

City of Fresno

*City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721*



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, October 24, 2022

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

**Fresno City Hall, Second Floor
Room 2165N (Conference Room A)**

Historic Preservation Commission

Chair - Jason Hatwig, LEED, AP, BD C

Vice Chair - James Sponsler

Commissioners:

Christopher Rocha, Paul Halajian, AIA; Don Simmons, PhD; M.A.;

Staff:

Jennifer Clark, Director; Mary Raterman-Doidge, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Janice Monroe, M.A. II; Myrna Rivas, Administrative Clerk

PUBLIC ADVISORY

THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND CITY HALL WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT A LIMITED CAPACITY.

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WELCOMES YOU TO ROOM 2165A, LOCATED IN CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR, 2600 FRESNO STREET, FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93721.

The meeting can also be viewed live at 6:00 P.M. on Comcast Channel 96 and AT&T channel 99.

Chambers, located in City Hall Room 2165A, are open for public participation.

Members of the public are encouraged to participate electronically because of reduced capacity of seating in the Chambers to allow for social distancing. Masks will be required for the vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Pursuant to the Executive Order, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the Commission meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office, 559-621-7650 within 48 hours of the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following options are available for members of the public who want to attend and /or address the Historic Preservation Commission:

1. eComment at <https://fresno.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

a) eComments is a tool for citizens to use to make comments on agenda items. It will be closed at the start of the meeting and will be a part of the official record. The User Agreement and Procedures document for eComment can be accessed by the URL <https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/>

b) eComments will be a maximum of 450 words.

OR

2. You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

a) If you would like to speak on an agenda item, you can access the meeting remotely from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone, or Android device.

Please use URL: <https://zoom.us/j/95457849931>

b) Those addressing the Commission must state their name and address for the record.

OR

3. Join by Phone

a) Dial:

US: 1 669 900 9128

Enter Webinar ID: 954 5784 9931

b) Those addressing the Commission must state their name and address for the record.

OR

4. Email

a) Attendees may also email comments to Historic.Preservation@fresno.gov to be read during the meeting. Please include the agenda date and item number you wish to speak on in the subject line of your email (e.g., January 25, 2021 - Item A). And, please include your name and address for the record at the top of the body of your email.

b) Emails are not to exceed 150 words.

c) All comments received will be distributed to the Commission prior and during the meeting and will be a part of the official record.

Any interested person may appear at the public hearing and present written testimony, or speak in favor or against the matters scheduled on the agenda.

If you challenge these matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in oral or written testimony at or before the close of the hearing.

The City of Fresno thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading COVID-19 virus.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PROCEDURES - PROCEDIMIENTOS - KEV SAB LAJ

For each matter considered by the Commission, there will first be a staff presentation, followed by a presentation from the project applicant. The Commissioners will then have the opportunity to ask questions of Staff and Applicant before opening to Public. Testimony from supporters of the project will then be taken, followed by testimony from those in opposition. Staff may provide a summation, if necessary. The applicant will have the right to a final rebuttal presentation prior to closing the public hearing, followed by consideration of the item and action, if any, by the Commission.

In accordance with section 13 of Article 2 of the Historic Preservation Commission Bylaws governing length of public debate, all public testimony from those in support and in opposition of the project will be limited to three minutes per person. All public testimony must be presented to the Commission at the podium (in person / electronically). Any testimony that references race, religion, ethnicity, economic status, national origin, or any other classification protected under state or federal law in a derogatory manner shall be deemed irrelevant and will not be considered by the Commission in making its determinations.

If you challenge these matters in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in oral or written testimony or before the close of the hearing.

III. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

III-A [ID 22-1661](#) September 26, 2022 Historic Preservation Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes.

Sponsors: Planning and Development Department

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Draft HPC Minutes 9/26/22](#)

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

- V-A [ID 22-1645](#) Consideration of the Fresno City Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2023 and rescheduling of December 2022 Meeting

Sponsors: Planning and Development Department

Attachments: [Exhibit A - 2023 HPC Meeting Schedule](#)

VI. CONTINUED MATTERS

VII. COMMISSION ITEMS

- VII-A [ID 22-1639](#) HEARING TO CONSIDER Development Permit P22-01922 for the adaptive reuse and interior renovations of the Helm Building (HP#168) located at 1097-1123 Fulton Street (APN 46621204).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) take the following actions:

1. ADOPT a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15331/Class 31 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines
2. APPROVE: Application P22-01922 for the conversion of uses at HP#168 Helm Building located at 1101 Fulton St. (APN 46621204).

