

MINUTES: of the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission (HSPC) meeting of the City of Redlands held on June 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. are as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Heidelberg, Chairperson
Steven Holm, Vice Chairperson
Nathan Gonzales, Commissioner
Lauren Weiss Bricker, Commissioner
Justine Guidry, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Desatnik, Director
Loralee Farris, Principal Planner
Jocelyn Torres, Assistant Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The Commission was in full attendance with the exception of Commissioner Greg Weissman and Commissioner Rose-Marie Raumin, who were excused.

II. CEREMONIAL MATTERS - None

III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

(In accordance with the San Bernardino County Health Officer's Order, social distancing practices will be observed. Following public health recommendations to limit public gatherings during the Covid-19 pandemic, City Manager Charles M. Duggan, Jr., acting as the City of Redlands Emergency Services Director has directed that Historic and Scenic Board meetings be closed to the public until further notice or until the current local State of Emergency has been lifted. Chairperson Heidelberg will read all public comments, up to 250 words, into record if they are received in accordance with the deadlines stated above.)

Chairperson Heidelberg inquired if there were any public comments on items not scheduled on this agenda. There were no public comments forthcoming and the public comment period was closed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None

V. OLD BUSINESS - None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. JENNIFER KRIKORIAN ALVAREZ, APPLICANT (PROJECT PLANNER: JOCELYN TORRES)

PUBLIC HEARING to consider **Demolition No. 353** to demolish an approximately 960 square-foot single family dwelling and a shed over 50 years of age located at 604 Third Street within Specific Plan No. 45/Town Center (APN: 0169-201-10-0000). This project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing

Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Chairperson Kurt Heidelberg opened the Hearing.

Ms. Jocelyn Torres, Assistant Planner, gave an overview and presentation on Demolition No. 353, and indicated that a previous demolition permit had been approved by the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission for these structures in 2019 but that had recently expired before the applicants pulled permits to initiate work.

Chairperson Heidelberg inquired whether the conditions of approval changed from 2019. Ms. Torres confirmed the conditions of approval are the same standard conditions that were included under the previous approval.

Commissioner Justine Guidry shared additional information about a previous resident of the dwelling by the name of Mr. Santano Gintaro.

Chairperson Heidelberg invited the applicant to speak.

Ms. Jennifer Krikorian Alvarez stated they did not have the opportunity to complete the demolition before it expired.

Chairperson Heidelberg inquired if there were any public comments. Ms. Farris confirmed there were no comments forthcoming from the public.

Chairperson Heidelberg closed the Hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Nathan Gonzales, and seconded by Vice Chairperson Steven Holm and carried on a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Weissman and Commissioner Rose-Marie Raumin absent) that the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission adopt Resolution No. 2021-06, determining that Demolition Permit No. 353 was exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines and approved Demolition Permit No. 353, based on the facts within the staff report and subject to the Conditions of Approval.

B. ATISHMA KANT AND DEBASHISH GHOSH, APPLICANT (PROJECT PLANNER: LORALEE FARRIS)

A request to consider a 10-year Work Plan and a recommendation to the City Council on a Mills Act application for a single family residential property located within the East Fern Avenue Historic and Scenic District at 225 E. Fern Avenue, within the R-2 (Multiple-Family Residential) District (APN: 0171-373-17-0000).

Chairperson Heidelberg opened the Hearing.

Ms. Farris gave an overview and presentation on the Mills Act work plan for the property

located at 225 E. Fern Avenue.

Commissioner Lauren Bricker inquired if the item will come back to the Commission to review the seismic retrofit strategy proposed. Ms. Farris stated it will come back to the Commission as a Certificate of Appropriateness only if there are exterior alterations to the historic structure. Commissioner Bricker recommended the selection of a structural engineer that has experience with historical buildings. Ms. Atishman Kant, Applicant, stated they did select a structural engineer who had experience with historic buildings.

Ms. Kant gave an overview of her proposal.

Chairman Heidelberg closed the Hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Nathan Gonzales, and seconded by Commissioner Bricker and carried on a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Weissman and Commissioner Rose-Marie Raumin absent) that the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission adopt Resolution No. 2021-07, recommending that the City Council find that the Mills Act application was not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines, and recommend approval of the Mills Act contract for 225 E. Fern Avenue.

VII. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Informational items provided by City Staff

Chairman Heidelberg inquired if there were any Informational items to report. Ms. Farris stated that the California Preservation Foundation conference is coming up and that staff has reached out to the Commission on their availability and interest in attending as an additional educational opportunity.

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Bricker asked for the status of the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission Guidelines. Ms. Farris stated the guidelines were taken to the City Council and staff is currently reviewing and addressing the public comments received at that meeting.

Commissioner Gonzales stated the A.K. Smiley Public Library has completed its webinar series and the public can find it on the library's YouTube channel.

VIII. ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON JULY 1, 2021

Chairman Heidelberg adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. to the regularly scheduled meeting on July 1, 2021.



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