

MINUTES: of the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission (HSPC) meeting of the City of Redlands held on October 7, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. are as follows:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Holm, Vice Chairman
Lauren Weiss Bricker, Commissioner
Nathan Gonzales, Commissioner
Justine Guidry, Commissioner
Rose-Marie Raumin, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT: Brian Desatnik, Development Services Director
Loralee Farris, Principal Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The Commission was in full attendance, with the exception of Chairman Kurt Heidelberg and Commissioner Greg Weissman who were excused.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – 3 MINUTES

(At this time, the public has the opportunity to address the Commission on any item of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission that does not appear on this agenda. The Commission may not discuss or take any action on any public comment made, except that the Commissioners or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public)

Vice Chairman Steven Holm opened the Public Comment Period. There were no public comments forthcoming and the Public Comment Period was closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. September 2, 2021

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Lauren Bricker and seconded by Commissioner Nathan Gonzales and carried on a vote of 5-0 (Chair Heidelberg and Commissioner Weissman absent) to approve the September 2, 2021 HSPC meeting minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS - None

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS, APPLICANT
(PROJECT PLANNER: JOCELYN TORRES)

PUBLIC HEARING to consider **Demolition No. 359** – A request to demolish an existing detached garage over 50 years of age located within the University of Redlands campus. The existing garage is located approximately 550 feet south of E. Colton Avenue and approximately 86 feet west of N. Grove Street in the Educational District (APN: 0170-092-01-0000). This

project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Vice Chairman Holm opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Jocelyn Torres, Assistant Planner, gave an overview and presentation on the Demolition.

The Commission had no comments or concerns on Demolition No. 359.

Vice Chairman Holm closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Rose-Marie Raumin and carried a vote of 5-0 (Chair Heidelberg and Commissioner Weissman absent) that the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission adopt Resolution No. 2021-12, determining that Demolition Permit No. 359 was exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines and approved Demolition Permit No. 359, based on the facts within the staff report and subject to the Conditions of Approval.

B. MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION OF REDLANDS, INC., APPLICANT

PUBLIC HEARING to consider **Historic Resource Designation No. 137** – A request to consider a recommendation to the City Council for a nomination for designation as a Local Historic Resource of a two-story brick building utilized as the Redlands Masonic Lodge located at 131 Cajon Street (APN: 0171-301-02-0000). This application is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Vice Chairman Holm opened the Public Hearing.

Ms. Lorelee Farris, Principal Planner, gave an overview and presentation on the Historic Designation.

Commissioner Bricker inquired if the applicant considered designating the property at a higher level. Mr. Josh Le Vesque stated there are issues with the property and there is a dispute with their neighbors, the church and the lodge had an easement for approximately ninety (90) years that allowed a fire exit on the easement. The church has been in construction and has revoked the easement. The lodge is trying to utilize the historic regulations to move the fire escape to the east side of the building. Commissioner Bricker recommended at a later date to pursue a landmark designation and apply for the property to be listed on the national register and suggested identifying some of the key interior spaces, it may give the lodge added benefits. Ms. Farris stated the designation will allow the applicant to use the historic building code and provide them additional flexibility in their exiting requirements. Commissioner Bricker inquired if the change in the designation will affect the photography business that rents space in the lodge. Mr. Josh Le Vesque stated

the entire first floor is occupied by tenant's that are not related to the lodge, and confirmed there are no impacts to the tenants.

Commissioner Gonzales thanked the applicant for removing the front awning on the lodge.

Vice Chairman Holm closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Gonzales and seconded by Commissioner Raumin and carried on a vote of 5-0 (Chair Heidelberg and Commissioner Weissman absent) that the HSPC moved to adopt Resolution No. 2021-13, determining that the designation of a historic resource was exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (General Rule), and to nominate and recommend that the City Council designate the Redlands Masonic Lodge located at 131 Cajon Street to be eligible to become a Historic Resource in accordance with Chapter 2.62 of the Redlands Municipal Code.

VI. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

- A.** Informational items provided by City Staff - None
- B.** Commissioner Announcements - None

VII. ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Vice Chairman Holm adjourned the meeting at 6:20 P.M. to the November 4, 2021 Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission.



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