

CITY OF VISALIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, May 11, 2022, at 5:30PM

CHAIR: Walter Deissler VICE-CHAIR: Tyler Davis

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Patty Kane, Michael Kreps, Marilynn Mitchell, Jay Hohlbauch, Jordan Mulrooney

City of Visalia Administration Building
220 N. Santa Fe Street, Visalia CA

AGENDA

A. Citizen's Comments

B. Meeting Minutes

1. April 13, 2022, Regular Meeting
2. April 27, 2022, Regular Meeting

C. Discussion Items

1. Local Register of Historic Structures Update
2. Historic Preservation Ordinance Update
3. Committee and Staff Comments
 - a. May 2, 2022, Visalia City Council Meeting – Appointment of Jordan Mulrooney to the HPAC.
 - b. Next HPAC Meeting: May 26, 2022, Visalia City Council Chambers.
4. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

D. Adjournment

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**All
members present.**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Patty Kane, Michael Kreps, Marilyn Mitchell, Jay Hohlbauch

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Corey Evans, Lori Chan Luna, Josh Ernst, Jordan Mulrooney
CITY STAFF: Cristobal Carrillo, Associate Planner

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AGENDA

A. Citizen's Comments

None.

B. Meeting Minutes

1. March 23, 2022, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Kane to approve the meeting minutes for March 23, 2022. The motion was approved 6-0.

2. March 30, 2022, Special Called Meeting

A motion was made by Kane, seconded by Hohlbauch to approve the meeting minutes for March 30, 2022. The motion was approved 6-0.

C. Project Reviews:

1. **HPAC No. 2022-10:** A request by Corey Evans and Brandie Evans to construct a storage building, a carport, a gate, a flagpole, and demolish a detached garage and wood fencing, located in the R-1-5 (Single Family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum site area) Zone. The project site is located at 821 S. Church Street (APN: 097-087-007).

Staff presented its report and recommended approval of the proposal as conditioned by staff. Public comment in favor of the project was received from project applicant and property owner Corey Evans. Evans stated that he was not aware that HPAC review and Building Permits were needed for the structures placed onsite. Evans also noted that there were several sites within the vicinity that had similar issues. Evans stated that enforcement was inconsistent and that he felt disparaged as a result. Evans stated that his preference would be to keep the existing detached garage in

addition to the metal storage building. The HPAC asked for clarification from staff concerning why the detached garage would have to be removed, as it appeared to be original to the structure. Staff stated that removal of the garage would allow the metal storage building to remain with approval of an Administrative Adjustment and other modifications. The Committee discussed alternatives to demolition of the garage with staff, including continuing the meeting to solicit additional information. After discussion, it was motioned by Kane, seconded by Mitchell, to continue the item to the meeting of April 27, 2022, to obtain additional information from staff on whether it was possible to keep both the metal storage building and detached garage onsite, and what would occur if a Variance request was denied by the Visalia Planning Commission. The motion passed 6-0.

D. Discussion Items

1. Review of Committee Member Applications

- a. Lori Chan Luna
- b. Josh Ernst
- c. Jordan Mulrooney

The Committee conducted interviews of each candidate to fill a vacancy on the HPAC. After the completion of interviews and deliberation, it was motioned by Kreps, seconded by Mitchell, to nominate Jordan Mulrooney to fill the vacancy on the HPAC. Deissler noted that the nomination would be required to be reviewed and approved by the Visalia City Council.

2. Local Register of Historic Structures Update / Historic Preservation Ordinance Update

- a. Public Outreach Meeting
- b. April 11, 2022, HPAC Update to the Visalia Planning Commission
- c. Next Steps

Due to time constraints, Staff and the Committee briefly discussed the Public Outreach Meeting and April 11, 2022, update to the Planning Commission. The remaining items on the agenda were tabled to the meeting of April 27, 2022.

- d. Local Register Classification Discussion

3. Certified Local Government Discussion

4. Letter to Property Owners of Sites on the National Register of Historic Places

5. Committee and Staff Comments

6. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

E. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kreps, seconded by Kane, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

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**Kreps absent. All
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A. Citizen's Comments

A letter was submitted by Lori Chan Luna thanking the HPAC for being considered to serve on the Committee.

B. Meeting Minutes

1. April 13, 2022, Regular Meeting

Staff stated that the item was accidentally not included in the agenda packets mailed to the Committee and posted on the City website. As such, the item could not be vote on. Staff stated that the item would be placed on the May 11, 2022, meeting agenda for consideration.

