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Historic Resources Board Staff Report

From: Jonathan Lait, Planning and Development Services Director
Lead Department: Planning and Development Services

Meeting Date: April 13, 2023
Report #: 2304-1240

TITLE

Study Session Regarding Flagpole and Monument at Hostess House/Veterans Memorial Building/MacArthur Park (27 University Avenue)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the HRB receive presentations from William von Kaenel, Commander from American Legion Palo Alto Post 375, and from Laura Jones, Stanford University Archaeologist and Executive Director, Heritage Services.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

There is no project application filed. No recommendation is requested or required. Staff was approached by Stanford University staff to hold a study session with the HRB, and the HRB and staff received communication from an American Legion representative requesting to also present to the HRB.

BACKGROUND

Staff received a request from both parties to present to the Historic Resources Board regarding the status of the flagpole and monument on the historic property. Mr. Von Kaenel previously addressed the HRB in 2022¹.

¹ HRB March 24, 2022 meeting minutes link: <https://www.cityofpaloalto.org/files/assets/public/agendas-minutes-reports/agendas-minutes/historic-resources-board/2022/march-24-2022-minutes.pdf>



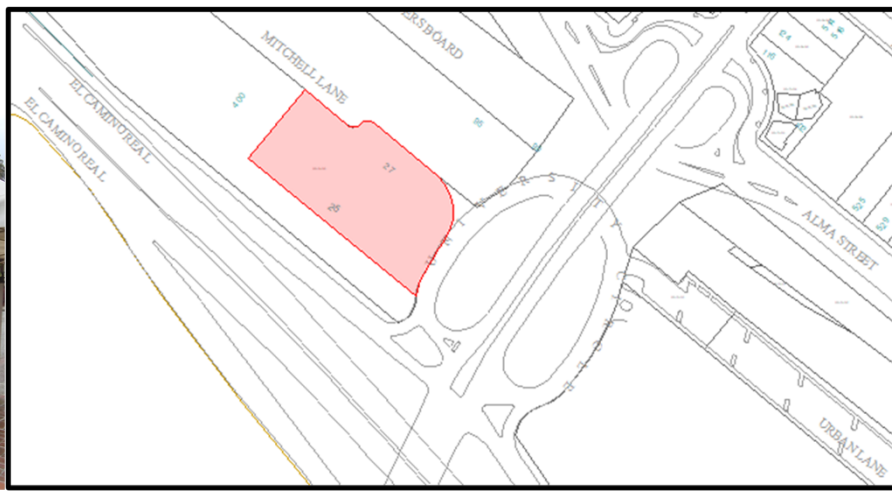
Flagpole Today



Flagpole Dedication Day 10/26/1908



Flagpole pedestal



27 University Avenue Property

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Study sessions are not subject to environmental review.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A - C: Documents submitted by William von Kaenel of American Legion

Attachments D – H: Documents submitted by Laura Jones of Stanford University

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