

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

*Vacant*, 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, JULY 8, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**WEBEXT EVENT**

Vice-Chair Perzel called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Members Huston, Mercer, Muller, Vice-Chair Perzel

Staff: Neda Zayer, Assistant Community Development Director  
 Andy Heglund, Senior Assistant City Attorney  
 Jared Rosengren, Principal Planner  
 Courtney Deppen, Recording Clerk

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – None**

**CONSENT ITEM**

- 1. Approval of the Historic Preservation Committee April 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes.**

**Recommended Action:** Approve, as presented.

Committee member Huston made a motion to approve the April 22, 2021, Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes as presented.

Vice-Chair Perzel seconded the motion.

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

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

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

Recording Clerk Deppen declared the motion carried 4-0.

## FORMAL ITEM

### 2. PROJ-15119 – Historic Resource Assessment of the property located at 1429 Poli Street.

Request for a Historical Resource Assessment to determine to historic significance of a 1,672 square-foot, one-story single-family residence constructed in 1895 on a 28,330 square foot site in the Multiple Family Residential (R-3-5) zone with a land use designation of Neighborhood Medium.

**Recommendation:** That the Historic Preservation Committee recommend the Administrative Hearing Officer:

- A. Determine the single-family residence at 1429 Poli Street is not historically significant as a potential landmark;
- B. Determine the site is a potential Point of Interest; and
- C. Permit the demolition of the existing building/structures on-site.

**Case Planer:** Jared Rosengren, Principal Planner

**Applicant:** Anne Etheridge

#### **SPEAKERS:**

**Staff:** Jared Rosengren, Principal Planner, Christine Lazarretto, Managing Principal of Historic Resources Group

**Applicant:** Anne Etheridge

**Member of the Public:** Tammy Pelter, Kristen Veros, Steve Veros, Shanoah Curran, Cassie Stonefelt;

**Emails:** Staff received 3 public comments prior to the meeting and posted online.

**Documents:** PowerPoint by staff

**Ex Parte Communication:** None

The Committee provided the following feedback and comments related to Historic Resource Assessment for PROJ-15119:

- The question of not historically significant as a potential landmark centers around the original 1895 building, not the rear addition.
- Under the Mills act any investment in restoring/preserving a City Landmark could significantly lower property taxes
- The building retains sufficient integrity to be eligible as a Ventura landmark

- The threshold for Ventura landmarks is lower than the National and State thresholds, and given the building is dated pre-1900, the additions made through time is not enough to suggest a lack of integrity for a Ventura landmark

Committee Member Huston motioned the original 1895 single-family residence at 1429 Poli Street (excluding the rear addition) does meet criteria as historically significant for a potential landmark.

Vice-Chair Perzel made a second motion that the single-family resident at 1429 Poli Street meets criteria as historically significant for a potential landmark.

Committee Member Mercer seconded the motion.

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

AYES: Committee Members Huston, Mercer, Vice-Chair Perzel

NOES: Committee Member Muller

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSE: None

ABSENT: None

Recording Clerk Deppen declared the motion carried 3-1.

## **STAFF & COMMITTEE COMMUNICATIONS**

Assistant Community Development Director Neda Zayer responded to Committee Member Muller's question and explained that City Council would be the first to hold Hybrid meetings in City Chambers, giving the public an opportunity to attend both virtually and in-person. The remainder of the Boards and Committees will continue to meet virtually for now and staff will keep the committee members informed as changes arise.

Assistant Community Development Director Zayer stated the ARC Committee has a recommendation for an applicant which will be heard at the City Council meeting on July 12, 2021. They are aware that Committee Members Huston and Mercer are at the end of their terms, and the Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) will be continuing as a three-member Board for the interim. Assistant Community Development Director Zayer said more research would have to be done as to if a Committee Member is allowed extend their term until an applicant has been appointed.

Committee Member Mercer expressed a concern with a three-member Committee and said she would be willing to extend her term if allowed and if City Council thought that would be best.

Committee Member Huston stated she is also willing to extend her appointment term if needed, as the State Certification for a Historical Preservation Committee requires a Certified Committee include 5 members, of which 3 need to have professional discipline. Ventura HPC was certified in 2011 and she is concerned they will lose the benefits of the certification with only 3 members presiding.

Vice-Chair Perzel stated she would aggressively petition for new members to fill the vacancies and requested staff investigate the possibility of term extensions.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

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