



# Historic Preservation Commission


## Staff Report

December 4, 2024

**FILE NO:** DHS-001279-2024  
A request to make a Determination of Historic Significance for 3641 North Garey Avenue.

**ADDRESS:** **3641 North Garey Avenue**

**APPLICANT:** Asad Khan

**PROJECT PLANNER:** Geoffrey Starns, AICP, AIA, LEED AP, Planning Manager 

**RECOMMENDATION:** Determine that the property located at 3641 North Garey Avenue (File No. DHS-001279-2024) is not historic and adopt Resolution No. 24-047.

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### BACKGROUND:

On August 27, 2024, Asad Khan submitted an application to determine whether or not the property located at 3641 North Garey Avenue is historic. The property consist of three parcels and three addresses, 3619, 3629, and 3641 North Garey Avenue.

### ARCHITECTURAL STYLE:

The building at 3641 North Garey Avenue appears to have been originally constructed as a Spanish Colonial Revival or a Mediterranean Revival style based on the shape and the red tile roof. However, the numerous additions have hidden all the character-defining features and it is now a vernacular architecture. There is also a vernacular house at 3629 North Garey. It appears that the original front porch has been enclosed. The building at 3619 North Garey Avenue is a mid-century commercial building that appears to be the mid-century modern style.

### ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

The building at 3641 North Garey Avenue is a one-story building facing the street with a two-story section in the middle. The front of the building has a flat parapet roof, with pointed, or lancet arches over the windows. The windows are large, multi-paned windows with a 4 over 4 grid (or a 4 over 2 grid if the

windows are single/double-hung). The side porch is also covered with pointed arches. In front of the porch is a large canopy that could be considered a carport. The Center Section is two-stories in height and appears to be the original house that was built in 1932. It has a low pitch, hipped, mission style, red tile roof. There is a large, round tower with a "balcony" at the northeast corner of the building.

**Relevant Alterations:**

- Addition – 10/15/1986
- Demolition of garage and 16'x26' structure and balcony – 2/17/1987
- Construction of a carport – 6/28/1989

**Character-Defining Features:**

1. Pointed or Lancet Arches
2. Flat Parapet Roof
3. Multi-pane windows

The house at 3629 North Garey Avenue is rectangular in plan, has a gable roof, and the walls are stucco. There are no character-defining features left on the building.

**Relevant Alterations:**

- Demolition of pool – 12/30/1991
- Replace 4 windows – 6/16/1999
- Replace 4 windows – 8/25/1999

**Character-Defining Features:**

1. Stucco Walls
2. Gable Roof

The commercial building at 3619 North Garey Avenue is rectangular in plan, has a flat parapet roof, Brick Walls and a glass storefront. It appears to be relatively unaltered compared to the other buildings. There is a building permit for it dated March 2, 1967. It is described as a cement block market.

**Relevant Alterations:**

- Office Partitions – 11/10/1969
- Add 2 windows – 5/2/2008

**Character-Defining Features:**

3. Brick Veneer Walls
4. Flat Parapet Roof
5. Glass Storefront

## **HISTORY:**

Staff could not find any history on any of these buildings. There is a permit for the commercial building from 1967 and the alterations for the house at 3641 North Garey occurred beginning in 1985.

### **Historic Context Statement:**

This property does not fit into the historic context statement

### **Survey Information:**

This property was not included in the Citywide Historic Survey

### **City Directories:**

The addresses are not listed in any City Directory.

### **Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps:**

This property does not appear in the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps.

### **Significance:**

The City cannot find any significance on this property as it does not appear in any records until 1967 for the commercial building and 1985 for the 3641 house. Staff, therefore, cannot determine any criteria that the property meets in order to designate it. Further, the additions have severely affected the integrity of the original houses.

### **Designation Criteria:**

Staff reviewed the National Register, California Register, and local designation criteria to determine whether the property is historic and did not find any criteria that the property meets.

#### *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).
2. Is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B).
3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction (Criterion C).

Due to a lack of any information on the property, staff cannot make any of the above findings that the property is historic.

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

This property has been previously been developed and it is unlike to contain any information important in history or prehistory. Therefore, the property does not meet this criteria.

#### *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 (Criterion 1).
2. Associated with the lives of persons important to local, California or national history (Criterion 2).
3. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values (Criterion 3).

Due to a lack of any information on the property, staff cannot make any of the above findings that the property is historic.

4. Has yielded, or has the potential to yield, information important to the prehistory or history of the local area, California or the nation (Criterion 4).

This property has been previously been developed and it is unlike to contain any information important in history or prehistory. Therefore, the property does not meet this criteria.

#### *City of Pomona Landmark Designation Criteria*

##### **Architecture / Physical Features**

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 (Criterion 3 in previous ordinance);
2. It is the work of a notable builder, designer, landscape designer or architect (Criterion 5 in previous ordinance);
3. It embodies elements of architectural design, detail, materials, or craftsmanship that represent a significant structural or architectural achievement or innovation (Criterion 7 in previous ordinance);

4. It is similar to other distinctive properties, sites, areas, or objects based on an historic, cultural, or architectural motif (Criterion 8 in previous ordinance);
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 (Criterion 6 in previous ordinance);
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 (Criterion 9 in previous ordinance);
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 (Criterion 10 in previous ordinance).

Due to a lack of any information on the property, staff cannot make any of the above findings that the property is historic.

#### **Person(s) and Events Important in Our History**

1. It is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history (Criterion 2 in previous ordinance);
2. It exemplifies or reflects special elements of the city of Pomona's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history (Criterion 1 in previous ordinance);

Due to a lack of any information on the property, staff cannot make any of the above findings that the property is historic.

#### **Archaeology**

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

This property has been previously been developed and it is unlike to contain any information important in history or prehistory. Therefore, the property does not meet this criteria.

#### **INTEGRITY:**

As discussed above the property has undergone numerous alterations. In fact, three of the four sides of the original 3641 house have been covered up by the additions and alterations. The 3629 house has also

been added on to. Therefore there is very little original character-defining features left from the 1932 structure. Therefore, there is no historic integrity left and the property should not be designated

**CONCLUSION:**

There is no information to base a designation on and the integrity of the original 1932 (3641 Garey) and the 1929 (3629 Garey) structures has been severely compromised. Staff has therefore determined that the property is not historic and should not be designated.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 24-047
2. Photographs of site and surrounding area