



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***

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Wednesday, July 2, 2025

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Keller called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Keller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Brittany C. Gallivan  
Commissioner Carol Anten  
Commissioner Ruth B. Alvarez  
Chairperson Angela H. Keller  
Commissioner Chara Swodeck

Absent: Vice-Chairperson Walter Martinez  
Commissioner James Gallivan

Staff Present: Betty Donovanik, Development Services Director  
Geoffrey Starns, Planning Manager  
Alan Fortune, Associate Planner

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION:**

Commissioner Anten stated that the community would like to get a memorial tree for Mickey Gallivan in the Lincoln Park district.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

1. Approval of the Action Minutes for the Historic Preservation Commission meeting of April 2, 2025

**Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Anten, to approve. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** none

**In Support:** none

**Discussion Time:** 1 minute (6:36 p.m.to 6:37 p.m.)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA 000360-2025) for 1515 Ganesha Place

Associate Planner Fortune presented the item.

1. Request to legalize 24 unpermitted vinyl windows on a primary structure of a contributing resource in the Hacienda Heights historic district.
2. Code Compliance issued a notice of violation
3. Windows replaced in 2014 by the previous homeowner
4. Vinyl is an incompatible material
5. Staff recommends denying the Major Certificate of Appropriateness
6. If Commission approves the request the project will be categorical exempt from CEQA

Planning Manager Starns stated that the Commission's findings must be the same under CEQA. He stated the previous owner replaced the windows without permission from the city.

Planning Manager Starns recommended to the Commission to continue the item for staff to discuss the Mills Act program with the homeowner.

Commission concerns/questions

1. Commissioner Keller asked if the Code for energy compliance is different in the Historic Districts
2. Commissioner Keller asked what the remedy after Commission's determination is
3. Commissioner Swodeck concern about house flippers

4. Commissioner Alvarez asked if an inspection is done by Code Compliance prior to selling a property to avoid similar issues
5. The Commission discussed the option to continue the item to allow the homeowner the opportunity to apply for a Mills Act

**Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Alvarez, to continue the item to August 6, 2025. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** none

**In Support:** Michael, Architectural Manager

**Discussion Time:** 34 minutes (6:38 p.m. to 7:12 p.m.)

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000418-2025) for 1150 Fairplex Drive (John F. Kennedy Park)

Associate Planner Alan Fortune 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 concerns or questions about this site.

**Moved by Commissioner Alvarez, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to determine that the property is not historic and adopt resolution no. 25-017. Motion carried (5-0-0-2).**

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

**In Opposition:** none

**In Support:** none

**Discussion Time:** 7 minutes (7:13 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.)

2. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000417-2025) for 450 W. Grand Avenue (Tony Cerda Park)

Associate Planner Fortune presented the item.

1. Provided an extensive history of the site to the Commission to determine the historical significance of the property.
2. Staff recommends that the restroom facility within Tony Cerda Park is not historic.

Commission concerns/questions

1. Commissioner Alvarez asked if the architects constructed other structures in the city. She also asked if the restroom was built due to the demonstrations in the 1970s.

2. Commissioner Swodeck said that the architects also built the school of music in West Covina.
3. Commissioner Swodeck had concerns about the restroom contributing to the Pow Wows (cultural celebration).

Planning Manager Starns said that if the restroom was built before 1970 staff's recommendation would have been different. He stated that Tony Cerda Park as a whole is historic. He mentioned that we have not found anything in the context statement that would identify these architects being significant in our history. He said the restroom was not in response to the demonstrations. He stated that Public Works will replace the public restroom. He mentioned that to designate a structure historic it must meet one of the following criteria: architecture of the building, the people associated with the building and the events that happen.

Director Donavanik stated that the restroom did not contribute to the Pow Wows.

**Moved by Chairperson Keller, seconded by Commissioner Anten, to determine not historic.  
Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:** None

\*Jesus A. spoke during the meeting but was indifferent about the demolition of the restroom.

**Discussion Time:** 40 minutes (7:21 p.m. to 8:01 p.m.)

#### **STAFF COMMUNICATION:**

Planning Manager Starns:

1. We do not have a new tree recommendation for Lincoln Park historic district. This information will be provided in August.
2. We are working with Public Works to find a solution for the lightbulbs in Lincoln Park
3. Pomona Heritage is having their annual restoration workshop on August 23, 2025 at 9am

Commissioner Swodeck requested to agendaize Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee in the next meeting.

Commissioner B. Gallivan asked for an update on the building permit for 1625 N. Park Avenue and the wall at Lincoln Elementary School.

Commissioner Anten requested an update for Jack in the Box.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M. to the meeting of July 2, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Starns, AICP, AIA, LEED AP

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