



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2015

FROM: COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WARD: 1
DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: PLANNING CASE P15-0778, ON BEHALF OF NANCY MELENDEZ OF
SPANISH TOWN HERITAGE FOUNDATION, TO DESIGNATE THE TRUJILLO
ADOBE AS A CITY LANDMARK – APN 246-082-002

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is a proposal from Nancy Melendez of Spanish Town Heritage Foundation to designate the Trujillo Adobe located on Center Street 220 feet northwest of the Center Street and Orange Street intersection, as a City Landmark and rezone the subject property to apply the CR – Cultural Resources Overlay Zone to the existing Public Facilities Zone.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Determine that P15-0778, City Landmark Designation, is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15308 of the CEQA Guidelines as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment, said action is intended to preserve the historic character of the building and site, and to provide notice of the historic status;
2. Approve Planning Case P15-0778 based on and subject to the Cultural Heritage Board facts for findings outlined in the attached staff;
3. Adopt the attached Resolution designating APN 246-082-002 as a City Landmark;
4. Approve the attached findings for the Zoning Code Map Amendment (Rezoning) to apply the CR – Cultural Resources Overlay Zone to the property at APN 246-082-002; and
5. Introduce and subsequently adopt the attached Ordinance to rezone APN 246-082-002 from the PF- Public Facilities Zone to the PF-CR – Public Facilities and Cultural Resources Overlay Zones.

STAFF/PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

Staff recommended approval to the Cultural Heritage Board. On October 21, 2015, the Cultural Heritage Board recommended that the City Council approve Planning Case P15-0778 by a vote of 6 ayes, 0 noes and 0 abstentions.

BACKGROUND:

The site is eligible for local listing as a Landmark because it is an exceptional example of a historical, archaeological, cultural, architectural, community, aesthetic or artistic heritage of the City, retaining its site integrity, and is the last known surviving building associated with the La Placita de los Trujillos settlement which provides an example of indigenous construction associated with early settlement patterns and events that pre-date Riverside's founding, and is likely to yield important historical information. The status code that represents the site's eligibility for designation has been assigned in the DPR evaluation form: 3CS, appears eligible for listing in the California Register as an individual property, which also encompasses eligibility for local Landmark designation. The property is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic places because the quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture at a national level does not appear to be present.

Based on the evaluation, the Trujillo Adobe appears to be eligible for local listing as a City Landmark under six designation criteria in Section 20.50.010(U) of the Municipal Code as described in the facts for findings above. A detailed statement of significance and additional information are provided in the attached Designation Application and DPR evaluation form.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund, since all project costs are borne by the applicant.

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Approved as to form:	Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Cultural Heritage Board Staff Report – October 21, 2015
2. Cultural Heritage Board Draft Minutes
3. Proposed Findings for CR Overlay Zone
4. Resolution
5. Ordinance