

MINUTES
HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD SPECIAL MEETING
October 7, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Historic and Cultural Preservation Board of the City of Highland was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Bible at the Donahue Council Chambers, 27215 Base Line, Highland, California.

Present:	Chair	Pamela Bible
	Vice Chair	Colin Childs
	Member	Tony Mauricio
	Member	Patrick Sandford
	Member	Gail Shelton

Staff Present: Kim Stater, Assistant Community Development Director
Ash Syed, Associate Planner
Camille Goritz, Administrative Assistant III
Betty Hughes, City Clerk

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Bible.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD MEMBER

Gail Shelton

COMMUNITY INPUT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Minutes from the August 5, 2021 Special Meeting.

A MOTION was made by Member Sandford, seconded by Vice Chair Childs, to approve the minutes, as submitted. Motion carried, 5-0.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. Certificate of Appropriateness (COA 21-006) for the approval of two (2) wrought iron gates on a non-conforming religious institution within the Highland Historic District. (6955 Palm Ave, APN No. 1200-351-31)

Chair Bible excused herself from the item.

Associate Planner Syed presented the staff report.

Member Sandford clarified that church location was originally at Church Avenue and Base Line.

Grant Reader Applicant stated the I'm the current senior pastor at the Community Cross Church in the Nazarene. We have had issues with homeless on our property, and we have been having ongoing problems for at least the last 5-6 years. Most recently the drug addicted and probably mentally ill child of a former parishioner there had been planting himself at various places around the property. I had to call the Sheriff's department 4-5 times because he would be in the front yelling, cursing, and screaming. There was blood all over our front porch and it was from whom I believe was him and another homeless person got in a fight over spending the night there. At that point is when our board was going to fence that in and the fence, we chose fit the architecture well. I would invite all of you to come by the property to look at it, it's a very beautiful gate. We have the ability to lock and secure it now. Since we have put the gate up, we have not had an issue with the homeless.

Member Mauricio asked is this the only fencing that will be on the property or are you going to add more down the road?

Grant Reader stated on the north side of the property would be the east end of the property there is a large wooden gate and right now, we do not have current plans to replace it.

Vice Chair Childs stated I do want to commend you with the choice of design for the initial gate that you put in front door. I think it is attractive and it adds to the property. I would like to urge you that if you are going to replace any of the other doors or any of the other areas to try and use the same style.

Member Sandford stated I like it, thank you for adding to the building.

Member Shelton stated I think you did a fabulous job matching the style and texture for this church.

Vice Chair Childs stated just a slight caution, usually people living in and working and housing in the area come to us first and ask for appropriateness. I'd like to urge that in the future, if you when you make any changes, you may want to come around first before I sort of coming back retroactively as we're doing now.

A MOTION was made by Member Mauricio, seconded by Member Sandford, to approve the applicant's request, Certificate of Appropriateness (COA 21-006) for the approval of two (2) wrought iron gates on a non-contributing religious institution. Motion carried, 4-0-1, with Chair Bible abstaining.

3. Preparation for the 24th Annual Citrus Harvest Festival in 2022.

Associate Planner Syed presented the staff report.

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated over our 24-year history we try and get kind of a range, so we've had various high schools, middle schools and elementary schools come and perform, but we have good representation from the Redlands School District. From San Bernardino School District we used to get Thompson Elementary School. Beattie Middle School band director and high school band directors worked together pretty closely, so and sometimes they have to combine because we have this around their Spring Break.

Chair Bible asked did we have a drum group at one point?

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated we had the San Geronio drum line; they were amazing, but we haven't been able to get them back.

Vice Chair Childs stated since our honoree will be the San Manuel Band of Indians, wouldn't it be prudent for us to potentially reach out to them and ask if they would like to contribute some of the entertainment, or at least be participants in the entertainment. They may have within the band itself or a group for traditional dancing. Since they are rebranding, they might want to use it as an opportunity to expose the community.

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated we will do that. They do have a group that comes and participates in like the 4th of July parade, so I know they have some Native American performers. The City Council just approved this event last Tuesday, so that's really the time that we get to start running.

Chair Bible asked could we possibly use San Manuel for the main band and still have our school bands?

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated what we might want to do is the main band is a 2-hour performance. We will want to talk to them and see if that's something they want to do. Highland Music Company comes out, and sometimes it makes a presentation to you, and they DJ the whole event, in addition to performing. It is a significant cost to us, it is \$1,300. We'll start reaching out to the schools, Highland Music Company and San Manuel and see who's interested and bring back some options for you next time.

Member Mauricio asked what about Magicians and a magic show?

Assistant Community Development Director Stater stated it'll probably be a paid person and magic can be period appropriate. At the last meeting we spoke about the Good Neighbor Award.

Vice Chair Childs stated it could be rewarding somebody who has done restoration work on the exterior of the property, it could be related to garden or planting improvements.

Member Mauricio stated I like the best restored idea.

Jeff Staggs President of the Highland Kiwanis Club stated we as a club are facing challenges, our membership has dwindled. We are looking at merging with the Redlands Kiwanis Clubs. Right now, our plans are to continue with putting on the car show at the Citrus Harvest Festival and we will ask members of the Redlands Club to assist us.

Member Mauricio thanked Jeff for all his hard work.

Vice Chair Childs stated regarding the home touring, why don't we limit it down to a single tour rather than two and then offer a second tour later in the afternoon. People are welcome to the orange grove that I have with 40 different citrus trees. I have also cleaned the Packinghouse out, but I am willing to open the citrus garden.

Member Mauricio and Member Shelton stated that is a great idea.

Associate Planner Syed stated fees have not changed, it is \$40 for booths, activities, nonprofits, and for food it will be \$200.

Member Mauricio stated at the Citrus Harvest Festival I can help with entertainment.

Vice Chair Childs stated I will help with home and walking tour.

Chair Bible stated I can help with vendors and exhibitors.

Member Shelton stated I can help with the car show.

Member Sandford stated I will help with the admin marketing.

4. A status of Certificate of Appropriateness Applications for properties within the Highland Historic District.

Associate Planner Syed presented the staff report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Associate Planner Syed announced the training session in October 2021.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chair Bible declared the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Camille Goritz, Administrative Assistant III

Pamela Bible, Chair