



505 South Garey Avenue  
Pomona, CA 91766

## City of Pomona Historic Preservation Commission

### Action Minutes

***Chairperson Britney C. Gallivan  
Vice-Chairperson Carol Anten  
Commissioner Walter Martinez  
Commissioner Angela Keller  
Commissioner James Gallivan  
Commissioner Ruth B. Alvarez  
Commissioner Chara Swodeck***

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Wednesday, April 1, 2026

6:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson B. Gallivan called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson B. Gallivan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson Angela H. Keller  
Vice-Chairperson Carol Anten (arrived at 6:55 p.m.)  
Commissioner James Gallivan  
Commissioner Chara Swodeck  
Commissioner Brittany C. Gallivan

Absent: Commissioner Walter Martinez  
Commissioner Ruth B. Alvarez

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

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION:**

Commissioner Keller announced that Victor Glover, astronaut, grew up in Pomona.

Chairperson B. Gallivan announced that pre-sale tickets for the Olympics will be on sale tomorrow.

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The Commission agreed to move the Consent Calendar to the end of the agenda.

1. Approval of Action Minutes from the Historic Preservation Commission meeting of January 7, 2026.

**Moved by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner J. Gallivan, to approve. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:** None

**Discussion Time:** 1 minute (10:10 p.m. to 10:11 p.m.)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. A request to Designate McDonald’s #7 as a Local Historic Landmark (SHISTORIC-000110-2026) for 1057 E. Mission Boulevard

Associate Planner Molina presented this item.

1. The city notified the applicant on February 26 of the City’s intent to begin the designation of the site as a Local Historic Landmark.
2. Staff has determined that the site is eligible to be designated as a local historic landmark and is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historic Resources.

Planning Manager Starns mentioned that the owner can appeal the Commission’s decision to City Council.

**Moved by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner J. Gallivan, to approve. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

Ayes:	Keller, Anten, J. Gallivan, Swodeck, B. Gallivan
Noes:	None

Abstention: None  
Absent: Walter Martinez  
Ruth B. Alvarez

**In Opposition:** None  
**In Support:** David, Representative

**Discussion Time:** 35 minutes (6:42 p.m. to 7:17 p.m.)

2. A request to designate a portion of the Pomona Fairplex as a Local Historic District (HDD-000111-2026) for 601 West McKinley Avenue

Planning Manager Starns presented this item.

1. Provided a detailed description of the history of the Fairplex.

**Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to approve with condition to include the fountains if older than 1961. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None  
**In Support:** None

**Discussion Time:** 25 minutes (7:18 p.m. to 7:43 p.m.)

3. Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA-000010-2026) for 296 E. Columbia Avenue

Assistant Planner Moure presented this item.

1. Proposed 171 SF addition to an existing garage to an ADU conversion of 396 SF (total square feet 569). The scope includes the demolition of a small shed.
2. Awarded a Mills Act contract in 2024 by the City Council.
3. Staff recommended approval of the project as condition in the resolution.

**Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Chair B. Gallivan, to approve. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None  
**In Support:** None

**Discussion Time:** 13 minutes (7:44 p.m. to 7:57 p.m.)

4. Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA-000776-2024) for 920 N. Eleanor Street

Senior Planner Barron presented this item.

1. Proposed a 410 SF addition and new ADU garage conversion and addition in the rear of the property. The primary dwelling unit will be a total of 1,310 square feet.
2. Required 20% of landscaping
3. Staff recommended approval of the project as condition in the resolution.

**Moved by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner Swodeck, to approve. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None.

**In Support:** None

**Discussion Time:** 26 minutes (7:58 p.m. to 8:24 p.m.)

5. Major Certificate of Appropriateness (MAJCOA-000774-2024) for 576 Texas Street

Senior Planner Barron presented this item.

1. Proposed a new 667 SF accessory dwelling unit placed to the front of the existing garage & one new accessory dwelling unit garage conversion and addition on existing multi-family property.
2. Staff recommended approval of the project as condition in the resolution.

**Moved by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Commissioner J. Gallivan, to approve. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:** A member of the public

**Discussion Time:** 31 minutes (8:25 p.m. to 8:56 p.m.)

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000705-2025) for 135 S. Myrtle Avenue

Associate Planner Fortune presented this item.

1. Provided an extensive history of the property for the Commission to make a determination.
2. Many alterations have been made to the site: non-matching siding on north and west facades, substantial recent fire damage in 2025, addition to rear of structure (demolished), Two closed windows, siding and façade damage, roof damage and damaged or broken windows.
3. Character-defining features include: several original wood hung windows, small front-facing porch, exposed rafter beams under eave overhang, many original features present.
4. Staff determined that the structure on site is historic as it would be contributing to a potential future historic district.

Planning Manger Starns said that in 1993 the survey identified the property as non-contributing due to the survey primarily based on architecture design.

**Moved by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Keller, to determine not historic. Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None.  
**In Support:** Helen, representative

**Discussion Time:** 43 minutes (8:57 p.m. to 9:40 p.m.)

2. Determination of Historic Significance (DHS-000556-2025) for 898 N. Garey Avenue

Associate Planner Fortune presented this item.

1. Provided an extensive history of the property for the Commission to make a determination.
2. Various alterations have been made to the site: addition of 1,700 SF frame stucco addition, 4'6" x 20 (90 SF) frame stucco addition, 4' x 7' (28 SF) examining room addition at rear, addition of 1,400 SF for offices, wood floor and composition room, installation of elevator, extension of eave on front street sides of building, damaged roofing and fascia
3. Character-defining features: horizontal expression with vertical slat siding, including around windows, simple geometric massing, differing façade materials, large overhanging eaves, unique geometric shape of composition roof, clock feature
4. No survey has been conducted for this property
5. Staff is recommending that the structure on site is not historic and is not to be designated as a landmark.

**Moved by Commissioner Keller, seconded by Anten, to determine historic (criteria 1, 5, 6, 7 and 1 \*Person and Events Important in our History). Motion carried (5-0-0-2)**

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

**In Opposition:** None

**In Support:**

**Discussion Time:** 29 minutes (9:40 p.m. to 10:09 p.m.)

3. Selection of recipients for the 2026 Preserve Pomona Awards.

The Commission agreed to the following awards:

Award of Merit – Landmark Quarter Historic District

- J and J Mayfair, LLC, Mayfair Hotel Building – 115 East Third Street

Award of Merit – Lincoln Park Historic District

- Paige Bruyn, Grace and John Todd House, 515 Lincoln Avenue

Award of Merit – Wilton Heights Historic District

- Vincent Ochoa, Haddon Hall Apartments, 990 North Park Avenue

Award of Merit – Hacienda Park Historic District

- Miguel Santana and Elizabeth Zamora, Donna and William Willis House 1477 Alameda Street

Landscape Award

- Duncan Family, 203 Garfield Avenue

Rehabilitation Award

- John Pena, Masonic Hall, 395 South Thomas Street

Restoration Award:

- Historical Society of the Pomona Valley - Ebell Club, 585 East Holt Avenue

Preservationist of the Year:

- Deborah and John Clifford

**STAFF COMMUNICATION:**

Planning Manager Starns suggested that the Commission attend the City Council meeting scheduled for May 4, 2026. He will present the 2026 Preserve Pomona Awards and a Proclamation recognizing May as Historic Preservation month. The streetlights survey for Lincoln Park Historic District is on the City's website until the end of April.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 P.M. to the Special Meeting of May 20, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Starns, AICP, AIA, LEED AP  
Planning Manager

Prepared by,

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