

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

November 19, 2020

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 3 p.m. by Chair Rea in Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Carol Rea, Chair; Errol Cowan, Vice-Chair; Marc Correll, Commissioner; James Spann, Commissioner; Marion Hanlon, Commissioner; and Nicole Purvis, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Carol Breitenfeld, Commissioner.

Staff present: Adam Finestone, City Planner; Paul Bingham, Assistant Planner II; Grant Ruroede, Assistant Planner I; and Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Correll, seconded by Commissioner Hanlon, to approve the action minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0; Breitenfeld was absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION: None.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:**1. MILLS ACT – CASE NO. PL 20-0562 (CONTINUED FROM 9/17/2020):**

REQUEST: Local Register and Mills Act request for a 1964 Adobe known as "The Castle."

ZONING/LOCATION: RE-30 (Residential Estates, minimum lot size 30,000 SF) / 2775 Las Palmas Avenue

APPLICANT: Camille Helminksi

STAFF: Paul Bingham, Assistant Planner II

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:

The Commissioners discussed many aspects of the request and property including the 1991 conversion of the detached garage into a two-story, master bedroom.

COMMISSIONER ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Correll, to accept the Castle House on the Mills Act with the exception of the 1991 garage conversion, seconded by Commissioner Purvis, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0, Breitenfeld was absent).

2. HISTORIC ASSESSMENTS FOR HISTORIC PROPERTY – CASE NO. ADM 20-0110:

REQUEST: Review and consider the adequacy of historic assessments done for a Craftsman Bungalow included in the City's 1990 Historic Survey

ZONING/LOCATION: S. Centre City Specific Plan / 1405 – 1417 S. Escondido Blvd.

APPLICANT: Catherine Ferguson, Attorney at Law representing the Schniepp Family Trust

STAFF: Paul Bingham, Assistant Planner II

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive input, no action to be taken

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of this property and provided input.

COMMISSIONER ACTION: None. The Commission provided input to staff only.

3. DESIGN REVIEW– CASE NO. PL 20-0587:

REQUEST: Addition to a Local Register / Mills Act property in the Old Escondido Neighborhood

ZONING/LOCATION: R-1-6 (Single-family Residential, minimum lot size 6,000 SF) / 323 East 10th Avenue

APPLICANT: Jason and Allison Vanderwarker

STAFF: Grant Ruroede, Development Technician II

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSIONER ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Correll, to approve the application as written with the alteration that there needs to be some “differentiation” between the two structures (the existing home and the new addition) seconded by Commissioner Spann. Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0, Breitenfeld was absent).

4. DISCUSSION – ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCEDURES:

REQUEST: Discuss environmental review procedures related to historic resources

STAFF: Adam Finestone, Principal Planner

COMMISSION ACTION:

No action taken, discussion only.

ORAL COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS:

Chair Rea announced that while the Escondido History Center was closed due to COVID, the director Robin Fox was responding to phone calls and emails and that they would have the 2021 calendar out soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Historic Preservation Commission Meeting on January 21, 2021.



Adam Finestone, Secretary to the
Historic Preservation Commission



Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk