

MINUTES: of the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission (HSPC) meeting of the City of Redlands held on September 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. are as follows:

MEMBERS Steven Holm, Vice Chairman
PRESENT: Lauren Weiss Bricker, Commissioner
Greg Weissman, Commissioner
Justine Guidry, Commissioner
Nathan Gonzales, Commissioner

STAFF Brian Foote, Planning Manager
PRESENT: Lorelee Farris, Principal Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The Commission was in full attendance, with the exception of Chairman Kurt Heidelberg and Commissioner Rose-Marie Raumin 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. August 5, 2021

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Lauren Bricker and seconded by Commissioner Greg Weissman and carried a vote of 5-0 (Chair Heidelberg and Commissioner Raumin absent) to approve the August 5, 2021 HSPC meeting minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. DANIEL ISHAM, APPLICANT
(PROJECT PLANNER: LORALEE FARRIS)

Continued **PUBLIC HEARING** to consider **Certificate of Appropriateness No. 625** – A request to permit an existing 3 foot tall vinyl picket fence installed around the front yard of an existing single family dwelling, located at 184 S. Eureka Street in the R-2, Multiple Family Residential District (APN: 0171-244-33-0000). The property is located within the Smiley Park Historic

and Scenic District. This project is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15303(e) (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) 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 proposal.

Commissioner Nathan Gonzales inquired why the applicant was so firm in their stance of not incorporating any of the Commission's suggestions into the proposal.

Mr. Daniel Isham, Applicant, stated he considered the Commission's suggestions although determined that the cost and work required would be too expensive; he prefers the appearance of the existing fencing and feels it enhances the district; and there were other homes in the district that were less attractive than his. Mr. Isham said he will appeal the decision if denied.

Commissioner Gonzales stated the home is in a locally designated historic district and there is a trust that the Commission will preserve the integrity of the district and they have a responsibility to preserve the area; the fence is not consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards (SIS); and agreed with staff's recommendations that the material be changed or landscaping planted.

Commissioner Bricker agreed with Commissioner Gonzales and stated although the fence is attractive it is not consistent with the historic district.

Mr. Isham stated his frustration in seeing poor examples of other properties in the district that are unsightly and cited another that he indicated was using a shower curtain to enclose a porch, when he's not able to construct an attractive-looking vinyl fence due to the material.

Vice Chairman Holm inquired if there were any written Public Comments. Mr. Brian Foote, Planning Manager, stated there were no written Public Comments.

Vice Chairman Holm closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Foote stated there is a ten day appeal period on any action of the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission.

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Bricker, and seconded by Commissioner Gonzales and carried on a vote of 5-0 (Chairman Heidelberg and Commissioner Raumin absent) that the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission deny Certificate of Appropriateness No. 625 and adopt Resolution No. 2021-10, based on the facts within staff report.

V. NEW BUSINESS

VI. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Informational items provided by City Staff

Ms. Farris stated the California Preservation Foundation has their winners for the 2021 Preservation Design Awards on their website. Ms. Farris said there are examples of preservation and rehabilitation on their website and stated if interested the Commission can access and view their examples at californiapreservation.org

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Gonzales stated the Smiley Library is starting up their local history class online and at the Contemporary Club.

VII. ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, 2021

Vice Chairman Holm adjourned the HSPC meeting at 6:21 P.M. to the next regularly scheduled meeting of October 7, 2021.



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Lorelee Farris
Principal Planner