

CITY OF VISALIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 5:30PM

CHAIR: Walter Deissler VICE-CHAIR: Tyler Davis

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Patty Kane, Michael Kreps, Jay Hohlbauch, Jordan Mulrooney, Karen Ayala

City of Visalia Administration Building
220 North Santa Fe Street, Visalia CA

AGENDA

A. Citizen's Comments

B. Meeting Minutes

1. March 8, 2023, Regular Meeting

C. Discussion Items

1. Historic Survey Project
2. Historic Recognition Program
3. Committee and Staff Comments
 - a. Project Updates
4. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

D. Adjournment

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MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 8, 2023

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Ayala 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

None.

B. Meeting Minutes

1. February 22, 2023, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Kane, seconded by Hohlbauch, to approve the meeting minutes for February 22, 2023. The motion was approved 6-0 (Ayala absent).

C. Project Reviews:

1. **HPAC Item No. 2023-06:** A request by Larry Shaw to perform exterior alterations to a triplex within the R-1-5 (Single Family Residential, 5,000 sq. ft. minimum site area) Zone. The project site is located at 732 North Floral Street (APN: 094-012-015).

Staff presented its report and recommended that the HPAC approve the proposal. The applicant did not attend the meeting and no public comment was received. Discussion followed with the Committee noting satisfaction with the alterations proposed. Members stated that they hoped the project would encourage adjacent properties to undergo similar improvements. Deissler noted that HPAC review was the result of work being conducted on the project site without Building Permits and within the Historic District, and that the HPAC itself was not responsible for project delays. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kreps, seconded by Kane, to approve the proposal. The motion passed 6-0 (Ayala absent).

D. Discussion Items

1. Historic Survey Project

Staff provided an update on the Historic Survey Project. The Committee directed staff to contact potential survey volunteers to determine availability for a survey training.

2. Committee and Staff Comments

a. Project Updates

Staff provided updates on various projects throughout the Historic District and Local Register. This included a discussion of exterior alterations at 415 N. Garden Street.

3. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

None.

E. Adjournment

A motion was made by Hohlbauch, seconded by Kane, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0 (Ayala absent). The meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

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City of Visalia

Historic Recognition Program

I. Summary of HRP

The Historic Recognition Program (HRP) allows interested building owners an opportunity to be considered for a plaque to identify the building and its local historical significance to the community.

II. Program background

Founded in 1852, Visalia is the oldest town in the Valley between Los Angeles almost to Stockton. Visalia sprang up out of the middle of an oak forest and the earliest settlers built a log fort for security. Soon they abandoned the fortification and began building a community.

As one of the earliest inland communities, Visalia played a vital role in the growth and development of the Southern San Joaquin Valley and as a result became an important town in California history. The town's historic buildings are a reminder of the rich history of the land, people and events. The plaque would identify these structures as a visible, important link to our past.

III. Purpose of HRP

The purpose of HRP is to draw attention to the historic character of Visalia by identifying historic structures with plaques. Benefits include:

- Development and enhancement of community pride and charm;
- Education of the community about Visalia history.

IV. Plaque process

- The HPAC Committee will review 'qualified' structures nominated by either the owner of the building or members of the community, with the written consent of the building owner.
- By majority vote, the committee will determine the recipient of the plaque.
- Factors to be considered for buildings receiving a plaque are as follows:
 - Age;
 - Style;
 - Site of significant historical events;
 - Condition – including appearance, additions and alterations to the home;
 - Proper documentation on building history;
 - Other relevant information.
- Members of the HPAC committee may choose one or more buildings at a time to receive plaques.

