



City of Pomona Planning Division

# MEMORANDUM

<b>Date:</b> January 16, 2019
<b>To:</b> Chairperson and Members of the Historic Preservation Commission
<b>From:</b> Planning Division
<b>Subject:</b> 1200 N. Gordon Street - Lincoln Elementary School Fencing – Agenda Discussion Item 2

This memo is to provide your Commission with an update on the status of finishing touches to the perimeter fencing around Lincoln Elementary School.

On June 27, 2018, the Planning Division received a Minor Certificate of Appropriateness (MINCOA 10214-2018) application and a Minor Deviation Variance (MINDV 10215-2018) application to permit an eight-foot wrought iron fence for the property located at 1200 N. Gordon Street. The property is currently developed with a public assembly use (Lincoln Elementary School) and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

After review, staff approved the Minor Certificate of Appropriateness application based on the Historic Preservation Findings for Certificates of Appropriateness in the Pomona Zoning Code (PZO), section .5809-13.F.6 and PZO Section .503-I.11 Fence and Wall Design Standards for Designated Historic Landmark Properties. It was determined that a simple wrought iron (tubular steel) design was compatible with the Spanish Colonial Revival style of the existing school. The Director of Development Services concurrently approved the Minor Deviation Variance application to allow a two foot increase in the maximum allowable fence height (six feet to eight feet), determining that it was a reasonable use of the property.

On July 18, 2018, at a special meeting, the Historic Preservation Commission questioned the design of the Elementary School perimeter fencing. Representatives of the Pomona Unified School District (PUSD) were present and expressed their willingness to accommodate further design elements. The applicant representative, Fernando Meza, Assistant Superintendent of PUSD, attended a meeting on July 19, 2018 with the Director of Development Services, two members from the Historic Preservation Commission, one member from the Historical Society of Pomona Valley, two school board members, and a general contractor to discuss potential design enhancements to the proposed tubular steel fence. As a result of these meetings, two new design elements to the fence were proposed, scroll work along the perimeter fencing and round finials along the top of the fence.

Due to budget constraints, the PUSD will be moving forward with only the new scroll work at this time and will proceed with the round finials as budget constraints permit. The final design plans are attached for your reference.

Attachment: Design Plans