C. Project Reviews:

1. **HPAC No. 2022-10 (Continued Hearing):** A request by Corey Evans and Brandie Evans to construct a storage building, a carport, a gate, a flagpole, and demolish a detached garage and wood fencing, located in the R-1-5 (Single Family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum site area) Zone. The project site is located at 821 S. Church Street (APN: 097-087-007).

Staff stated that the applicant requested a continuance to a future unspecified date to allow for revision of the proposal to include conversion of the detached garage into an Accessory Dwelling Unit. Staff stated that this would remove the garage from coverage limitations. The Committee asked if the applicant would still need to relocate the metal storage building to meet City development standards. The applicant answered yes, and that there would still be a requirement to obtain approval of an Administrative Adjustment to permit deviations from building height, coverage, and setback

limitations. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kane, seconded by Mitchell to continue the item to a future unspecified date. The motion carried 5-0 (Kreps absent).

2. **HPAC No. 2022-11:** A request by Jose Mendoza to construct a wood fence, within the R-1-5 (Single Family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum site area) Zone. The project site is located at 411 W. Goshen Avenue (APN: 094-351-002).

Staff presented its report and recommended approval of the proposal as conditioned by staff. The applicant was not in attendance. Public comment was received from Jordan Mulrooney, who stated that he lives next to the project site and that the occupants have small dogs and children. The Committee asked for clarification on how the applicant would comply with the 50% open rule. Various methods to achieve compliance were discussed by the Committee, as there was concern that opening of the fence would render it inefficient at keeping in children and pets. Following discussion, a motion was made by Hohlbauch to approve the proposal with a modification to Condition of Approval No. 2 to include a requirement to maintain a fence height of four feet, and to reduce the width of every other fence picket, to meet the "50% open" requirement. The motion was seconded by Kane. The motion carried 5-0. (Kreps absent).

D. Discussion Items

1. Certified Local Government Discussion

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of pursuing Certified Local Government (CLG) designation. Staff requested additional information to better determine potential impacts to staff time. It was then agreed that the CLG sub-committee would contact State Historic Preservation Office staff and active CLG's to obtain additional information. A staff report would then be drafted for review by the Committee and staff at a future meeting.

2. Local Register of Historic Structures Update

The Committee conducted Local Register evaluations for seven residences (705 S. Court Street, 534, 535, 615, 708, 801, and 805 W. Myrtle Avenue). Upon review it was recommended that all seven residences evaluated retain their existing Local Register classifications.

3. Historic Preservation Ordinance Update

Staff discussed the proposed meeting schedule for the Historic Preservation Ordinance Update and Local Register Update. Staff stated that they planned to bring the projects to the HPAC for review May 25, 2022. The meeting would be held at the Visalia City Council chambers and be publicly noticed. Staff stated that the items would be scheduled to go before the Planning Commission June 27, 2022, and City Council August 1, 2022. A second reading of the Historic Preservation Ordinance update would then occur either August 15, 2022, or September 15, 2022.

4. Letter to Property Owners of Sites on the National Register of Historic Places

Staff stated they would include local historic preservation information in the letter, as well as a copy of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties document. It was motioned by Davis to approve sending of the letter, except for the site on which The Pioneer statue is located, as it was destroyed and is no longer present onsite. The motion was seconded by Hohlbauch.

5. Review – Annual Report to the Visalia City Council

The Committee reviewed the report and provided comments to include the positive public reception to placement of historic wayfinding signage, and contextual information relevant to the HPAC-Building Advisory Committee joint meeting.

6. Committee and Staff Comments

- a. May 2, 2022, Visalia City Council Meeting – Consideration of Jordan Mulrooney Nomination to the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Staff provided information on the City Council's consideration of the nomination of Mulrooney to the HPAC.

Staff provided an update to issues related to activity at 601 W. Kaweah Avenue, 511 W. Goshen Avenue, and 606 N. Bridge Street.

Staff stated that they would conduct cross training of City Building Inspectors on May 11, 2022. The training would focus on matters of historic preservation.

Lastly staff stated that they had not received word from the Community Development Director regarding historic designation of City owned monuments and facilities. Staff stated they would keep checking on the matter.

7. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

None.

E. Adjournment

A motion was made by Davis, seconded by Hohlbauch, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 5-0 (Kreps absent) The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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