

HPC RESOLUTION NO. 19-XXX

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA APPROVING A SINGLE HISTORIC LANDMARK DESIGNATION (SHISTORIC 010610-2018) TO DESIGNATE 798 SAN FRANCISCO AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK.

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

WHEREAS, an application to designate 798 San Francisco Avenue as a Historic Landmark was submitted to the City of Pomona on September 6, 2018 by the property owner and applicant, Dean Rudenauer;

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Historic Preservation Ordinance No. 3871 that establishes a process for designation and protection of a Single Historic Landmark;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Ordinance allows property owners to apply for designation of historic landmarks for residential properties;

WHEREAS, the proposed project meets five (5) out of the 10 criteria for Historic Landmark Designation;

WHEREAS, Dean Rudenauer is the owner of the 798 San Francisco building;

WHEREAS, notification to the property owner, building occupants, and the public has been performed in conformance with the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this activity is not a project subject. Section 15378(a) defines a project as one that has the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment. No physical change to the environment is anticipated with the historic landmark designation; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Pomona, has, after giving notice thereof as required by law, held a public hearing on January 16, 2019, concerning the requested Single Historic Landmark Designation (SHISTORIC 010610-2018); and

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 hereby determines that, Pursuant to the Guidelines for Implementation of the Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed project meets the criteria for an action not a project, based on definition in Section 15378(a).

SECTION 2. Section .5809-13.D of the Zoning Ordinance requires the Historic Preservation Commission to determine historical significance based on the Historic Landmark Designation Criteria. The Historic Preservation Commission hereby finds and determines as follows:

1. That the building was constructed in 1911 and is, therefore, more than fifty (50) years old.
2. That the structure meets the following criteria under Zoning Ordinance Section .5809-13D (Historic Preservation) for designation of the building as a Single Historic Landmark:
 - a. *The proposed historic landmark exemplifies special elements of the City of Pomona's cultural, social, economic, political, aesthetic, engineering, architectural, or natural history.*

Reginald L. Knox, identified as a resident at 798 San Francisco Avenue from 1937-1948, was a resident of Pomona for 53 years. He began his career with the Southern California Fruit Exchange in 1899, then managed the Pomona founded San Antonio Fruit Exchange from 1917 to 1932, and also served on its board. He then served as a Director of Sunkist (formerly known as California Fruit Grower Exchange) until 1957.

Knox was a leader in the citrus industry, which shaped Pomona's early cultural, social, and economic history.

- b. *The proposed historic landmark is identified with persons or events significant in local, state, or national history.*

Reginald L. Knox, the former resident of 798 San Francisco Avenue, was actively involved in the community of Pomona as a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Pomona, a member of the Pomona Masonic Lodge, a member of the Pomona Chapter 76 of Royal arch., and also as a member of the Chamber of Commerce of Pomona.

Reginald L. Knox, and his wife, Kate Jordan, have four sons: Reginald Knox Jr., William Knox, James Knox, and Edgar Knox who all have made profound contribution to society. Reginald Knox Jr. worked 50 years as a water rights attorney. William Knox was a professor of physics at the University of California, Davis. James Knox was a pastor and volunteer chaplain for St. Elizabeth Hospice in Red Bluff. Edgar Knox was a professor and Chairman of the Department of Foreign Language at California State University, Chico.

Reginald L. Knox's name can be found in the Pomona City Directory in the year 1937-38, and 1948, and it is known that his sons, William, James, and Edgar were born in the City of Pomona.

- c. *The proposed historic landmark 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.*

The proposed landmark has been evaluated by Diana Marsh in September 1992, as a Craftsman Bungalow architectural styled home. Though, the property is not located within a historic district, it is considered to be a contributing structure which adds to the historical integrity or architectural qualities of historic district. Diana Marsh further notes, "good example of Craftsman Bungalow."

The property exhibits characteristics of Craftsman Bungalow with its low pitched, gabled roof, and wide overhanging eaves. It has exposed rafters under eaves with decorative, triangular knee brackets. There is a front porch under the roofline with tapered columns supporting the roof and porch. Original porch was made of brick.

- d. *The proposed historic landmark is similar to other distinctive properties, sites, areas, or objects based on a historic, cultural or architectural motif.*

The proposed landmark is similar to other distinctive, Craftsman Bungalow properties in the Lincoln Heights Historic District. The property is located approximately .25 miles from the Historic District.

SECTION 3. The Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends that the City Council approve the designation of property, located at 798 San Francisco Avenue, as a Single Historic Landmark.

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

APPROVED AND PASSED THIS 16th DAY OF JANUARY, 2019.

DEBRA MARTIN
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

ANITA D. GUTIERREZ, AICP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

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

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

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 1094.6.