

City of Fresno

*City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, April 26, 2021

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Zoom URL to Join

<https://zoom.us/j/95457849931>

Historic Preservation Commission

Chair Patrick Boyd

Vice Chair Jason Hatwig, LEED, AP, BD+C

Commissioners:

***Robin Goldbeck, Christopher Rocha; Paul Halajian, AIA; Don
Simmons; C. Kristina Roper, M.A.;***

Staff:

***Mike Sanchez, AICP, MCRP, Assistant Director; Rina Gonzales, Senior
Deputy City Attorney***

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present 7 - Chair Patrick Boyd, Vice Chair Jason Hatwig, Commissioner Paul Halajian, Commissioner C. Kristina Roper, Commissioner Don Simmons, Commissioner Robin Goldbeck, and Commissioner Christopher Rocha

At 6:03 the meeting was called to Order by Chair Boyd. Present on behalf of the Commission were: Vice Chair Jason Hatwig, Commissioner Christopher Rocha and Commissioner Don Simmons. Commissioner C. Kristina Roper entered at 6:11, Commissioner Paul Halajian at 6:19 and Robin Goldbeck at 6:27. In attendance on behalf of staff were Assistant Director Mike Sanchez, Senior Deputy City Attorney Rina Gonzales, Historic Preservation Specialist, Alicia C. Gonzales and M.A. Il Janice Monroe.

II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

None. Pushed to next meeting.

III. APPROVE AGENDA

Commissioners, Roper, Halajian, Godbeck Tardy, not available for vote

Commissioners, Roper, Halajian and Goldbeck were not present for this vote. On motion Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Commissioner Hatwig, that the meeting agenda was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Chair Boyd, Vice Chair Hatwig, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Rocha

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Halajian, Commissioner Roper and Commissioner Goldbeck

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

V. CONTINUED MATTERS

- A.** [ID 21-261](#) Staff Update: Regarding the Fresno Water Tower (HP#1) located at 2444 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721 and

anticipated application for new gate installation

Assistant Director, Mike Sanchez, reported to the Commission that City staff has concerns about hardware and attachments to exterior building facade and will consult with FAX upon proper installation and financial feasibility.

Albert Sanchez; 124 W. Decatur Ave, potential tenant applicant, commented that he has pursued a quote for a potential fence around the entire property, ADA access and auxiliary building/bathroom cleanup. He has sourced materials and price quotes. Mike Sanchez provided his phone number to Albert Sanchez, and will be in contact with him to push application forward in consultation with FAX, Building, Safety, Health and Engineering staff.

- B. [ID 21-367](#)** Staff Update: Regarding the Liberty Theater (HP#171) located at 944 Van Ness Ave., Fresno, Ca 93721 and anticipated application for demolition permit (exterior)

Historic Preservation Specialist, Alicia C. Gonzales, informed the Commission that applicant will present an informational only background for their current project and proposed exterior permit at May's regular scheduled meeting.

VI. COMMISSION ITEMS

- A. [ID 21-584](#)** Staff Presentation (informational):
Central Southeast Specific Plan: The Central Southeast Specific Plan will be a long-range plan for growth and development in the community over the next 20 to 30 years. The Specific Plan will address topics that impact the quality of life in the community, including affordable housing, jobs and economic development, transportation, parks and open space, and a healthy environment. The Plan Area covers over 2,200 acres (3.4 square miles) just east and southeast of downtown, bounded by Belmont Ave to the north, South Orange Avenue to the west, East Church Ave to the south, and South Peach Avenue to the east.
- Project Submittals: www.fresno.gov/CentralSoutheastPlan
 - Project Contact: Drew.Wilson@fresno.gov

Supervising Planner, Drew Wilson, presented the Central Southeast Specific Plan was now open for public comment.

Don Simmons, inquired about previous Surveys within the Central Southeast Specific Plan.

Drew Wilson responded that staff was unable to locate.

Chair Boyd commented that there is potential for homes located within the project area which could meet the criteria for the historic registry and should be identified by City staff.

Drew Wilson agreed, referencing that the Tower district had similar properties. Drew stated that he wanted City staff to work with HPC in developing a criteria to draft an inventory of these historic homes.

- B. [ID 21-585](#) Staff Presentation (informational):
Specific Plan of the West Area: The West Area will be a long-range plan for growth and development in the community over the next 20 to 30 years. The Specific Plan will encourage consistent and compatible land development as this part of the city grows and will identify community needs and recommendations for topics such as neighborhood identity, traffic improvements, public transportation improvements, pedestrian and bicycle enhancements, community design concepts, and locations for future residential and commercial uses. The Plan Area is located west of Highway 99, south of the San Joaquin River, generally north of Clinton Avenue and east of Garfield Avenue.
- Project Submittals: <http://www.fresno.gov/westareaplan>
 - Project Contact: Casey.Lauderdale@fresno.gov

Planner III, Casey Lauderdale presented the Specific Plan of the West Area was open for public comment

VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

None

VIII. UNSCHEDULED ITEMS

- A. Members of the Commission

Commissioner Paul Halajian, discussed upcoming application for the Expositor Building (HP # 292) located at 1031 Fulton St, Fresno, Ca 93721. Paul's company PH Architects will be handling the application processes and would like a preliminary review for exterior facade restoration.

Senior Deputy City Attorney, Rina Gonzales, commented that there is a pre-application process, inquired if Commissioner Halajian could confirm that his company is the applicants representative.

Commissioner Paul Halajian responded yes and would be recusing himself from any discussion and an item would be presented by another employee of his firm.

Assistant Director, Mike Sanchez, proposed Assistant Director, Dan Zack and Historic Preservation Specialist, Alicia C. Gonzales will consult on potential subcommittee and pre-application review.

B. Staff

None

C. General Public

None

IX. NEXT MEETING

May 24th, 2021

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Commission the meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.