



505 South Garey Avenue
Pomona, CA 91766

City of Pomona Historic Preservation Commission

Action Minutes

Chairperson Angela H. Keller
Vice-Chairperson Walter Martinez
Commissioner Brittany C. Gallivan
Commissioner Carol Anten
Commissioner James Gallivan
Commissioner Ruth B. Alvarez
Commissioner Chara Swodeck

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Keller called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Keller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Brittany C. Gallivan
Vice-Chairperson Walter Martinez
Commissioner Carol Anten
Commissioner James Gallivan
Commissioner Ruth B. Alvarez
Commissioner Chara Swodeck
Chairperson Angela H. Keller

Absent: None

Staff Present: Betty Donavanik, Development Services Director
Geoffrey Starns, Planning Manager
Carlos Molina, Associate Planner
Irene Moure, Assistant Planner

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Swodeck

1. Los Angeles County Fair

Commissioner Swodeck reported for the Adhoc Committee

1. Streamline process for permits
2. Historic Preservation Awards

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Approval of the Action Minutes from the March 3, 2025 Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve. Motion carried (7-0-0-0).

Ayes:	B. Gallivan, Martinez, Anton, Keller, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Swodeck
Noes:	None
Abstention:	None
Absent:	None

DISCUSSION TIME: 1 minute (6:36 p.m.to 6:37 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

1. Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA-000049-2025) for 531 E. Kingsley Avenue

Associate Planner Carlos Molina presented the item.

1. Currently on site there is a single-family structure with a detached garage.
2. The proposed ADU meets very closely the style of the existing Craftsman home.
3. The ADU will be a little shorter than the main house (14 feet existing dwelling & 12.5 feet ADU)
4. ADU will be moderately visible from the street but can be screened by landscaping.
5. The proposed ADU meets all the requirements.
6. Staff recommends approval of Major Certificate of Appropriateness.

Commission concerns/questions

1. Commissioner Martinez asked if the existing garage would be destroyed.
2. Commissioner Swodeck asked about the windows that were not consistent with the Craftsman style and the overhung of the roof.

Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner B. Gallivan, to approve. Motion carried (7-0-0-0)

Ayes:	B. Gallivan, Martinez, Anten, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Swodeck, Keller
Noes:	None
Abstention:	None
Absent:	None

In Opposition: None

In Support: Francisco Palma

DISCUSSION TIME: 20 minutes (6:40 p.m.to 7:00 p.m.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000039-2024) for 1433 S. San Antonio Avenue

Associate Planner Molina presented the item.

1. Provided an extensive history of the site to the Commission to determine the historical significance of the property.

The Commission did not have any questions or concerns about this property.

Moved by Commissioner Gallivan, seconded by Commissioner Anten, to determine that the property is not historic. Motion carried (7-0-0-0)

Ayes:	B. Gallivan, Martinez, Anten, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Swodeck, Keller
Noes:	None
Abstention:	None
Absent:	None

In Opposition: None

In Support: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 13 minutes (6:41 p.m.to 7:54 p.m.)

2. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000279-2025) for 2282 N. Garey Avenue

Assistant Planner Moure presented the item.

1. Provided an extensive history of the site to the Commission to determine the historical significance of the property.

The Commission did not have any questions or concerns about this property.

Moved by Commissioner B. Gallivan, seconded by Chairperson Keller, to determine that the property is not historic. Motion carried (7-0-0-0)

Ayes:	B. Gallivan, Martinez, Anten, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Swodeck, Keller
Noes:	None
Abstention:	None
Absent:	None

In Opposition: None

In Support: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 10 minutes (7:55 p.m.to 8:05 p.m.)

3. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000278-2025) for 2250 N. Garey Avenue

Assistant Planner Moure presented the item.

1. Provided an extensive history of the site to the Commission to determine the historical significance of the property.

Commission questions and/or concerns

1. Chairperson Keller asked Assistant Planner Moure to provide information about the architect.
2. Commissioner B.Gallivan asked the applicant why he purchased the property.
3. Commissioner Swodeck asked if the applicant is interested in adapted reuse.
4. Commissioner Alvarez asked what the applicant's plan for this site is.

Planning Manager Starns

1. Informed the Commission that if the property is deemed historic it does not mean it cannot be demolished.
2. There is a process called a Certificate of Deconstruction, and it requires an environmental review.

Moved by Commissioner Anten, seconded by Commissioner Swodeck, to determine that the property is historic. Motion carried (6-1-0-0)

Ayes: B. Gallivan, Anton, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Swodeck, Keller
Noes: Martinez
Abstention: None
Absent: None

In Opposition: Satwinder Singh
Isabel Rodriguez
Helen Johnson
Frank Delgado
Minerva Guitierrez
Ron VanderMolen

In Support: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 56 minutes (8:06 p.m.to 9:02 p.m.)

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner Gallivan

1. Spoke to the Neon Museum about the Mr. Milkman sign.

STAFF COMMUNICATION:

Planning Manager Starns

1. Provided a quick year-end review to City Council
2. Two more Determination of Significance coming to Commission
3. Staff is at the State Historic Conference in Sacramento
4. Stables recap

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M. to the meeting of June 4, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

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