



CITY OF PALO ALTO CITY COUNCIL FINAL MINUTES

Special Meeting
August 31, 2020

The City Council of the City of Palo Alto met on this date in virtual teleconference at 6:02 P.M.

Present: Cormack, DuBois, Filseth, Fine, Kniss; Kou arrived at 7:07 P.M.,
Tanaka

Absent:

Special Orders of the Day

1. Interviews of Candidates for the Human Relations Commission and Public Art Commission.

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Human Relations Commission:

- A. Sunita de Turreil
- B. Paula Rugg
- F. Sofia Fojas
- C. Nilofer Chollampat
- D. Curt Kinsky
- E. Lestina Trainor

The City Council interviewed the following applicants for the Public Art Commission:

- A. Marilyn Gottlieb-Robert
- B. Harriet Stern
- C. Nia Taylor (Incumbent)
- D. Hsinya Shen (Incumbent)

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Oral Communication

Rob Levitsky said the Council spent a large portion of their meeting discussing an oak tree at 2300 Webster Street. He questioned why this discussion was not dealt with at a lower level. Over the past 20 years there was an arborist assigned to the Planning Department, but since the arborist left there was a lack of integrity for the Tree Ordinance. There needed to be a stronger focus on this.

Benafsha Irani noted that over the past two years, the exit at Highway 101 and University Avenue was filled with trash, graffiti and weeds; cleanliness was not being practiced on a regular basis. This area was known as one of most affluent neighborhoods in the Bay Area and it did not represent the Crescent Park neighborhood. She urged the Council to help remove the debris.

Vice Mayor DuBois confirmed that Ms. Irani did send an email about the debris near the exit at Highway 101; he was not sure if that was Palo Alto or not.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 P.M.