

CITY OF VISALIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, June 22, 2022, at 5:30PM

CHAIR: Walter Deissler VICE-CHAIR: Tyler Davis

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Patty Kane, Michael Kreps, Marilyn 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. June 8, 2022, Regular Meeting

C. Discussion Items

1. June 20, 2022, Visalia City Council Meeting Debriefing:
 - a. HPAC Annual Review
 - b. Reappointment of Committee Members
2. Committee and Staff Comments
 - a. July 11, 2022, Visalia Planning Commission: Historic Preservation Ordinance Update, Local Register of Historic Structures Update
 - b. July 13, 2022, HPAC: Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
3. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

D. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES & ACTION AGENDA

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VICE-CHAIR: Tyler Davis

Mulrooney absent. All other members present.

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: None

CITY STAFF: Cristobal Carrillo, Associate Planner

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A. Citizen's Comments

Kreps provided public comment noting that June 8, 2022, was the birthday of Frank Lloyd Wright. Discussion then occurred between the Committee regarding other Frank Lloyd Wright buildings in Delano (Delano Mortuary), Los Feliz (a Bungalow residence), and Scottsdale, Arizona (Taliesin West residence).

Mitchell provided public comment noting that the recent edition of Lifestyle Magazine included an article about Anna Miles Johnston, who formerly resided in a house in the Historic District, and who reached the summit of Mt. Whitney in 1878.

B. Meeting Minutes

1. May 26, 2022, Special Called Meeting

A motion was made by Kreps, seconded by Hohlbauch to approve the meeting minutes for May 26, 2022. The motion was approved 6-0 (Mulrooney absent).

C. Discussion Items

1. Committee and Staff Comments

Carrillo asked if the Committee wished to discuss the special called meeting of May 26, 2022. Davis noted that it appeared that windows had been replaced at 508 South Court Street without HPAC review. Davis stated that they had also e-mailed staff about a building at 1104 West Center, which was likely relocated from its original location at 209 North Locust Street.

Deissler stated that the dialogue on May 26, 2022, was beneficial, and that the HPAC should do more to spread the word that classification changes would not result in additional review. Discussion followed.

The Committee ask about whether a replacement walking tour plaque had been placed within the sidewalk next to the Visalia Library. Staff stated they would get an update from Engineering staff.

The Committee then asked for staff to investigate why the HPAC discontinued the practice of holding annual awards ceremonies to acknowledge local historic preservation efforts.

a. June 20, 2022, Visalia City Council Meeting – HPAC Annual Review.

Staff provided a brief update on review of the HPAC Annual Report by City Manager staff. Carrillo added that the item would be discussed as a Work Session item, likely sometime around 4:00pm.

Carrillo also noted that the reappointments Deissler, Davis, Hohlbauch, Kane, and Kreps to the HPAC would also be considered at the June 20, 2022, City Council meeting. He stated that this would occur within the 7:00pm hour of the City Council meeting.

b. July 11, 2022, Visalia Planning Commission – Historic Preservation Ordinance Update, Local Register of Historic Structures Update

Deissler stated that the Committee should be prepared to answer questions and defend positions. Deissler again reiterated the importance of clarifying the purpose of Local Register classifications, and that changes to classifications do not result in changes to review.

Deissler requested that staff see if it is possible for HPAC members to participate in meetings remotely, as City Council members are able to do. Deissler stated that a number of members would be traveling over the summer and that allowing remote participation would allow for members to remain present during HPAC meetings.

The Committee then discussed the HPAC's March 2021 review of a fence proposal at 810 North Highland Street, which had been brought up by property owner Joe Halford at the May 26, 2022, HPAC meeting. Staff shared project details of the proposal. The HPAC then directed staff to reach out to the property owner to see if they wished to resubmit a new proposal for review.

Staff then provided an update to HPAC Item No. 2022-10, for placement of a metal storage building at 821 South Church Street. Staff stated that the applicant would be revising the proposal to keep the metal shed onsite, without removal of the existing garage. Staff stated this would require submittal of a Variance request, which would need to be reviewed by the HPAC and Planning Commission. Staff stated this would likely go before the Committee in July 2022.

Staff provided an update to the proposal for a duplex on the northwest corner of West Murray Avenue and North Encina Street. Deissler then stated that the duplex would likely not move forward as a group affiliated with Visalia Heritage had purchased the lot for the future placement of a local historic museum. Discussion followed.

Staff asked for an update from the Certified Local Government subcommittee. Deissler stated that there was nothing to report yet.

2. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

None.

D. Adjournment

A motion was made by Kane, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0 (Mulrooney absent). The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:26pm.

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