

Historic Resources Advisory Board Minutes

Call to order

Facilitated by the Chair of the Board.

- Nancy Oliver Chair called to order the special meeting of the Historic Resources Advisory Board held at the San Mateo County History Museum 2200 Broadway Redwood City, on May 20, 2026 at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair conducted a roll call. The following persons were present.

- Nancy Oliver
- Mitch Postel
- Frederic Hansson
- William Howland

Approval of Minutes

- Approval of minutes from May March 18th , 2026. Minutes unavailable, minutes to be approved at net meeting.

Old Business

- a) Carriage House Project: Complete October 3rd to be grand opening.
- b) Lathrop House Renovations: A tour was provided by the History Museum curator. The AC and other repairs were complete, and period correct wallpaper was installed by the county. Period furniture and other items have been given, purchased, or loaned to the museum from collectors throughout the bay area creating rich details.

New Business

- a) Renaming of the Lathrop House:
 - 1. The History Museum has settled on a new name for the Lathrop House. The new name chosen is "Lora Mundi". As shown in the attached article Benjamin Lathrop built the Lathrop house and called it Lora Mundi (beauty spot of the world). The curator stated that the Loar was possibly a mishearing of "Gloria". The Museum would like to choose a name for the house that is not wrought with controversy from imperfect people. The museum itself will however showcase in detail the history of the house and its occupants.

2. A motion was made by Frederik Hansson to recommend that the name be changed to Lora Mundi. Second by William Howland. All members voted to approve the motion with Mith Postel abstaining due to conflict of interest.