



## Cultural Heritage Committee Minutes

February 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo

Members Present: Members John Ashbaugh, Daniel Bernard, Sabin Gray, Ivan Simon, Vice Chair John Tischler, Chair Chuck Crotser

Members Absent: Member Benjamin Arrona

City Staff Present: Principal Planner Brian Leveille, Deputy City Clerk Sara Armas

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the San Luis Obispo Cultural Heritage Committee was called to order on Monday February 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, by Chair Crotser.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public Comment:

None

### 3. CONSENT

#### 3.a CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES - NOVEMBER 18, 2024 CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Motion By** Member Ashbaugh

**Second By** Member Bernard

To approve the Cultural Heritage Committee Minutes of November 18, 2024.

Ayes (6): Member Ashbaugh, Member Bernard, Member Gray, Member Simon, Vice Chair Tischler, and Chair Crotser

Absent (1): Member Arrona

CARRIED (6 to 0)

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING

##### 4.a ARCH-0005-2025 (1253 MILL) CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW DWELLING ON A CONTRIBUTING LIST PROPERTY IN THE MILL STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT

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

Darren Pollard, owner of the property and designer of the project, provided a brief overview and responded to questions raised.

Chair Crotser opened the Public Hearing

##### Public Comment:

None

Chair Crotser closed Public Comment

**Motion By** Member Ashbaugh

**Second By** Member Gray

Recommend to Community Development Director find the project to be consistent with applicable preservation policies, standards and guidelines, and suggest that the applicant consider the following regarding the project:

- Use of alternative exterior materials that may be more consistent with the characteristic painted wood materials in the District, and that may be more durable;
- Use of pervious paving materials, as needed, to protect the oak tree on-site;
- Steepen the roof pitch to align with the existing house.

Ayes (6): Member Ashbaugh, Member Bernard, Member Gray, Member Simon, Vice Chair Tischler, and Chair Crotser

Absent (1): Member Arrona

CARRIED (6 to 0)

## **5. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION**

### **5.a STAFF UPDATES AND AGENDA FORECAST**

Principal Planner Brian Leveille provided the following updates:

- The Waterman Village project, reviewed and moved forward by the Cultural Heritage Committee on October 28, 2024, was appealed and is coming before Council on March 4, 2025 for final action.
- The draft Historic Preservation Ordinance will be reviewed by Subcommittee Members Bernard, Gray, and Vice Chair Tischler tentatively by the end of the week, and will be presented to the full Committee as a Public Hearing on a future meeting later this year.
- No items are currently scheduled on the agenda forecast for the March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting.
- The California Preservation Foundation Conference is taking place in Sacramento from May 6-10, 2025 for interested Committee Members.

Member Ashbaugh attended a conference held by the California Missions Foundation and applauds the Mission San Luis Obispo and invited fellow members to participate in their tours.

Vice Chair Tischler inquired about potentially reviewing street improvement projects located in Historic Districts.

Chair Crotser acknowledged his term expiring on March 31, 2025, thanking City Staff and his fellow Members for the opportunity to serve on the Committee.

## **6. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:09 p.m. The next Regular Meeting of the Cultural Heritage Committee is scheduled for Monday March 24, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo.

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APPROVED BY CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE: XX/XX/2025