

Regular Council Meeting

August 10, 2023

FRESNO CITY COUNCIL



Supplement Packet

ITEM(S)

10:25 A.M. (ID 23-1161)

Hearing to consider adoption of resolutions related to the designation of properties to the Local Register of Historic Resources and adoption of findings necessary to support recommendation pursuant to FMC 12-1609

1. ***RESOLUTION - A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Fresno, California, designating the Dr. Earl R. Meyers Sr. & Mrs. Mattie B. Meyers Fresno Street Medical Arts Center located at 444 Fresno Street, Fresno California to the Local Register of Historic Resources (Council District 3) (Subject to Mayor's veto).

Contents of Supplement: Presentation

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Fresno-Klette Medical Arts Center - Nomination

- Nomination submitted to Alicia Gonzales by Dr. David Marshall
- Property owner authorization has been received
- Extensive historical context provided



Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers

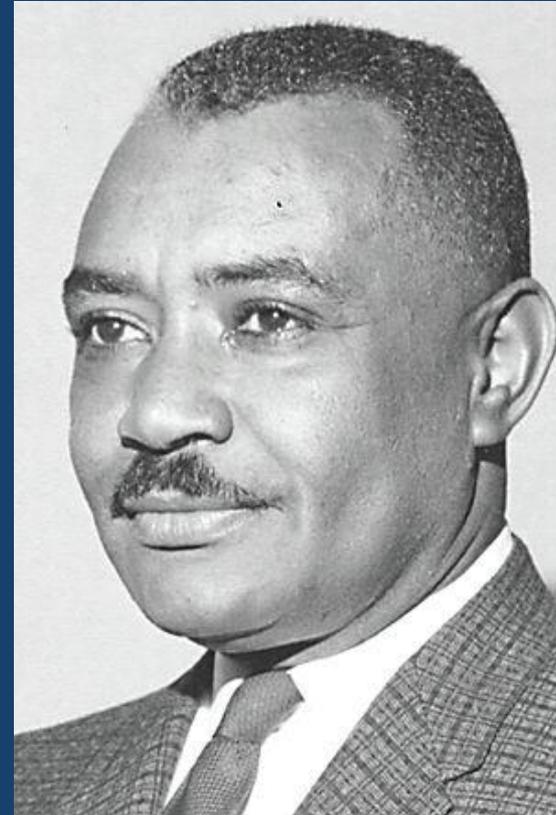
- Known as the “Father of Black Medicine” in West Fresno California History
- Attended the Columbia School, Edison High School, Fresno High School and Fresno State College
- Practiced medicine in West Fresno for nearly three decades from 1946 to 1975
- Planned and built a comprehensive medical center in 1957 at Fresno and Klette
- Recruited other Black physicians, medical specialists and pharmacists to Fresno

Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers

**Dr. Earl Randolph Meyers, M.D.
Father of Black Medicine**



**West Fresno California History
By: Eric Louis Bernard Meyers, Sr.**



Fresno-Klette Medical Arts Center

- Dr Meyers sought out reknowned local architectural firm to design complex
- Designed by David Horn of Horn & Mortland, also known for many civic buildings:
 - Sunshine School for the Cerebral Palsied (now Jefferson Elementary School)
 - Holland Elementary School
 - Fresno Tuberculosis Hospital
 - Fresno Fire House No. 4





444 Fresno St

North Elevation



444 Fresno St

East Elevation

444 Fresno St



Fresno- Klette Medical Arts Center - Eligibility

HISTORIC RESOURCES: Any building, structure, object or site may be designated as an Historic Resource if it is found by the Commission and Council to meet the following criteria:

- (1) It has been in existence more than fifty years and it possesses aspects of integrity to convey its significance based upon location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling or association, and:
 - (i) It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or
 - **Significance to the West Fresno Community**
 - (ii) It is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or
 - **Association with Dr. Earl R. Meyers, "Fresno's Father of Black Medicine,"**
 - (iii) It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values; or
 - **Example of the work of Horn & Mortland, whose firm played a significant role in the development of Mid-Century Modern architecture in Fresno**
 - **Although now vacant the building's integrity to its period of significance of 1959-1970 remains high.**
 - (iv) It has yielded or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Historic Preservation Recommendation

- Hearing on nomination came before the Historic Preservation Commission on September 26, 2022
- Noticed 2,000 feet
- Commission unanimously voted in favor of recommending nomination to City Council



Staff Recommendation

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the attached Resolutions designating the Dr. Earl R. Meyers Sr. & Mrs. Mattie B. Meyers Fresno Street Medical Arts Center located at 444 Fresno Street (APN 46725501) to the Local Register of Historic Resources pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code 12-1607 and 12-1609.