Sponsors: Planning and Development Department

Attachments: [Exhibit A - Operational Statement](#)
[Exhibit B - Site Plan](#)
[Exhibit C - Elevations](#)
[Exhibit D - Floor Plans](#)
[Exhibit E - DPR Form](#)
[Exhibit F - Fresno Municipal Code Findings](#)
[Exhibit G - Secretary of Interior's Standards](#)

VII-B [ID 22-1638](#)

HEARING TO CONSIDER AND MAKE FINDINGS on application B22-04282 for construction of new accessible ramps at east entries at the old US Post Office (HP#50) located at 2309 Tulare (APN 46612208T).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) take the following actions:

1. ADOPT a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15331/Class 31 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines
2. APPROVE: Application B22-04282 for the construction of new accessible ramps at east entries at the old US Post Office (HP#50).

Sponsors:

Planning and Development Department

Attachments:

[Exhibit A - Original Site Plans and Drawings \[3/31/2022\]](#)

[Exhibit B - Revised Elevations \[08/31/2022\]](#)

[Exhibit C -- Response to Concerns \[06.20.2022\]](#)

[Exhibit D - Application](#)

[Exhibit E - Fresno Municipal Code Findings](#)

[Exhibit F - Secretary of Interior's Standards](#)

VII-C [ID 22-1643](#)

HEARING TO CONSIDER Building permits B21-07055, B22-04077, B22-04090 for the adaptive reuse, exterior and interior renovations, and proposed conditional use permit of the Elia Home (HP#311), located at 634-640 N Van Ness Ave.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) take the following actions:

1. ADOPT a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15331/Class 31 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines
2. APPROVE: B21-07055 for the adaptive reuse, exterior and interior renovations, and proposed conditional use permit at the Elia Home (HP#311).

Sponsors:

Planning and Development Department

Attachments:

[Exhibit A – Approved Site Plans](#)

[Exhibit B – Zone Clearance Operational Statement](#)

[Exhibit C – Interior Demo Plans](#)

[Exhibit D – Interior Plans](#)

[Exhibit E – FMC Findings](#)

[Exhibit F - Secretary of Interior's Standards](#)

[Exhibit G- DPR Form 634-640 Van Ness Ave \[2018\]](#)

VII-D [ID 22-1637](#)

HEARING TO CONSIDER demolition application B22-12250 for the property located at 925-935 Van Ness Ave (APN 46825403).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) consider one of the following actions:

DENY: B21-07055 for the B22-12250 for the demolition of the property located at 925-935 Van Ness Av (APN46825403).

Or

APPROVE: B21-07055 for the B22-12250 for the demolition of the property located at 925-935 Van Ness Av (APN46825403).

Sponsors:

Planning and Development Department

Attachments:

[Exhibit A - Demo Application \[8-2-21\]](#)

[Exhibit B - Fulton Corridor Historic Resources Survey \[Apr](#)

[Exhibit C – 2022 DPR Continuation Sheet](#)

[Exhibit D - FMC Findings](#)

[Exhibit E - Secretary of Interior's Standards](#)

[SUPPLEMENTAL Exhibit F - Public Comments Received](#)

VII-E [ID 22-1680](#)

Review and make recommendation regarding the proposed options of the Belmont Subway Plaque from the California High Speed Rail Authority pursuant to FMC 12-1606(b)(6).

Sponsors:

Planning and Development Department

Attachments:

[Exhibit A - HSR Presentation](#)

VII-F [ID 22-1672](#)

Consultation regarding potential mural located at 1930 E Shields Ave.

Sponsors:

Planning and Development Department

- VII-G** [ID 22-1642](#) Discussion regarding changes to windows and possible remediation at 301 Van Ness Avenue
- Sponsors:** Chair Sponsler
- VII-H** [ID 22-1683](#) Discussion regarding process for Council items receiving Historic Preservation Commission input
1. Railroad relocation (Council 22-1503 on 9/29/22 -Arias)
 2. Armenian Homes (Council 22-1495 on 9/29/22-Successor Agency).
- Sponsors:** Historic Preservation Commission
- Attachments:** [Exhibit A - Staff Report 22-1503](#)
[Exhibit B - Staff Report 22-1495](#)
- VII-I** [ID 22-1673](#) Assign Subcommittees
1. Naming Subcommittee (Research & Background)
 2. Roeding Park Sound Wall Subcommittee
- Sponsors:** Planning and Development Department
- VII-J** [ID 22-1641](#) UPDATE on Regular Monthly Topics:
1. Staff Updates
 2. Architectural Subcommittee Updates
 3. Economic Incentive Subcommittee Update
 4. Plaque Design Subcommittee Update
- Sponsors:** Planning and Development Department

VIII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

IX. UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

IX. - A. Members of the Commission

IX. - B. Staff

IX. - C. General Public

X. NEXT MEETING

XI. ADJOURNMENT

2022 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 24, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
MARCH 28, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
APRIL 25, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
MAY 23, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
JUNE 27, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
JULY 25, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
DECEMBER 26, 2022- 6:00 P.M. MEETING