



Cultural Heritage Committee Minutes

November 18, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

CDD Conference Room 1, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Cultural Heritage Committee Members Present: Member John Ashbaugh, Member Daniel Bernard, Member Sabin Gray, Member Ivan Simon, Chair Chuck Crotser

CHC Members Absent: Member Benjamin Arrona, Vice Chair John Tischler

City Staff Present: Principal Planner Brian Leveille, Deputy City Clerk Megan Wilbanks

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Cultural Heritage Committee was called to order on November 18, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Development Department's Conference Room #1, 919 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Chair Crotser.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

3. CONSENT

3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - OCTOBER 28, 2024 CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Motion By Member Ashbaugh

Second By Member Simon

To approve the Cultural Heritage Committee Minutes of October 28, 2024.

Ayes (5): Member Ashbaugh, Member Bernard, Member Gray, Member Simon, and Chair Crotser

Absent (2): Member Arrona, and Vice Chair Tischler

CARRIED (5 to 0)

4. PUBLIC HEARING

4.a 1405 GARDEN STREET (ARCH-0568-2024) REVIEW OF A MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT IN THE OLD TOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

Chair Crotser noted his Ex Parte communications with the architect team regarding the project.

Assistant Planner Walter Oetzell presented the staff report and responded to Committee inquiries.

The Applicant Levi Seligman and their representative, Jessie Skidmore with Ten Over Studio, provided a brief overview of the project and responded to questions raised.

Chair Crotser opened the Public Hearing

Public Comment:

None

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Crotser closed Public Comment

Motion By Member Ashbaugh

Second By Chair Crotser

Recommend that the Community Development Director find the project consistent with the City's Historical Preservation Ordinance and with applicable historical preservation policies, standards, and guidelines. The Committee recommends the applicant incorporate additional circular and semi-circular elements, such as curved rails along the balconies and round pillars along the base of the building, to embrace the streamline modern design of the project.

Ayes (5): Member Ashbaugh, Member Bernard, Member Gray, Member Simon, and Chair Crotser

Absent (2): Member Arrona, and Vice Chair Tischler

CARRIED (5 to 0)

5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

5.a CHONG'S HOME MADE CANDIES SIGN AND HISTORIC CHINATOWN INTERPRETIVE PANELS

Policy & Project Manager Natalie Harnett presented the second phase of the Chong's Home Made Candies sign and historic Chinatown interpretive panels.

Chair Crotser opened Public Comment

Public Comment:

Sam Bartels

--End of Public Comment--

Chair Crotser closed Public Comment

ACTION: This was an informational item; no formal action was taken.

5.b APPOINTMENT OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO REVIEW UPDATES TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORDINANCE AND HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT

Principal Planner Brian Leveille led the discussion to appoint a subcommittee to review draft updates to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement Update Project.

Motion By Chair Crotser

Second By Member Ashbaugh

Appoint Vice Chair Tischler, Member Gray, and Member Bernard to a subcommittee to review draft updates to the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Context Statement Update Project.

Ayes (5): Member Ashbaugh, Member Bernard, Member Gray, Member Simon, and Chair Crotser

Absent (2): Member Arrona, and Vice Chair Tischler

CARRIED (5 to 0)

5.c STAFF UPDATES AND AGENDA FORECAST

Principal Planner Brian Leveille provided the following update of upcoming projects:

- The November 25, 2024 meeting will be cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The December 23, 2024 meeting will be cancelled due to the Christmas holiday.
- Currently, no items are scheduled for the January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- Staff will begin reporting on the status of projects that were previously reviewed by the Cultural Heritage Committee, for example the "Waterman Village" project located at 466 Dana Street, which is undergoing review by the Architectural Review Commission and Planning Commission.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Cultural Heritage Committee is scheduled for **January 27, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo. The Regular Meeting of December 23, 2024 will be cancelled due to the Christmas Holiday.

APPROVED BY CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE: XX/XX/2025