

CITY OF VENTURA

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

Peter Gilli, Community Development Director
Neda Zayer, Assistant Community Development Director
Andy Heglund, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Antoinette Mann, City Clerk

SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
WEBEX

Chair O'Neill called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Staff: Peter Gilli, Community Development Director
Neda Zayer, Assistant Community Development Director
Andy Heglund, Senior Assistant City Attorney
Antoinette Mann, City Clerk

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - None

FORMAL ITEM

1. **PROJ-14599 – Father Junipero Serra Statue Historic Resource Assessment located northern terminus of North California Street, directly across Poli Street from City Hall.**

Discuss the landmark status of the 1989 Father Junipero Serra Statue located in front of City Hall.

Recommendation: That the Historic Preservation Committee, by minute motion, acknowledge the 1989 Father Serra Statue in front of City Hall is not a historic landmark.

California Environmental Quality Act

The project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under the "General Rule" exemption.

Case Planner: Peter Gilli, Community Development Director

Applicant: City of Ventura

SPEAKERS:

Staff: Peter Gilli, Community Development Director

Applicant: City of Ventura

Member of the Public: (Ventura resident): Jim McDermott, Francisco Zinkewich, Judy Triem, Gabriel Enriquez, Dayna Barrios, Sherry Schafer - *ceded her time for Stephen Schafer*, Stephen Schafer, Marilyn Kellar, Carolina Guerra, Patricia Beebe, Jarvis Leatherby, Kioren Moss, Anna, Kat

(Non-resident/Ventura County resident): Anthony Grumbine; Gabe Schuberg, Gabriel Zamora, Vincent Nguyen, Dominic Krestyn, Ruben Mendoza, Ian M. Petit,

Documents: PowerPoint by staff

Ex Parte Communication: Member Mercer received text from Stephen Schafer and Kioren Moss; Member Perzel received email from Stephen Schafer; Vice-Chair Huston indicated she received emails from Stephen Schafer and Judy Triem and text from Julie Tumamait; and Chair O'Neill received email from Stephen Schafer.

Chair O'Neill made a motion that the 1989 Father Serra Statue in front of City Hall is not in fact the historic landmark #3 based on the facts in the records.

Member Perzel seconded the motion.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: None

City Clerk Mann declared the motion carried 5 – 0.

Member Perzel made a motion that the 1989 Father Serra Statue in front of City Hall is not a historic landmark.

Chair O'Neill seconded the motion.

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

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

NOES: Vice-Chair Huston

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: None

City Clerk Mann declared the motion carried 4 – 1, with Vice-Chair Huston dissenting.

Chair O’Neil made a formal recommendation to the City Council for their consideration at the July 7, 2020 hearing as follows:

“If the City Council decides to relocate the statue, the Committee encourages the City Council to ensure proper protection and public access is provided similar to if the statue were a designated landmark.”

Member Mercer seconded the motion.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

ABSENT: None

City Clerk Mann declared the motion carried 5 – 0.

STAFF & COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 P.M.