- V. **Requirements for a structure to qualify for an interpretive marker are:**
- The building must be at least **75** years old.
 - The building must be researched for its authenticity, and at a minimum, the date of construction must be reasonably determined.
 - Research must be conducted by qualified historical research personnel approved by the City of Visalia Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) and proper documentation must be provided to HPAC before a plaque can be placed on a building.
 - The building's exterior must be restored or properly maintained in accordance with its historical style and character.
 - In the event that a building has been moved from its original site, it must retain a sense of its historic architectural style and integrity.
 - The owner of the building must authorize the placement of the plaque on the building and assumes ownership of the plaque.
- VI. **Uniformity and standardization of markers**
- The plaques used in the HRP should be of the same size, design and material composition, unless an alternative is approved by the HPAC.
 - Mounting on commercial buildings - The plaque should be mounted between 5 and 6 feet above the ground level surface, in a conspicuous place, and the location must be agreed to by building owner.
 - Mounting on residential buildings – The plaque should be mounted in front of the residence, preferably not attached to the building. It should be located in an area readable from the sidewalk or other public right-of-way. Mounting should be done in accordance with approved method described by HPAC.
- VII. **Responsibility for the HRP plaques**
- Once mounted, all plaques become the property of the building owner.
- VIII. **Nomination of buildings for HRP**
- Individuals and/or organizations can nominate a building for the program, but only HPAC and the building owner can authorize a plaque for a building *through this program*.
 - Prior to HPAC consideration of a nomination, an "Application and Property Owner Authorization" form is required.
 - The signed agreement and confirmed site research meeting the intent of the requirements in Section V shall be considered a "qualified nomination."
 - Qualified nominations continue to be valid unless there has been a change of ownership of the structure, *of if alterations to the building have occurred since the nomination was determined to be 'Qualified'*.

IX. **Application to participate in HRP**

- Requests for consideration must be accompanied by a “Historic Recognition Program - Application and Property Owner Authorization” form. Participation in HRP is voluntary, with the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee making the final determination for the awarding of plaques.

X. These guidelines are subject to change by HPAC. There may be occasions which call for deviation from the guidelines, wherein HPAC will be the final determining body for consistency with the purpose and intent of the guidelines and requirements.

XI. The HRP program guidelines and requirements are in no way intended to limit the ability of a property owner to independently mount a historical plaque or marker on their building.

XII. This program is based upon independent funding through grants, donations or other means. The program may be suspended during times when adequate funding is not available.

XIII. Participation in this program does not confer any special “historic” status to a property or building.



City of Visalia Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Historic Recognition Program Application and Property Owner Authorization

I am requesting consideration of my property for a Historical Marker through the Historic Recognition Program. I understand that the Program requires certification of the building with respect to historical data and significance which the property owner is required to provide, and that not all eligible properties will receive a marker. I further agree to the mutually agreed placement of the marker on my building with the understanding that it becomes the property and responsibility of the property owner. The intent is that the marker remains on the building in perpetuity.

Property Owner Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____

Property Owner Name (print): _____

Property Address: _____ Historic Building Name (if applicable): _____

Property APN: _____ Date of Construction: _____

Contact Information

Property Owner Mailing Address _____

Contact Phone: _____

Contact E-mail: _____

Please attach building documentation (see the Historic Recognition Program guidelines for more details). Do not submit any original or historical paperwork with this application; only submit copies of documents. This application and any attachments will not be returned.

The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) reviews these applications on a regular basis and will contact the applicant with any questions or if action is to be considered on the application.

Questions or Comments: Please contact the Staff Representatives to HPAC:
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Received By: _____ Date: _____

LEMUEL C. HYDE HOUSE c. 1908

**THIS COLONIAL REVIVAL HOME WAS
BUILT FOR HYDE, A PROMINENT
BANKER IN VISALIA. HE WAS
A MASTER FREEMASON &
TWO-TIME CITY TREASURER.**

**PLAQUE FUNDED BY
KAWEAH KOLLECTORS
OF QUESTERS**

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- * The bronze plaque at 401 W. Grove St. is one in a series to be installed through the City's Historic Recognition Program, sponsored by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee. The purpose of the plaques is to identify buildings and their local historical significance to the community.
- * More plaques are to be installed in Visalia in upcoming months – funded by Kaweah Collectors (the local chapter of Questers, International) and by matching funds provided by California State Questers, an organization that encourages the preservation and restoration of historic landmarks.
- * Residents are encouraged to assist in the nomination of buildings appropriate for the program. For information on the plaque program, contact Community Relations Manager Andrew Chamberlain at 713-4003.
- * The Historic Preservation Advisory Committee meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Committee members are: Virginia Strawser; Jesus Gutierrez; Bob Grieb; William Martin; Steve Pastis; Jay Hohlbauch, and Enoch Sears. Staff representative to the committee is Andrew Chamberlain .

Historic Recognition Program



401 W. Grove St.

Visalia, California

Don and Beverly Goodyear

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

April 20, 2013

For More Information About:

The Historic Preservation District the Local Register of Historic Structures or the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee visit the City web-site at www.ci.visalia.ca.us click on the **City Government** button at the top of the page, then select the **Committees and Commissions** and select **Historic Preservation Advisory Committee** from the list. This page in the City of Visalia web-site contains the local Register of Historic Structures, a Map of the Historic District and Register Structures, the Historic District Ordinance, and Agendas from past meetings.



