

**CITY OF VISALIA**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday, August 24, 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. August 10, 2022, Regular Meeting

**C. Discussion Items**

1. Goals Work Session Discussion
2. Committee and Staff Comments
  - a. Project Updates
3. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

**D. Adjournment**

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**Mitchell absent. All  
other members  
present.**

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Zaid German, Armando Gonzalez, Douglas DuRivage,  
Henry Medina

CITY STAFF: Cristobal Carrillo, Associate Planner

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**A. Citizen's Comments**

**B. Meeting Minutes**

1. July 27, 2022, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Kane, seconded by Mulrooney, to approve the meeting minutes for June 27, 2022. The motion was approved 6-0 (Mitchell absent).

**C. Project Reviews:**

1. **HPAC No. 2022-15:** A request by Zaid German to construct exterior alterations to a triplex on a site within the R-1-5 (Single Family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum site area) Zone. The project site is located at 601 West Kaweah Avenue/605 South Willis Street (APN: 096-153-005).

Staff presented its report and recommended approval of the proposal as conditioned by staff. Public comment in favor of the proposal was received from German Zaid. Discussion occurred regarding the light fixtures, windows, landscape planters, and preservation of an existing mail slot along the Willis Street frontage. Following discussion, a motion was made by Davis, seconded by Kane, to approve the proposal and include a condition requiring preservation of the mail slot along the Willis Street frontage. The motion passed 6-0 (Mitchell absent).

**D. Discussion Items**

1. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 North Church Street – Discussion with Doug DuRivage, Director of Property and Construction, Diocese of Fresno

The Committee received an update on the bell tower for St. Mary's Catholic Church (608 N. Church Street) from Diocese of Fresno Director of Property and Construction

Douglas DuRivage, and Deacon Henry Medina. DuRivage and Medina provided information on why the top portion of the tower was removed and what future actions the Church would be take concerning the remaining portions of the tower. It was requested by Deissler that updates be provided in the future.

## 2. Goals Work Session Discussion

The Committee deliberated over various goals to pursue. The ideas were collected by staff for discussion at future meetings. (Note: The list of goals was later organized by Mulrooney into the list provided below):

- Survey
  - Survey properties in HD, but not LR
  - Identify sites outside of HD for LR designation
  - Create subcommittee to review and survey mid-century structures for LR designation
  - RE-list relocated LR properties
  - Research protecting local landmarks
  - Identify sites for nomination to CA/ National historic registers
  - Refine architectural style descriptors to help identify architectural styles more easily (Tyler started already)
  - Investigate/apply for Certified Local Government program
  - Establish historic sign recognition system/list
  - Expand the HD - (South Locust st, Beverly Glenn, Green Acres, Mayor's Park, Hyde Park)
- Technology
  - Develop searchable/interactive historic database for staff and public use. Can be updated w/ surveys, photos, architectural information, HD/LR designations
- Homeowners Incentives
  - Plaque and awards programs
  - Create workbook for resource for property owners for restoration
  - Research incentives and grants for property owners (Mills Act)
  - Research street lights in HD/Downtown
  - Draft deigns guidelines for fencing/ historic buildings (Tyler started already)
- Marketing and Community Outreach
  - Reach out to TCAOR to inform brokers of HPAC
  - HPAC information booths and public events - volunteer engagement
  - Build network of community volunteers, build list of prospective HPAC members

- Network with other community groups (Downtown Visalia's, Visit Visalia, Lions, Rotary, Soroptimist, Kiwanis, etc.)
- Create a newsletter and continue community outreach through meetings and events

It was also requested that staff contact IT staff to obtain information on whether it was possible for an online database with historic preservation information to be created. Davis volunteered to work on the drafting guidance on the difference architectural styles.

3. August 1, 2022, Visalia City Council Debriefing – Historic Preservation Ordinance Update, Local Register of Historic Structures Update

4. Committee and Staff Comments

- a. August 15, 2022, Visalia City Council: Second Reading of Historic Preservation Ordinance Update

Staff stated that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Historic Preservation Ordinance update would occur August 15, 2022, and that Committee members would not need to attend.

- b. Project Updates

Staff provided updates on placement of a walking tour plaque at the Visalia Public Library and light fixtures for the United Stages Post Office building.

5. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

None.

**E. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Kane, seconded by Hohlbauch, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0 (Mitchell absent). The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:22pm.

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