

# City of Fresno

*City Hall  
2600 Fresno Street  
Fresno, CA 93721*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Monday, December 27, 2021**

**6:00 PM**

**Regular Meeting**

**In Person and/or Electronic  
Room 2165N (Conference Room A)**

## **Historic Preservation Commission**

***Chair - Jason Hatwig, LEED, AP, BD C***

***Vice Chair - Robin Goldbeck***

***Commissioners:***

***Christopher Rocha, Paul Halajian, AIA; Don Simmons, PhD; C. Kristina Roper, M.A.; James Sponsler;***

***Staff:***

***Mike Sanchez, AICP, MCRP, Assistant Director; Mary Raterman-Doidge, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Alicia C. Gonzales, Historic Preservation Specialist; Janice Monroe, M.A. II***

**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.

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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 open during the Council meeting and closed at the end 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

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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 [mike.sanchez@fresno.gov](mailto:mike.sanchez@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

*At 6:03 PM the meeting was called to Order by Chair Jason Hatwig.*

*Present on behalf of the Commission were: Chair Jason Hatwig, Vice Chair Robin Goldbeck, Don Simmons and James Sponsler.*

*Also present were Assistant Director of Planning and Development, Mike Sanchez, Senior Deputy City Attorney Mary Raterman-Doidge, Historic Preservation Specialist, Alicia Gonzales, and Management Analyst II, Janice Monroe.*

**Present** 4 - Chair Jason Hatwig, Vice Chair Robin Goldbeck, Commissioner Don Simmons, and Commissioner James W Sponsler

**Absent** 2 - Commissioner Christopher Rocha, and Commissioner Paul Halajian

## II. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

*6:04 PM*

**II-A**    [ID 21-901](#)    November 22, 2021, Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

**On motion of Vice Chair Goldbeck, seconded by Commissioner Sponsler, that the above Action Item be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Hatwig, Vice Chair Goldbeck, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Sponsler

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Rocha, Commissioner Halajian and Roper

## III. APPROVE AGENDA

*6:05 PM*

*Management Analyst, Janice Monroe, amended the title of item VI-C to state:*

*HEARING TO CONSIDER AND MAKE FINDINGS ON DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION #B21-15650 for the Kutner Home (HP# 115) located*

at 1651 L Street (APN46614101), which has sustained substantial fire damage, pursuant to

1. *ADOPT a finding of Statutory Exemption pursuant to Section 15269(c) (Emergency Projects) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.*
2. *APPROVE the demolition of HP #115 the Kutner Home located at 1651 L Street pursuant to FMC 12-1617(e) and 12-1616.*
3. *APPROVE the deletion of HP #115 the Kutner Home located at 1651 L Street off the local register pursuant to FMC 12-1616.*

**On motion of Commissioner Sponsler, seconded by Commissioner Simmons, that the above item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Hatwig, Vice Chair Goldbeck, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Sponsler

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Rocha, Commissioner Halajian and Roper

#### **IV. CONSENT CALENDAR**

N/A

#### **V. CONTINUED MATTERS**

N/A

#### **VI. COMMISSION ITEMS**

6:07 PM

- VI-A** [ID 21-670](#) HEARING TO CONSIDER AND MAKE FINDINGS ON APPLICATION B21-15503 for an addition of a prefabricated auxiliary building/garage to The Wolfe Residence (contributing resource to the Porter Tract Historic District) located at 1035 East Yale Avenue, pursuant to FMC12-1606(a)(2) and 12-1618(h)(1).

6:08 PM

*Present for comment was Applicant Scott Kramer & Planner Aubrie Richardson*

**On motion of Commissioner Simmons, seconded by Vice Chair Goldbeck, that the above Action Item be approved. The motion carried**

by the following vote:

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Hatwig, Vice Chair Goldbeck, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Sponsler

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Rocha, Commissioner Halajian and Roper

- VI-B** [ID 21-826](#) HEARING TO CONSIDER AND MAKE FINDINGS ON DEVELOPMENT PERMIT P21-04497 for the exterior façade improvements and rehabilitation to the Liberty Theatre (HP #171) located at 944 Van Ness Avenue, pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code (FMC) Section 12-1606(a)(2) and 12-1617.

