



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 Anton***  
***Commissioner James Gallivan***  
***Commissioner Ruth B. Alvarez***  
***Commissioner Chara Swodeck***

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Wednesday, April 2, 2025

6:30 PM

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#### **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 Gallivan  
Vice-Chairperson Walter Martinez  
Chairperson Angela H. Keller  
Commissioner James Gallivan  
Commissioner Carol Anton (arrived at 6:41 p.m.)  
Commissioner Ruth B. Alvarez  
Commissioner Chara Swodeck

Absent: None

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

The Commission agreed to move Commissioner Communication at the end of the agenda.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Approval of the Action Minutes from March 6, 2024, April 3, 2024 and May 1, 2024 Historic Preservation Commission meetings.

**Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner B. Gallivan, to approve the action minutes with corrections. Motion carried (6-0-0-1)**

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

**PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000101-2025) for 1674 S. Huntington Street @7:00-19:00

Senior Planner Barron presented the item.

1. She concluded that the subject structures themselves lack features that would suggest that the buildings are rare or an excellent example of the style.
2. This specific property does not depict any integrity that is associated with any historically significant person or event.
3. She determined that this property does not hold any historic significance.

The Commission asked questions and discussed the item.

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

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

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:** None

**DISCUSSION TIME:**

2. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-001623-2024) for 3255 Pomona Boulevard

Assistant Planner Diaz presented the item.

1. She concluded that the subject property does lack features that would suggest that the building is rare or an excellent example of any architecture style.
2. Determined that the property is not associated with any individual or event that is historically significant.
3. It is determined that the site itself is not eligible to be designated as a local historic landmark.
4. She has determined the property is not historic.

The Commission asked questions and discussed the item.

1. Commissioner Jim Gallivan shared additional information with the Commission and staff.
2. Commissioner Swodeck requested that stories from a local book be included in the report.
3. Commissioner Alvarez shared an article about the hotel. The article can be found in the library of USC.

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

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

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:** Heather Roberts

3. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000048-2025) for 1533 Indian Hill Boulevard

Assistant Planner Diaz presented the item.

1. She concluded that the subject property is a rudimentary example of the Googie style, it lacks features that would suggest the building is a rare or excellent example of the style.
2. Determined that the property is not associated with any individual or event that is historically significant.
3. She determined that it is not eligible for historical significance.

The Commission asked questions and discussed the item.

1. Commissioner J. Gallivan asked a question related to the sign on the property.
2. The Commissioners discussed designating the property as a Historic Landmark.

Planning Manager Starns suggested having two separate votes for the sign and building.

**Moved by Chairperson Keller, seconded by Commissioner B. Gallivan, to determine that the sign is historic (criterion 7 & 2). Motion carried (7-0-0-0)**

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

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

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

Absent: None

**In Opposition:** Ann Tomkins

**In Support:** Property Owner

**DISCUSSION TIME:**

4. Approval of the Latina/o Historic Context Statement

Sarah of South Environmental presented the item.

The Commission asked questions and discussed the item.

**Moved by Chairperson Keller, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, to approve the Latina/o Historic Context Statement. Motion carried (7-0-0-0)**

Ayes: B. Gallivan, Martinez, Keller, Anton, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Swodeck

Noes: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:** None

5. Selection of the 2025 Preserve Pomona Award Winners

Planning Manager Starns presented the item.

1. The Adhoc Committee met in March

2. Adhoc Committee recommended the following:

a. Rehabilitation Award to 350 North Garey Avenue – The YMCA

b. Landscape Award to 542 East Jefferson Avenue

c. Awards of Merit – Landmark Quarter Historic District at 261 Sout Thomas Street

d. Awards of Merit – Lincoln Park Historic District at 407 East San Francisco Street

e. Awards of Merit – Wilton Heights Historic District at 1298 North Park Avenue

f. Awards of Merit – Hacienda Park Historic District at 1633 North Gordon Court

g. Preservationist of the Year – Allan Lagumbay, Senior Library Assistant, Pomona City Library

The Commission asked questions and discussed the item.

**Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner J. Gallivan, to approve the Adhoc Committee recommendations listed above and to dissolve the Adhoc Committee. Motion carried (7-0-0-0)**

Ayes: B. Gallivan, Martinez, Keller, Anton, J. Gallivan, Alvarez, Swodeck

Noes: None

Abstention: None

Absent: None

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:** None

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION:**

1. Commissioner Alvarez asked a question about the property located at 1533 Indian Hill Blvd which was deemed historic.
2. Commissioner B.Gallivan asked a question about the possibility of a drive-through at 1533 Indian Hill Blvd.

**STAFF COMMUNICATION:**

Planning Manager Starns provided the following updates

1. We have three candidates for our Senior Planner position for Historic Preservation
2. The Civic Center Park is moving forward
3. 60 dead trees in Lincoln Park and Wilton Heights; notices were sent to property owners
4. 1377 N. Garey Avenue – noticed for 1,000 feet

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 P.M. to the meeting of May 7, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

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Planning Manager

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