff at the City Council meeting this evening. Unless the city staff is able to take significant action, Dave suggested that the board write a letter to the city requesting that the Rodini house be appropriately secured.

There was a discussion about upcoming programs. The Hillside Festival is fast approaching and then on July 7 there will be a walk in Sunset Cemetery led by Tom Panas. In August they will be a mid-century modern architecture walk. There was discussion about the society putting on a program to support the opening of Hana Gardens in the fall. Tom agreed to talk to the Eden housing about this and also check with the Japanese community to see if they had any thoughts. The board discussed a possible gambling tour in early November.

Future editions of the Forge were discussed. Current planning is that our next edition will include an article about the Civil War and then in September an article about Louis Hagan

The application for new board members was reviewed and approved by the Board. It reflected the two changes suggested at the March meeting. Chris Sterba announced that he would be resigning from the Board because he will be spending the next year working in Africa.

The Board discussed the bench that is being purchased to honor Rich Bartke. Dave asked Tom to suggest some wording to be inscribed on the bench.

Minutes taken by Tom Panas