

MINUTES: of the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission (HSPC) meeting of the City of Redlands held on March 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. are as follows:

MEMBERS Kurt Heidelberg, Chair
PRESENT: Steven Holm, Vice Chair
Lauren Bricker, Commissioner
Justine Guidry, Commissioner
Bridget Lawlor, Commissioner
Greg Weissman, Commissioner

STAFF Brian Foote, City Planner
PRESENT: Rosemary Montoya, Assistant Planner

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The Commission was in full attendance with the exception of Commissioner Nathan Gonzales who was excused.

Chair Kurt Heidelberg introduced the new Commissioner, Bridget Lawlor to the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission. Commissioner Lawlor stated she is currently working at Pasadena Heritage as the Preservation Director. She has a background in advisory and educational programming in preservation, and she is excited to join the Commission.

Chair Heidelberg welcomed Councilmember Paul Barich as the Council Liaison to the Historic & Scenic Preservation Commission.

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Steven Holm nominated Kurt Heidelberg to be Chair of the Commission. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Vice Chair Holm, seconded by Commissioner Lauren Bricker, and carried a vote of 6-0 to extend Chair Kurt Heidelberg's term as Chair of the Commission.

Commissioner Justine Guidry nominated Steven Holm to be Vice Chair of the Commission. There were no other nominations. It was moved by Commissioner Guidry, seconded by Commissioner Greg Weissman, and carried a vote of 6-0 to extend Vice Chair Steven Holm's term as Vice Chair of the Commission.

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).

Chair Heidelberg opened the Public Comment Period. There were no comments forthcoming, and the Public Comment Period was closed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2024

MOTION

It was moved by Commissioner Weissman, seconded by Vice Chair Holm, and carried a vote of 5-0 (Commissioner Lawlor abstained) to approve the December 5, 2024, meeting minutes.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – None.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. CIAMAC MOUSAVINIA, APPLICANT (PROJECT PLANNER: ROSEMARY MONTOYA)

PUBLIC HEARING to consider **Demolition No. 395** – A request to demolish an approximately 426 square-foot residence over 50 years of age located at 912 Herald Street (APN: 0169-085-02-0000). This proposal may qualify for exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301(I)(4) (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Chair Heidelberg opened the Public Hearing.

Miss Rosemary Montoya, Assistant Planner, gave an overview and presentation on the proposal and stated she and the applicant were available for any questions.

Vice Chair Holm asked if the structure is habitable and what the structure is being used for. Mr. Ciamac Mousavinia, applicant, responded the structure was purchased in February 2024, no one is living in the structure, and the structure is uninhabitable. He said he plans to demolish the structure and build something new.

There were no comments from the public and Chair Heidelberg closed the Public Hearing.

MOTION

It was moved by Vice Chair Holm, seconded by Commissioner Bricker, and carried a vote of 6-0 that the Historic and Scenic Preservation Commission adopt Resolution No. 2024-08, to determine that Demolition Permit No 395 was exempt from environmental review under Section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the CEQA Guidelines, and approve Demolition Permit No. 395 based on the facts within this staff report, and subject to the

Conditions of Approval.

Mr. Brian Foote, City Planner, stated there is a provision in Title 15 of the Redlands Municipal Code that allows the Building Official to issue a demolition permit for unsafe structures.

**B. CITY OF REDLANDS, DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
(BRIAN FOOTE, CITY PLANNER/PLANNING MANAGER)**

Review of the 2023-2024 Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report. Staff will provide a summary and description of the draft 23-24 Annual Report in accordance with the requirements for a Certified Local Government by the California Office of Historic Preservation.

Mr. Foote gave an overview and outlined some of the requirements of the Annual Report. He stated the City of Redlands is a Certified Local Government, certified by the State's Office of the Historic Preservation, and one of the requirements is to complete an Annual Report.

Mr. Foote reported the Commission did not accomplish much training last year; he encouraged the Commission to attend at least one annual training, conference, or seminar, if possible. He stated if one or more Commissioners are interested in attending an event, to inform staff, and the City can possibly pay the registration fees.

Mr. Foote stated if there are no changes or additions to the materials in the packet provided to the Commission, he will forward the packet to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP).

VI. DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION, AND INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Informational items provided by City Staff

Mr. Foote reported the property formerly known as the City Transfer and Storage Company, located at 440 Orange Avenue, was added to the National Register and the property is currently known as the Escape Craft Brewery. He also reported the Overland Building was built in 1912, the building was the original Chamber of Commerce, and is now operating as The Overland as a high-end cocktail bar. The building won an award from the California Preservation Foundation, in the rehabilitation category, and was one of 15 winners in 2024.

Mr. Foote informed the Commission of the following upcoming webinars and encouraged them to attend:

A webinar by the National Council for Preservation Education will be a conversation with Dr. Andrea Roberts and Sarah Marsom, to be held on March 11, 2025, free of charge.

A workshop on CEQA Fundamentals for Projects Affecting Historic Resources, scheduled in two parts, one on March 13, 2025, and the other on March 27, 2025.

A webinar by the National Trust of Historic Preservation to discuss the Promise and Perils of AI in Historic Preservation, to be held on March 7, 2025.

A webinar on Creating Community with Housing, to be held on March 13, 2025.

Councilmember Barich expressed appreciation for the Commission donating their time to help the citizens of Redlands, and he is looking forward to working with them.

B. Commissioner Announcements

Commissioner Bricker suggested the Commission and staff meet with an Ad Hoc Committee to discuss a work plan for projects the Commission might be interested in pursuing. Mr. Foote stated he is open to ideas and suggestions and suggested the Commission speak with him or Chair Heidelberg, then Mr. Foote will relay that discussion with Mr. Brian Desatnik, Development Services Director, to see what can be formulated regarding a work program. Mr. Foote added he has some ideas for increasing public outreach and awareness regarding the Mills Act Program this coming year. He also said another idea is to create new ADU design standards for properties within Historic Districts. He included staff is working on a citywide ADU Ordinance and will possibly include some development/design standards related to Historic Districts or Historic Properties.

Chair Heidelberg stated an Ad Hoc Committee previously proposed some changes to the City Code, and he is requesting that effort gets started again. Mr. Foote responded he would discuss how to move forward with Mr. Desatnik.

Commissioner Bricker inquired about the City applying for Community Organization Grants (COG) as a potential external source of funds. Mr. Foote stated when the Commission is aware of grant funding opportunities to share the information with him.

Councilmember Barich invited the Commission to attend the 16th Annual Community Day of Service on March 15, 2025, at Sylvan Park. He said the baseball field and the Rose Garden will be reconditioned; entertainment and lunch will be provided.

ADJOURN TO REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON APRIL 3, 2025

Chair Heidelberg adjourned the HSPC meeting at 6:31 P.M. to the regularly scheduled HSPC meeting to be held on April 3, 2025.

Sonya Flint
Administrative Assistant

Brian Foote
City Planner