



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, June 4, 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
Chairperson Angela H. Keller

Absent: Commissioner Chara Swodeck

Staff Present: Betty Donovanik, Development Services Director
Geoffrey Starns, Planning Manager
Alina Barron, Senior Planner
Alan Fortune, Associate Planner
Carlos Molina, Associate Planner
Irene Moure, Assistant Planner

PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Kercheval, on behalf of City Councilwomen Debra Martin, requested an update on the historic stairs at Ganesha Park.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION:

Commissioner B. Gallivan asked how far in construction is Public Works on the stairs at Ganesha Park.

CONSENT CALENDAR: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000329-2025) for 835 N. Myrtle 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 concerns/questions

1. Commissioner Martinez asked how many homes have been determined to be historical and how many homes did he developed.

Moved by Commissioner Alvarez, seconded by Commissioner Anten, to determine that the property is not historic. Motion carried (6-0-0-1)

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

In Opposition: none

In Support: none

Discussion Time: 12 minutes (6:38 p.m.to 7:00 p.m.)

2. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000112-2025) for 1057 E. Mission Blvd. @23:00-51:00

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.

Commission concerns/questions

1. Commissioner Martinez asked if the sign is part of the determination.

Moved by Commissioner J. Gallivan, seconded by Commissioner B. Gallivan, to determine that the property is historic and adopt resolution no. 25-014 (which reads to bring back the property for designation as a landmark). Motion carried (6-0-0-1)

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

Absent: Swodeck

In Opposition: None

In Support: David Lee

Discussion Time: 18minutes (7:01 p.m.to 7:19 p.m.)

3. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000416-2025) for 800 W. Lexington Avenue (Martin Luther King, Jr. 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.

Moved by Commissioner Alvarez, seconded by Chairperson Keller, to determine that the restroom structure is not historic and adopt HPC Resolution No. 25-016. Motion carried (6-0-0-1)

Ayes: B. Gallivan, Martinez, Anten, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Keller

Noes: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Swodeck

In Opposition: None

In Support: None

Discussion Time: 13 minutes (7:20 p.m.to 7:33 p.m.)

4. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000357-2025) for 1060 W. Mission Blvd.

Senior Planner Barron presented the item.

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

Commission concerns/questions

1. Commissioner Anten had a question about the applicant's proposed project, which has not been submitted to the Planning Department.
2. Chairperson Keller asked if this property is a single parcel.

Planning Manager Starns

1. Commission determination tonight does not prevent the applicant from demolishing the property.
2. The applicant can apply for a Certificate of Deconstruction, and it requires an environmental review.
3. The applicant has not applied for residential development.
4. Commission needs to determine if the structures are historic.

Moved by Chairperson Keller, seconded by Commission Martinez, to determine structure no. 1 is historic and structures 2, 3, 4 not historic and adopt resolution no. 25-018. Motion carried (6-0-0-1)

Ayes: B. Gallivan, Martinez, Anten, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Keller

Noes: None
Abstention: None
Absent: Swodeck

In Opposition: Milad B. Oueijan
Mike Sater

In Support: None

Discussion Time: 11 minutes (7:34 p.m.to 7:45 p.m.)

5. Discussion regarding street tree species conflicts in Lincoln Park

Planning Manager Starns

1. Mezcal bean tree fruit pod if it drops is poisonous to peacocks.
2. City Arborist would like to replace it with the Jacaranda tree.

Commission concerns/questions

1. Commissioner B. Gallivan would like for the arborist to provide more information about the Jacaranda tree.
2. Commissioner Alvarez would like input from the residents in the area.

Planning Manager Starns

1. Will bring back the item with other tree recommendations

Discussion only, no action taken.

Discussion Time: 11 minutes (7:46 p.m.to 7:57 p.m.)

6. Discussion regarding street tree species conflicts in Lincoln Park

Planning Manager Starns presented the item.

1. LED lights more affordable, last longer and more environmentally friendly
2. The City Council adopted a street light replacement policy for the historic districts in 2015. This policy is related to the poles not the bulbs.
3. Replace like for like or restore the historically appropriate bulb through a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness
4. Sodium bulbs are eight times more expensive

Commission concerns/questions

1. Chairperson Anten asked about the brightness of the bulb.
2. Commissioner Alvarez would like the light bulb the American Medical Association recommendation.
3. Commissioner B. Gallivan asked if a variety of light bulbs be placed in the area temporarily to view at night and make a recommendation.
4. Chairperson Keller asked if the historic districts could have different light bulbs for each district
5. Commissioner Alvarez requested to have a list of light bulbs for the community

Public Speakers: Delana Martin-Marshall, April Martin-Marshall, Vanessa Saldana recommended the amber lights for the Lincoln Park area.

Discussion only, no action taken.

Discussion Time: 38 minutes (7:58 p.m.to 8:36 p.m.)

STAFF COMMUNICATION:

Planning Manager Starns:

1. West Coast arborist planted about 90 trees incorrectly and will replant with the appropriate trees.
2. The City Arborist does replace trees in the historic districts from the approved list.
3. We received five Mills Act applications this year.
4. 50 years and older is a historic property and applicants are required to apply with the Planning Department for the approval of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Director Donavanik

1. Vacant property registration implemented this year.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 P.M. to the meeting of July 2, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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