



PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

STAFF REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2021

TO: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

FROM: DAVID M. REYES, DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SUBJECT: APPEAL OF DIRECTOR DECISION: HISTORIC RESOURCE EVALUATION OF 249-255 SOUTH CATALINA AVENUE/SOUTH CATALINA AVENUE LANDMARK DISTRICT

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission continue the public hearing to January 4, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

On July 2, 2021, a hearing was held on an appeal of a Director's decision on an application for Historic Resource Evaluation, which determined that a grouping of five properties on South Catalina Avenue is eligible for designation as a landmark district. At that time, the hearing was continued to August 17, 2021 to allow staff to conduct a meeting with the affected property owners to explain the effects of this determination of eligibility, as well as the effects of landmark district designation, in the event that the property owners decide to pursue designation of the district. Staff conducted a meeting with all of the affected property owners or their representatives on August 4, 2021. Since that meeting, the hearing was continued twice to October 5, 2021 and then to October 19, 2021.

As noted verbally at the October 5, 2021 hearing, staff has identified some potential implementation concerns regarding the amended Historic Preservation Ordinance (HPO) and plans to conduct a study session on November 2, 2021 with the Historic Preservation Commission regarding these concerns. Because these discussions and potential additional HPO amendments could have the effect of changing the review process for eligible landmark districts, staff discussed this with the appellants, who agreed to a further continuance to January 4, 2022 to allow for public discussions of staff's concerns to progress. As such, staff recommends that the Commission continue the public hearing to a future date.

Respectfully Submitted,

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