



**Community & Economic Development Department**

**Planning Division**

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: JULY 31, 2017**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2**

**I. CASE NUMBER: P15-0166**

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY:**

- 1) **Proposal:** Request for a second one-year time extension to complete the project associated with the previously approved \$10,000 grant awarded on April 13, 2015.
- 2) **Location:** 3354 Orange Street
- 3) **Ward:** 1
- 4) **Applicant:** Jeyan Danesh
- 5) **Case Planner:** Scott Watson, Assistant Planner  
(951) 826-5507  
[swatson@riversideca.gov](mailto:swatson@riversideca.gov)

**III. RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Historic Preservation Fund Committee:**

1. **APPROVE** the requested one-year time extension for Planning Case P15-0166.

**IV. BACKGROUND/HISTORY:**

On April 13, 2015, the Historic Preservation Fund Committee unanimously approved Planning Case P15-0166, a request by Jeyan Danesh for \$10,000 for a \$10,000 project for foundation repair at a single-family residence which is a Contributor to the Heritage Square Historic District and City Structure of Merit at 3354 Orange Street.

Item #9, Project End Date, of the agreement executed by the city states, "The Project shall be completed within one year or by June 30, 2016, whichever comes first, or the date any appeals are final. Should any problems arise, a written request for an extension of the project must be submitted to the Historic Preservation Fund Committee at least 30 days prior to the expiration date."

On June 21, 2016, the Historic Preservation Fund Committee granted a one-year extension (Exhibit 3) based on the request made by the applicant on May 25, 2016 (Exhibit 2), which explained that there had been issues with the contractor accurately completing the work. It took several months for the applicant to resolve the situation with the contractor, and applicant now wishes to proceed with the project using a new contractor. On May 31, 2017, staff received a letter from the applicant providing an update on the progress of the project and requesting a second extension (Exhibit 1). The request was received more than 30 days prior to the new contract expiration date of June 30, 2017.

## **V. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

It has been determined this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation).

## **VI. EXHIBITS:**

1. Jeyan Danesh extension request
2. June 21, 2016 staff report
3. Minutes of June 21, 2016 HPFC Meeting

Mr. Jeyan Danesh & Mrs. Leila Moshref-Danesh  
3354 Orange Street  
Riverside, Ca 92501

May 31, 2017

Historic Preservation Grant Committee  
C/O City of Riverside Planning Dept.  
3900 Main Street, 3rd Floor  
Riverside, Ca 92522

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to request consideration for an extension of the Historic Preservation Grant for my home at 3354 Orange Street, Riverside, Ca 92501. The Grant is for the seismic retrofitting/foundation strengthening of our home. We had been under contract with Saber Geotechnical Solutions as the contractor to do the work on our home. However, Saber never completed the work, and the work that they did do was subpar, and unpermittable. We worked closely with the City Planning Department to identify which aspects of the work needed to be corrected; however, Saber was unwilling to perform. Despite this, Saber demanded full payment, and even placed a lien on our home. As a result, we were forced to take measures by reporting Saber to the Contractor's State Licensing Board and filing a claim with Saber's surety.

We were able to resolve the claims with Saber as of early this year. We were able to get all of our monies reimbursed by Saber, and have begun researching contractors who will do the work ethically and properly. My wife and I feel strongly in securing a different contractor who has experience working with historic homes to assist in our project, to preserve the integrity of our home. We are thankful to the City of Riverside's Historic Preservation Grant committee's flexibility and understanding until this point as we work to ensure that the city's funds are used effectively and for their intended purpose. The work performed by the previous contractor would not have assisted to preserve the integrity of the home's foundation. Since the dispute between the contractor is now closed, we have been looking for a credible, reliable and experienced contractor who can get the work done appropriately. We appreciate the consideration or an extension of time for the grant to ensure any work done to the home is done appropriately.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at (909)659-3076.

Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JD' with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mr. Jeyan Danesh



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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: JULY 21, 2016**

**AGENDA ITEM NO.: 3**

**I. CASE NUMBER: P15-0166**

**II. PROJECT SUMMARY:**

- 1) **Proposal:** Request for a one-year time extension to complete the project associated with the previously approved \$10,000 grant awarded on April 13, 2015.
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**III. RECOMMENDATION:**

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On May 25, 2016, Staff received an email from Jeyan Danesh requesting a time extension to complete the project (Exhibit 1), which is 30 days prior to the expiration. The request explains that there has been issues with the contractor accurately completing the work.

#### **V. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

It has been determined this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation).

#### **VI. EXHIBITS:**

1. Email from Jeyan Danesh

## **Watson, Scott**

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**From:** Jeyan Danesh <jeyandanesh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 5:33 PM  
**To:** Gettis, Erin; Watson, Scott  
**Cc:** Leila Moshref  
**Subject:** [External] Request for Extension of Time HPG

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Good Afternoon Erin,

I would like to request an extension of time for submitting my Historic Preservation Grant to the City of Riverside. Unfortunately, as you are aware, we have run into some problems with our contractor and the work necessary for foundation stabilization and seismic retrofit. In summary, the work that was completed cannot be permitted and the plans that were submitted to the city by the engineer did not accurately portray the conditions of the home to the contractor. As such, the work that was executed is not done appropriately nor permissible and we would like an extension of time to get the contractors and engineers to remedy the situation. We are working with the state-contractors licensing bureau to assist in mediating with the contractor and get all of the work done correctly. We are wanting to ensure that everything the contractor is doing is according to the agreement that we have with the city and done in the best interest of preserving the home. Unfortunately we feel that submitting the claim as is by the deadline would be unethical (on the contractors part) and we would like to submit a complete claim that honors the value and integrity of the home. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the matter, I do very much appreciate your assistance in the matter.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Jeyan Danesh  
3354 Orange Street  
Riverside

**PLANNING CASE P15-0166**, Request by Jeyan Danesh for a one-year time extension to complete project associated with the previously approved \$10,000 grant awarded on April 13, 2015 for foundation repair at a single-family residence which is a Contributor to the Heritage Square Historic District and City Structure of Merit at 3354 Orange Street, in the DSP-CR-Downtown Specific Plan and Cultural Resources Overlay Zones, in Ward 1. It has been determined this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Guidelines Section 15331 (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation). **Contact Planner:** Scott Watson (951) 826-5507, [swatson@riversideca.gov](mailto:swatson@riversideca.gov). Scott Watson, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report.

Scott Watson, Assistant Planner, presented the staff report. Mr. Watson stated that the contract executed with the applicant allows for a time extension to be filed should any issues arise during the course of the project. Mr. Danesh experienced delays due to the contractor's delay in passing inspections. Based on this, staff recommends approval of the request.

Board Member Leonard stated that this was clearly a situation out of the applicant's control.

There was no one in the audience requesting to speak to this item.

**MOTION** by Board Member Leonard, **SECOND** by Board Member Field: To **Approve** the requested one-year time extension for Planning Case P15-0166.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.