Hyde House

Lemuel Clason Hyde and his wife Maud

ABOUT THE GOODYEAR'S HOME

Since the 1860s when Richard E. Hyde and his wife Rachel arrived here from San Francisco, the Hyde name has been firmly connected to the community. Jeremiah soon followed his brother Richard, and the two established themselves as successful businessmen. They encouraged more family members to join them and about 1885 Lemuel C. Hyde, a nephew born in 1862 in Marshfield, Wisconsin, settled in Visalia. In 1896 Lemuel married Maud Gill in Fresno and the marriage resulted in four sons and a daughter. In about 1908 the family built what was described as a “spacious family home” at 401 W. Grove.

Lemuel C. Hyde served as assistant cashier at the Bank of Italy (later became Bank of America) and also served on the Visalia Branch Advisory Board. He retired from banking in 1927 at the age of 65, however he continued to serve on the Advisory Board. After a lengthy illness, his wife Maude, 68, died on June 4, 1937, at their Grove Street home. About six months later on January 17, 1938, Lemuel, 75, also died at the family home.

After their deaths, the Hyde house became home to George Mauger, the Sequoia National Park concessionaire and his wife Rosa. Following the Maugers, the home became the residence of Eliseo Samaniego, the owner of the Oval Drug Store, and his wife Susan. Members of the Samaniego family lived there for nearly two decades, then the property changed hands a number of times.

By July 2008 the property had fallen into disrepair and had gone into foreclosure. Don Goodyear, a man with a passion for old houses, discovered the neglected home and he and his wife Beverly purchased it. For the next two years the couple, with help mainly from family members, restored the old home. Today the fully-restored 4-bedroom, 2 ½ bath red-wood beauty, complete with veranda, proudly stands on its ½ acre lot.



401 W. Grove St.

HISTORIC RECOGNITION PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Welcome Guests – The Goodyear Family

Remarks - Warren Gubler

City of Visalia Council Member

Terry L Ommen
April 11, 2013

This Place Matters
Another Home to Love

We are so fortunate that Visalia has so many vintage homes remaining for us to enjoy. Among the collection are at least three that have a strong connection to the pioneer Hyde family and each of them is more than a century old. Probably the most recognized of the three is one known as the R. E. Hyde home located at 500 So. Court Street. The next most recognized is the J. D. Hyde family residence at 513 No. Encina, and probably the least known of the old Hyde houses is located at 401 W. Grove...a home that belonged to Lemuel Clason Hyde and his wife Maud. This gorgeous gem is about to get an identity boost and will soon be honored with its own plaque.

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Lemuel began work at the Bank of Visalia, an institution started by his uncle R. E. Hyde in 1873. For many years he worked there and later became the president of the Visalia Savings Bank.

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In 1904 A. P. Giannini of San Francisco founded the Bank of Italy as a way of providing financial services to the many immigrants coming to America. The bank expanded and in 1921 the Superintendent of Banks in California gave his authorization for Giannini to purchase the National Bank of Visalia and the Visalia Savings Bank. The Bank of Italy hired the existing employees for the new branch, including Lemuel Hyde. It started in temporary quarters, and soon a rumor circulated that a new building would be constructed. In September the rumor was confirmed when A. P. Giannini himself came to Visalia, met with the local bankers including Hyde and assured everyone a new building was forthcoming. On September 4, 1923, the completed \$300,000 five-story bank dominated the skyline on the northwest corner of Main and Church streets and officially opened. In 1930 the Bank of Italy became Bank of America. The handsome building still stands today.

L. C. Hyde served as assistant cashier at the bank and also served on the Visalia Branch Advisory Board. He retired from banking in 1927 at the age of 65, however he continued to serve on the Advisory Board.

During his career as a banker, Hyde had pursued political ambitions as well. He successfully ran for Visalia City Treasurer twice, ran for Tulare County Tax Collector in 1926 and also served as Deputy Tulare County Assessor.

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On Saturday, April 20, 2013, at 10am the L. C. Hyde house at 401 W. Grove Street will be honored with a plaque as part of the City of Visalia's Historic Recognition Program. The Visalia City Council will be represented and a short presentation will be made. The Visalia Historic Preservation Advisory Committee and the Kaweah Collectors, the local chapter of The Questers, extend an invitation for all to attend. The historic home will also be designated as a "This Place Matters" site.