

City of Fresno

*City Hall
2600 Fresno Street
Fresno, CA 93721*



Meeting Agenda - Final

Monday, August 25, 2025

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

City Hall, Council Chambers

Historic Preservation Commission

Chair - James Sponsler

Vice Chair - Jason Hatwig

Commissioner - Paul Halajian

Commissioner - Julie Federico

Commissioner - Elizabeth Laval

Commissioner - Sarah E. Johnston

Commissioner - Ryan Eddings

Staff:

Jennifer Clark, Director; Ashley Atkinson, Assistant Director;

Janice Monroe, M.A. II

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION WELCOMES YOU TO COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCATED IN CITY HALL, 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 by attending a meeting in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 2600 Fresno Street, Fresno, CA 93721. When called to speak during a meeting, you may approach the speaker podium upon the Chair's call for additional public comment.

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/>
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https://fresno.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_tqMujg_eQtKcM0qDC4Qbvg

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.

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I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

II. PROCEDURES

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 25-1075](#) July 28, 2025 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

Sponsors: Planning and Development Department

Attachments: [Exhibit A – DRAFT 07/28/2025 HPC Regular Meeting Minu](#)

IV. APPROVE AGENDA

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

VI. CONTINUED MATTERS

VII. COMMISSION ITEMS

VII-A [ID 25-868](#) Update on High Speed Rail project relating to the 1889 Southern Pacific Railroad Depot

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Attachments: [Exhibit A - PowerPoint Presentation](#)

VII-B [ID 25-557](#) Workshop on Chinatown Fresno Foundation

Sponsors: Planning and Development Department

Attachments: [Exhibit A – PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[Exhibit B – Chinatown Initiatives Handout](#)
[Exhibit C – Restaurant List](#)

VII-C [ID 25-1088](#) Monthly update on the Jose Garcia Brewer Adobe Building, HP #227 located at 5901 W. Shaw (APN 51004038).

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VII-D [ID 25-1053](#)

Update on Regular Monthly Topics:

1. Staff Updates
2. Proposed Historic Districts
3. Architectural Review Subcommittee Update
4. Plaque 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

2025 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. MEETING

OCTOBER 27, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. MEETING (Rm 2165)

NOVEMBER 24, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. MEETING

DECEMBER 22, 2025 - 6:00 P.M. MEETING