

Historic Resources Commission Regular Meeting Agenda Minutes

March 3, 2022

**Council Chamber
22 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA
4:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Tim Rush, Chairperson
Ed Murashie, Vice Chairperson
Keith Carpenter
Alberta Christy
Vince Frazier
Ginelle Hardy
Mark McLoughlin
Sandra Peña Sarmiento
Dwayne Shipp

Staff:

Minh Thai, Executive Director
John Funk, Senior Asst. City Attorney
Fabiola Zelaya-Melicher, Planning Manager
Christina Leonard, Recording Secretary

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS (non-agenda items)

CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the Minutes from the meeting of November 4, 2021

Moved by Commissioner McLoughlin, seconded by Commissioner Christy to Adopt.

YES: 8 – Alberta Christy, Sandra Pena Sarmiento, Tim Rush, Edward Murashie, Dwayne Shipp, Keith Carpenter, Ginelle Hardy, Mark McLoughlin

NO: 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 1 – Vince Frazier

Status: 8 – 0 – 0 – 1 – **Pass**

b. Excused absences

Recommended Action: Excused absent commissioners.

c. Certified Local Government 2020-2021 Annual Report

Recommended Action: Receive and File.

****End of Consent Calendar****

BUSINESS CALENDAR

Public Hearing: The Historic Resources Commission decision is final unless appealed to the City Council within 10 days of the decision by any interested party or group. Legal notice was published in the OC Reporter on February 23, 2022 and notices were mailed on February 17 & 18, 2022.

1. Historic Exterior Modification Application No. 2022-03 – Pedro Gomez, Case Planner

Project Location: 400 East Fourth Street located in the Downtown (DT) land use district within the Transit Zoning Code (Specific Development No. 84).

Project Applicant: Bethany Schermer

Project Description: Application for exterior modifications to a property listed as “Contributive” on the historic register and known as the Hotel Finley. The scope of work includes change of use, new roof deck and a roof garden. Exterior modifications to include removal of non-original storefront windows; restoration of prismatic glass panels; replacement of non-original cement plaster; addition of new compatible brick veneer; restoration of existing original wood framed paired windows; restore existing glazed brick cladding; installation of a compatible cornice; and new fabric awnings.

Environmental Impact: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the recommended action is exempt from further review under Section 15331, Class 31, as this action is designed to preserve a historic resource. Categorical Exemption No. 2021-72 will be filed for this project.

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for Historic Exterior Modification Application No. 2022-03.

Moved by Commissioner Murashie, seconded by Commissioner Christy to Adopt.

YES: 8 – Alberta Christy, Sandra Pena Sarmiento, Tim Rush, Edward Murashie, Dwayne Shipp, Keith Carpenter, Ginelle Hardy, Mark McLoughlin

NO: 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 1 – Vince Frazier

Status: 8 – 0 – 0 – 1 – **Pass**

Minutes: *Recording Secretary reported that written communication was received.*

Chair Rush opened the Public Hearing.

The applicant spoke in favor of the matter.

Phil Chen spoke of his concern for the historic accuracy of the building with the signage and awnings.

The Commission added conditions to the approval, to have appropriate signage, awnings and window displays that reflect the historic accuracy of the building.

There were no other speakers and the Public Hearing was closed.

2. Historic Exterior Modification Application No. 2022-02 – Pedro Gomez, Case Planner

Project Location: 1411 North Broadway located in the Midtown Specific Plan (SP-3) zoning designation.

Project Applicant: Brateil Aghasi/WISEPlace

Project Description: The applicant is proposing an adaptive reuse project to rehabilitate and convert an existing one-story historic building, listed as “Landmark” on the historic register and known as the Santa Ana-Tustin YWCA, into offices, a training center, community room, and three residential studio units. The project also consists of a new four-story addition with parking at ground level and residential units, laundry rooms, and communal space at the upper levels.

Environmental Impact: In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the recommended action is exempt from further review under Section 15331, Class 31, as this action is designed to preserve a historic resource. Categorical Exemption No. 2022-05 will be filed for this project.

Recommended Action: Adopt a resolution approving a Certificate of Appropriateness for Historic Exterior Modification Application No. 2022-02.

Minutes: *Commissioners Christy and Murashie met and inspected the property. Also attending the Sunshine Meeting.*

Recording Secretary reported that written communication was received.

Chair Rush opened the Public Hearing.

The applicants and architect spoke in favor of the matter.

The Commission added conditions to include more landscaping for the building on backside. There were no other speakers and the Public Hearing was closed.

Moved by Commissioner Christy, seconded by Commissioner Hardy to Adopt.

YES: 8 – Alberta Christy, Sandra Pena Sarmiento, Tim Rush, Edward Murashie, Dwayne Shipp, Keith Carpenter, Ginelle Hardy, Mark McLoughlin
NO: 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 1 – Vince Frazier
Status: 8 – 0 – 0 – 1 – **Pass**

****End of Business Calendar****

WORK STUDY SESSION

Historic Preservation Work Program Discussion – Fabiola Zelaya Melicher and Pedro Gomez

- Existing Work Program & Accomplishments
- Key Staff Initiatives
- Commission Work Program
- Follow Up Sessions & Next Steps

Minutes:

****End of Work Study Session****

STAFF COMMENTS

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

X. South Main History Walk Presentation/Update
Ad Hoc Committee Members – Commissioners Carpenter, Hardy, and Pena Sarmiento

Minutes: *Commissioner Pena-Sarmiento indicated that providing an update on this subject should be agendaized under Work Study Session, so that a discussion on the matter takes place. The Commission requested item to be scheduled for May 5, 2022 meeting.*

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Historic Resources Commission is scheduled for May 5, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 22 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA.

APPEAL INFORMATION: The formal action by the Commission shall become effective after the ten-day appeal period. An appeal from the decision or requirement of the Commission may be made by any interested party, individual, or group. The appeal must be filed with the Clerk of the Council, accompanied by the required filing fee, and a copy sent to the Planning Department, within ten days of the date of the Commission's action, by 5:00 p.m. If the final day to appeal falls on a City Hall observed holiday or a day when City hall is closed, the final day to appeal shall be extended to the next day City Hall is open for public business. Please note: Under California Government Code Sec. 65009, if you challenge in court any of the matters on this agenda for which a public hearing is to be conducted, you may be limited to raising only those issues which you (or someone else) raised orally at the public hearing or in written correspondence received by the Commission or City Council at or before the hearing.

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Submit a written comment

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- **Mail** to Christina Leonard, Recording Secretary, City of Santa Ana, 20 Civic Center Plaza – M20, Santa Ana, CA 92701.

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