

CITY OF VISALIA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 5:30PM

CHAIR: Tyler Davis

VICE CHAIR: Karen Ayala

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Jay Hohlbauch, Jerome Melgar, Kim Lusk, Michael Tomola

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

AGENDA

A. Citizen's Comments

B. Minutes

1. October 9, 2024, Regular Meeting

C. Discussion Items

1. Appointment of Erick Arriaga to HPAC – October 21, 2024 Visalia City Council Meeting
2. 2025-2026 Goal Setting
3. Darling Hotel Historic Recognition Plaque Ceremony – October 26, 2024
4. Committees & Commissions Recognition Event – October 29, 2024
5. Identification of Items for Future Agendas
6. Committee and Staff Comments
 - a. Project Updates
7. Historic District Survey Project
 - a. Review of Properties

D. Adjournment

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APPEAL PROCEDURE

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MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 9, 2024

CITY OF VISALIA HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 5:30PM

CHAIR: Tyler Davis

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Patty Kane, Jay Hohlbauch, Jerome Melgar, Kim Lusk, Michael Tomola

Hohlbauch and
Lusk absent. All
other members
present.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Erick Arriaga, Rob Leal

CITY STAFF: Cristobal Carrillo, Associate Planner

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AGENDA

A. Citizen's Comments

None.

B. Minutes

1. September 25, 2024, Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Melgar, seconded by Ayala, to approve the meeting minutes. The motion was approved 5-0 (Hohlbauch, Lusk absent).

C. Projects

1. **HPAC Item No. 2024-28:** A request by Robert Leal to add wall signage to an existing building within the D-MU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone. The project site is located at 119 South Locust Street (APN: 094-326-010).

Staff presented its report and recommended that HPAC approve the request. Public comment in favor of the proposal was received from applicant Rob Leal. Following discussion, a motion was made by Kane, seconded by Tomola, to approve the request. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Hohlbauch, Lusk absent).

D. Discussion Items

1. Appointment of Erick Arriaga to the HPAC – October 21, 2024, Visalia City Council Meeting

Staff shared that Patty Kane had submitted a letter of resignation, effective October 10, 2024. Staff also shared that the nomination of Erick Arriaga would be heard at the October 21, 2024, City Council meeting.

2. Darling Hotel Historic Recognition Plaque Ceremony – October 26, 2024

Staff shared that the Historic Recognition Plaque for the Darling Hotel would be placed on October 26, 2024.

3. Identification of Items for Future Agendas

None.

4. Committee and Staff Comments

a. Project Updates

The Committee requested name plaque signs for new members.

5. Historic District Survey Project

a. Review of Properties

The Committee conducted reviews of Areas C47, A20, A21, A22, and A31.

E. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.

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Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Goals 2022 – 2024

1. Survey

- a. Survey properties that are within the Historic District, but not on the Local Register.
- b. Identify sites outside of the Historic District for possible Local Register designation (Consult with Terry Omen for guidance).
- c. Review and survey mid-century structures for Local Register designation.
- d. Re-list relocated Local Register properties.
- e. Research protecting local landmarks.
- f. Identify sites for nomination to California/National historic registers.
- g. Expand the Historic District (South Locust Street corridor).

2. Technology

- a. Develop a searchable/interactive historic database for staff and public use. Database can be updated with surveys, photos, architectural information, Historic District/Local Register designations (Timing/Staff availability information required from City Staff).
- b. Develop a survey app for phones

3. Homeowners Incentives

- a. Re-establish plaque and awards programs.
- b. Research incentives and grants for property owners.
- c. Establish a recognition system/list for historic signage (Visalia Tea Garden neon sign, etc.).

4. Marketing and Community Outreach

- a. Reach out to the Tulare County Association of Realtors to inform brokers of the HPAC.
- b. Set up HPAC information booths at public events - volunteer engagement.
- c. Build a network of community volunteers, and build a list of prospective HPAC members.
- d. Network with other community groups (Downtown Visalia's, Visit Visalia, Lions, Rotary, Soroptimist, Kiwanis, etc).
- e. Create a newsletter and continue community outreach through meetings and events.

5. Historic Preservation Guides

- a. Refine architectural style descriptors in the Local Register to help identify architectural styles more easily.
- b. Draft designs guidelines for fencing/ historic buildings.
- c. Create a workbook resource for use by property owners for the restoration of historic structures.

6. Financial

- a. Investigate/apply for the Certified Local Government program.