

CITY OF VENTURA

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Laura O'Neill, Chair
Rachel Perzel, Vice-Chair
Ann Huston, Member
Dena Mercer, Member
Paul Muller, Member

Peter Gilli, Community Development Director
Neda Zayer, Assistant Community Development Director
Andy Heglund, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Tracy Oehler, Assistant City Clerk

REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. WEBEXT EVENT

Chair O'Neill called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Huston, Mercer, Muller, Perzel, Vice-Chair Huston, and Chair O'Neill

Staff: Neda Zayer, Assistant Community Development Director
Andy Heglund, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Jared Rosengren, Principal Planner
Tracy Oehler, Assistant City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None.

CONSENT ITEM

1. **Approval of the Historic Preservation Committee January 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes.**

Recommended Action: Approve, as presented.

Committee member Huston has the following corrections on page 5 of the January 21, 2021 minutes related to the HPC's comments to PROJ-14889.

- Would like to make sure that when the applicant team develops its design and ~~architectural elements~~ that the historic character of the ~~original~~ buildings ~~could~~ can be clearly identified and distinguished from one another.
- The applicant team should be careful in selecting building materials ~~to use that~~ remain true to the era that each building it represents, i.e., trellis and the vines that are defining features of the main building should be like its original look and material.
- The project team does not need to ~~comeback~~ come back until there's ~~are true~~ schematic plans for the project for better discussion.

Chair O'Neill made a motion to approve the January 21, 2021 Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes as corrected by Committee member Huston.

Vice-Chair Perzel seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Members Huston, Mercer, Muller, Vice-Chair Perzel and Chair O'Neill

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

Assistant City Clerk Oehler declared the motion carried 5 – 0.

FORMAL ITEM

2. PROJ-11663 – J.C. Penny Company Mills Act Contract located at 327 E. Main Street.

Request for a Mills Act Contract for improvements to a 4,920 square-foot commercial building designated as Landmark No. 112 "J.C. Penny Company" on a 4,800 square-foot site in the Urban Core (T6.1) zone within the Downtown Specific Plan.

Recommendation: That the Historic Preservation Committee recommend the City Council approve the Mills Act Contract.

Case Planer: Jamie Peltier, Associate Planner

Applicant: Cynthia Thompson

SPEAKERS:

Staff: Jared Rosengren, Principal Planner

Applicant: not available

Member of the Public: None

Documents: PowerPoint by staff

Ex Parte Communication: None

Committee member Huston made a motion recommending City Council approve the Mills Act Contract.

Committee member Mercer seconded the motion.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

AYES: Members Huston, Mercer, Muller, Vice-Chair Perzel, and Chair O'Neill

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

Assistant City Clerk Oehler declared the motion carried 5 – 0.

STAFF & COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS

Chair O'Neill announced that tonight is her last HPC meeting as she is moving out of the state.

The committee asked about updates on recruitment for new HPC members. Assistant Community Development Director Zayer confirmed that it is still on-going recruitment.

Assistant Community Development Director Zayer updated the Committee about the newly formed General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) with the first meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. She also extended invitation to HPC members in case they are interested in joining future meetings which are being held every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 6:34 P.M.