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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
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P1. Resource Name: The David and Frances Bruner Home

***P2. Location:** *a. County: Fresno

*b. USGS 7.5' Quad: Fresno South 1963 photo revised 1981

c. Address: 215 N. Clark Street, Fresno

d. Assessor's Parcel Number: 459-254-11

***P3a. Description:** This wood frame one story Craftsman bungalow faces east onto N. Clark Street in the Jefferson Neighborhood. The roof is cross gabled with clipped gables on both side elevations and on the porch. As typical to the Craftsman style, the home has projecting eaves, a boxed cornice, decorative roof beams, exposed rafter tails and a simple board fascia trim. The partial width porch is raised and has a solid masonry balustrade of concrete bricks beveled to appear like rusticated stone. The porch is supported by two stout masonry piers with simple flat capitals. The house is clad in narrow lapped horizontal wood siding. The three façade windows to the left of the front door have 4/1, 8/1 and 4/1 lights with true dividers. Two windows on either side of the fireplace are simple 1/1 double hung sash. Windows in the front room to the right of the façade entrance have the same pattern as those on the front room façade and have, as well decorative shutters. A small bay window is located on the south elevation. Also on the south side of the house is an external chimney with simple decorative brick work.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2 (Single-family residence)

***P4. Resources Present:** ● Building



P5b Photo date: 21 September 2016

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1922 building permit

***P7. Owner and Address:** Eric Lindvall

***P8. Recorded by:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A. Historic Preservation Project Manager, City of Fresno

***P9. Date Recorded:** 9 September 2016

***P10. Survey Type:** Intensive

***P11. Report Citation:** "Evaluation of the David and Frances Bruner Home Located at 215 N. Clark Pursuant to City of Fresno General Plan Policy HCR-2-g."

***Attachments:** ● Building, Structure and Object Report

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

*NRHP Status Code: 5S2

*Resource Name: The David and Frances Bruner Home

B3. Original Use: Single family residence

B4. Present Use: vacant/sfr

*B5. **Architectural Style:** Craftsman bungalow

*B6. **Construction History:** Permit for a new dwelling valued at \$3,700, 13 January 1922. Repairs and additions in 1920 (possibly to former 2-story house located at the rear of the parcel, noted as a garage on 1919 Sanborn). Minor fire 1984 in front room/dining room area.

*B7. **Moved?** No

*B8. **Related Features:** . This home is adjacent to the McKay Home (1899) HP# 44.

B9a. Architect: N/A

B9b. Builder: N/A

*B10. **Significance: Theme:** Working class housing **Area:** Duncan's Addition

Period of Significance: 1922

Property Type: Craftman Bungalow

Applicable Criteria: i, iii

This Craftsman bungalow was constructed on a .13 acre parcel on lot 17 and the north 1/2 of lot 18, block 1 of the Duncan's Addition (1887). Permits issued in 1920 and 1921 for "repairs and addition" seem to pertain to a garage on the back of the parcel as depicted on the 1919 Sanborn. By 1950 this garage building included a 2-story room and was marked as a dwelling. The Craftsman bungalow on the front of the parcel was built in 1922 and the first owner was David Bruner. Of interest is the fact that he is shown in the City directories as living at the address in 1920, which suggests that he (and his family) lived first in "the garage" perhaps while the bungalow was built. David Bruner served as a mailman for the City for 22 years, with a route that included Blackstone and Howard. He and his wife Frances lived at 215 N. Clark from 1920 through 1954 when Mr. Bruner died. The Craftsman bungalow is a typical example of a working class home that is associated with a public servant, although not with a community leader of note. The integrity of the home, however, is high with no obvious changes over the years. The adjacency of the property to two homes, one the designated McKay Home (1899) and another early 20th century residence to the north, appears to elevate the status of this property to eligibility as a Heritage Property and potentially for individual inclusion on the Local Register of Historic Resources under Criteria i and iii.

*B12. **References:** Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps 1919, 1950, 1970; City of Fresno building permits; City Directories, 1915-1940; Fresno Bee obituary for David Bruner, 30 March 1954 A10. (Additional research thanks to Melissa Scroggins, Fresno County Library).

*B14. **Evaluator:** Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A.
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*Date of Evaluation: 20 September 2016

(This space reserved for official comments.)



*Recorded by: Karana Hattersley-Drayton, M.A. *Date: 9 and 21 September 2016 ■ Continuation



215 N. Clark Street looking northwest; rusticated concrete brick piers.