

City of Fresno

*City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721*



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, December 18, 2023

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

In Person and/or Electronic

City Hall, Room 2165

Historic Preservation Commission

Chair - Jason Hatwig

Vice Chair - James Sponsler

Commissioner - Paul Halajian

Commissioner - Don Simmons

Commissioner - Julie Federico

Commissioner - Elizabeth Laval

Commissioner - Sarah E. Johnston

Staff:

Jennifer Clark, Director; Lisha Chen, Historic Preservation Specialist;

Janice Monroe, M.A. II; Myrna Rivas, Administrative Clerk

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – 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. Public participation during Fresno City Historic Preservation Commission meetings is always encouraged and can occur in one of the two following ways:

1. Participate In Person: Room 2165, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721

a. To speak during a Commission meeting in person: You may approach the speaker podium upon the Chair’s call for public comment.

2. Participate Remotely via Zoom using the following link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cAUGIBe2SYygn3isiCuy4w

a. The above link will allow you to register in advance for remote participation in the meeting via the Zoom platform. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing additional details about joining the meeting.

b. To speak during a Commission meeting while attending remotely in the Zoom application, click on the icon labeled “Participants” at the bottom of the screen. Then select “Raise Hand” at the bottom of the Participants window. Your digital hand will now be raised. You will be asked to “unmute” when your name is called to speak. You will not be visible via video and there will be no opportunity to share your screen.

All public speakers will have up to 3 minutes to address the Commission pursuant to Rule No. 13 of the Historic Preservation Commission Bylaws of the City of Fresno (available in the City Clerk’s Office).

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1. Community Media Access Collaborative website: <https://cmac.tv/>

2. Cable Television: Comcast Channel 96 and AT&T Channel 99

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help ensure availability of these services, you are advised to make your request a minimum of 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

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 23-1761](#) September 25, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

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Attachments: [Exhibit A - DRAFT HPC Meeting Minutes 9-25-2023](#)

III-B [ID 23-1771](#) October 23, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

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Attachments: [Exhibit A - DRAFT 10-23-23 HPC Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

III-C [ID 23-1805](#) November 27, 2023 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.

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Attachments: [Exhibit A - Draft HPC 11-27-23 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

VI. CONTINUED MATTERS

VI-A [ID 23-1789](#)

CONTINUED FROM November 27, 2023

Consideration of the removal of the Historic Dale Bros. Coffee Can Sign (HP#247), located on the Benham Ice Cream Company building (HP# 248) at APN 46620511 (including but not limited to 1420 H St.).

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) take one of 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:** Request to donate the Sign to the Fresno County Historical Museum with the condition that the applicant develop a preservation plan including but not limited to the relocation of the resource, the restoration of the resource, and the ongoing preservation of the resource along with the written approval of the Fresno County Historical Museum for the placement of the resource.

Or:

2. **DENY:** Request to donate the Sign to the Fresno County Historical Museum.

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Attachments:

[Exhibit A - DPR Form - HP# 247 \(Dale Brothers Coffee Ca](#)

[Exhibit B - DPR Form - HP# 248 \(Benham Ice Cream Co. /](#)

[Exhibit C - The Preservation of Historic Signs](#)

[Exhibit E - Letters from Applicant](#)

[Exhibit D - Public Hearing Notice & Noticing Map](#)

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

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

VII. COMMISSION ITEMS

VII-A [ID 23-678](#)

Consideration of approval of requests by property owners to enter into Mills Act historical property contracts pursuant to FMC 12-1706:

1. The Ralph & Jenny Watson Home (HP# 284) located at 3537 E Huntington Blvd, in the Huntington Boulevard District.
2. The Ed and Chrissie Riggins Home located at 655 East Pine Avenue, in the Wilson Island District.

RECOMMENDATION

1. Staff recommends that the Commission hold a public hearing and authorize the Director of Development to enter into a Historical Property Contract for the subject properties pursuant to FMC 12-1706.

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Attachments:

[Exhibit A - DPR Forms, Historic Inventories, & Resolutions](#)
[Exhibit B - Mills Act Draft Contracts](#)

VII-B [ID 23-1277](#)

Hearing to consider and make findings on the request to reframe garage doors, replace fence, add new sign, and repave parking lot of the Twining Laboratories (HP # 58), located at 2527 Fresno St.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **ADOPT** a finding of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Sections 15331/Class 31 of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.
2. **APPROVE:**
 - a. Request to install new signage on the Northeast façade with the condition that the design and installation of the sign meet the National Park Service requirements. Besides, the façade needs to be fully documented before any installation work.
 - b. Request to replace the current chain link fence and repave parking lot with the condition that the new fencing and parking pavement are unobtrusive and compatible with the historic character of the setting. Besides, the site needs to be fully documented before any construction work.
 - c. Request to reframe the garage door and add an additional entrance with the condition that entrances are compatible in size and scale or detailing with the historical building. Besides, the additional garage needs to be fully documented before any construction work.

Or:

2. **DENY:** Request to install new signage, request to replace the current chain link fence and repave parking lot, or request to reframe the garage door and add an additional entrance

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Attachments:

[Exhibit A – National Register of Historic Place Registration](#)

[Exhibit B – Elevations & Site Plans](#)

[Exhibit C - DPR Inventory Form \(HP# 058\)](#)

VII-C [ID 23-60](#)

Consultation regarding Development Permit application P23-01976 located at 1470 E Bulldog Lane.

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VII-D [ID 23-237](#)

Discussion regarding site of start of Fresno and San Francisco Mail Route

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Attachments:

[Exhibit A – PowerPoint Presentation](#)

VII-E [ID 23-1790](#)

UPDATE REGARDING HISTORIC “G” SIGN LOCATED AT OLD GUARANTEE BUILDING (HP#167), LOCATED AT 1177 FULTON MALL.

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VII-F [ID 23-1791](#)

UPDATE ON REGULAR MONTHLY TOPICS:

1. Staff Updates
2. Architectural Review Subcommittee Update
3. Economic Incentive Subcommittee Update
4. Plaque & Naming Subcommittee Update
5. Historic Preservation Month Subcommittee Update

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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

2024 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

JANUARY 22, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
MARCH 25, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
APRIL 22, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
MAY 20, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
JUNE 24, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
JULY 22, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
AUGUST 26, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
OCTOBER 28, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING
DECEMBER 23, 2024- 6:00 P.M. MEETING