

HPC RESOLUTION NO.24-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING APPROVAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE REQUEST FOR SINGLE HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION (SHISTORIC 000606-2024) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 290 HERITAGE COURT (APN: 8339002055).

THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the applicant, Mario Suarez submitted an application requesting single historic landmark designation (SHISTORIC 000606-2024) for the property located at 290 Heritage Court;

WHEREAS, for designation of a single historic landmark, Section .800.C.(2)(a) of the Pomona Zoning & Development Code states that any Eligible Historical Resource may be designated an Historic Landmark by the City Council pursuant if it meets the criteria for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historical Resources, or Local Historic Landmark Designation Criteria;

WHEREAS, for designation of a single historic landmark, Section 1190.B. (5)(c) of the Pomona Zoning & Development Code states that if the Commission votes to reject the nomination, the nomination will not be forwarded to the City Council, unless the decision of the Commission is appealed;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Pomona, has, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on September 4, 2024, concerning the requested Single Historic Landmark Designation (SHISTORIC 000606-2024);

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission has carefully considered all pertinent testimony and the staff report offered in the case presented at the public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Pomona, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that the City Council determine that the single historic landmark designation request (SHISTORIC000606-2024) is not a project. Section 15060 of the Guidelines exempts actions from CEQA that would not result in either an indirect or direct impact on the environment and that do not meet the Section 15378(a) definition of a project. Section 15378(a) defines a project as one that has the potential for resulting in a physical change to the environment. No physical change to the environment is anticipated with the single historic landmark designation.

SECTION 2. The Historic Preservation Commission hereby finds and determines that the application requesting single historic landmark designation (SHISTORIC 000606-2024) for the property located at 290 Heritage Court does meet the designation criteria. Based on the policies contained in the Pomona General Plan and the Pomona Zoning & Development Code – Section 800. Historic Preservation, the Historic Preservation Commission concludes as follows:

National Register of Historic Places Criteria

1. Is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A).

There have been no events identified that occurred on this property that have made a significant contribution to National, California, or Pomona’s history.

2. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B).

While the concept of the relocating the home was a concept developed by a notable architect, the architect was not responsible for the relocation nor the design of the structure, therefore none of the persons associated with this property have been found to be significant in the history of the Nation, California, or Pomona.

3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, represents the work of a master, possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion C).

Though relocated to the City of Pomona in 1993, the property contains distinctive characteristics of a 1910s Craftsman Bungalow. Craftsman Bungalows began to make their appearance in architecture in the early 1900s and are noted as an indigenous California version of the American Arts and Crafts movement, incorporating Southern California’s unique qualities. The property exemplifies the Craftsman Bungalow architectural style and is characterized by its earth-toned paint colors, large roof overhangs, rafters, wide front door, wide front porch with heavy porch piers, river rock foundation, and uniquely features the distinct exterior wood shingle siding.

4. Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D).

This criteria relates to archaeological resources and there is no information that this site was could have been important to Native American tribes in the area. Therefore, the property is not likely to yield any information.

California Register of Historical Resources

1. Associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of local or regional history or the cultural heritage of California or the United States.

Through our research, there have been no events identified that occurred on this property that would have made a significant contribution to National, California, or Pomona's history.

2. Associated with the lives of persons important to local, California or national history.

None of the persons associated with this property have been found to be significant in the history of the Nation, California, or Pomona.

3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction, represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values.

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City of Pomona Designation Criteria

1. It embodies distinctive characteristics of a style, type, period, or method of construction, or is a valuable example of the use of indigenous materials or craftsmanship;

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2. It is the work of a notable builder, designer, landscape designer or architect;

The builder and architect have not been found, therefore, there is no notable builder, designer, or architect.

3. It embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation ;

Though the structure exemplifies the Craftsman Bungalow architectural style, based on the size of the home and similar style Craftsman Bungalows, it is not expected that this home was constructed in a manner that would represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or

innovation. The styling and construction methods tended to trickle down from larger home to smaller “bungalows”, making innovations or achievements unlikely.

4. It is similar to other distinctive properties, sites, areas, or objects based on an historic, cultural, or architectural motif;

This property does not have features that would make it similar to other distinctive properties, nor is there a common motif linking this property to others in the region.

5. It has a unique location or singular physical characteristics or is a view or vista representing an established and familiar visual feature of a neighborhood, community, or the city of Pomona;

There is nothing on this property that would make is a unique location, or that has a singular physical characteristic, or a view or vista that represents an established and familiar visual feature of the surround neighborhood.

6. It reflects significant geographical patterns, including those associated with different eras of settlement and growth, particular transportation modes, or distinctive examples of park or community planning ;

Though the structure was relocated from Claremont, CA for the expansion of Harvey Mudd College to Pomona, CA in the 1990’s this movement was not associated with a significant geographic pattern from that time.

7. It is one of the few remaining examples in the city of Pomona, region, state, or nation possessing distinguishing characteristics of an architectural or historical type or specimen.

This property does not have any distinctive characteristics that would distinguish it from the thousands of other Craftsman Bungalow houses in Pomona. There are more exemplary craftsman homes in Pomona.

8. It is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history;

While the concept of the relocating the home was a concept developed by a notable architect, the architect was not responsible for the relocation nor the design of the structure, therefore none of the persons associated with this property have been found to be significant in the history of the Nation, California, or Pomona.

9. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the City of Pomona's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history;

This property does not reflect any special elements of Pomona’s history as this property was not originally constructed in Pomona, thus this property would not qualify as historic under this criterion.

10. Has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California or the nation.

This criteria relates to archaeological resources and there is no information that this site was could have been important to Native American tribes in the area. Therefore, the property is not likely to yield any information.

SECTION 3. Based on the above findings, the Historic Preservation Commission hereby denies the request for single historic landmark designation (SHISTORIC 000606-2024) for the property located at 290 Heritage Court.

SECTION 4. The Secretary shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and forward the original to the City Clerk.

APPROVED AND PASSED THIS 4th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2024.

JAMES KERCHEVAL
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

GEOFFREY STARNES, AICP, AIA, LEED AP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
SECRETARY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)
CITY OF POMONA)

AYES: Kercheval, Swodeck, Martinez, Gallivan, and Tomkins.
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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Pursuant to Resolution No. 76-258 of the City of Pomona, the time in which judicial review of this action must be sought is governed by California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.6. C.C.P.