6:25 PM

*Present for comment were applicants Danillo Borges, Terrance Pearson, & David Johnson*

*Item was APPROVED with the condition that the applicant would supply Staff with a physical sample of the LED neon being used in signage.*

**On motion of Commissioner Sponsler, seconded by Vice Chair Goldbeck, that the above Action Item be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chair Hatwig, Vice Chair Goldbeck and Commissioner Sponsler

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Rocha, Commissioner Halajian and Roper

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

- VI-C** [ID 21-1026](#) HEARING TO CONSIDER AND MAKE FINDINGS ON DEMOLITION PERMIT APPLICATION #B21-15650 for the Kutner Home (HP# 115) located at 1651 L Street (APN46614101), which has sustained substantial fire damage, pursuant to

1. ADOPT a finding that of Categorical Exemption pursuant to Section 15301/Class 1 (Existing Facilities) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.
2. APPROVE the demolition of HP #115 the Kutner Home located at 1651 L Street pursuant to FMC 12-1617(e) and 12-1616.
3. APPROVE the deletion of HP #115 the Kutner Home located at 1651 L Street off the local register pursuant to FMC 12-1616.

6:55 PM

*Present for comment were Applicant/Resident Vicki Luna, Developer Brad*

*Hardie, Insurance representative Jim Kruger, Planner Drew Maurin, & Code Enforcement representative Timothy Schulz*

*Part 1 of this item was APPROVED as previously amended.*

**On motion of Commissioner Sponsler, seconded by Vice Chair Goldbeck, that the above Action Item be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Hatwig, Vice Chair Goldbeck, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Sponsler

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Rocha, Commissioner Halajian and Roper

*Part 2 of this item was APPROVED with stipulation that Code Enforcement and Staff have a final consultation on any possible salvageable parts to the home.*

**On motion of Commissioner Sponsler, seconded by Vice Chair Goldbeck, that the above Action Item be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 3 - Chair Hatwig, Vice Chair Goldbeck and Commissioner Sponsler

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Rocha, Commissioner Halajian and Roper

**Abstain:** 1 - Commissioner Simmons

*Part 3 of item was APPROVED with stipulation that the applicant will return to HPC for Review and Comment when reconstruction plans are available and submitted for New Construction*

**On motion of Commissioner Sponsler, seconded by Vice Chair Goldbeck, that the above Action Item be APPROVED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 4 - Chair Hatwig, Vice Chair Goldbeck, Commissioner Simmons and Commissioner Sponsler

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Rocha, Commissioner Halajian and Roper

**VI-D** [ID 21-1025](#) HEARING CANCELLED - Permit Issued by Director for DEMOLITION

PERMIT APPLICATION #B21-16224 for the Hewitt House (HP# 39) located at 175 N Diana Street (APN 45933302), which has sustained substantial fire damage

8:00 PM

- VI-E** [ID 21-842](#) REVIEW AND COMMENT ON PRE-APPLICATION AD21-03515 consisting of exterior alterations for the Bixler Vapor Building (HP #313) located at 2049 Broadway Street, pursuant to FMC 12-1606(a)(2) and (b) (23).

8:01 PM

*Present for comment was Applicant Andrew Young*

- VI-F** [ID 22-23](#) WORKSHOP on the reconstruction of the Abacus previously located at Guarantee Savings & Loans (Citi Bank) 4191 N Blackstone Avenue (APN 43409202).

8:26 PM

*Present for comment was Regional Manager, Jon Checkie.*

- VI-G** [ID 22-24](#) WORKSHOP regarding the relocation of the Calwa Park Rocket (Heritage Property) located at 4545 W. Church Avenue (APN 480011036T)

8:32 PM

*Present for comment were representatives from WRT (the Applicant for this project) John Tatro & Andrew Dawson*

## **VII. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

N/A

## **VIII. UNSCHEDULED ITEMS**

8:47 PM

### **VIII. - A. Members of the Commission**

N/A

### **VIII. - B. Staff**

*Assistant Director, Mike Sanchez, updated the Commission that a Stop*

*Work Permit was issued at the Garcia Brewer Adobe property and that the building was currently tarped and fenced as requested. There is an upcoming scheduled meeting on January 4, 2022, between the Architectural Review Subcommittee, Staff, & Applicant.*

**VIII. - C. General Public**

*N/A*

**IX. NEXT MEETING**

*1/24/2022*

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

*MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 PM*

**2021 HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE**