



Village Planning Committee Meeting Summary

Z-116-23-8

Date of VPC Meeting	March 11, 2024
Request From	R-4 CCSIO
Request To	R-4 HP CCSIO
Proposal	Historic Preservation Overlay for Yaun Ah Gim Groceries / Concrete Block Duplex & Fourplex
Location	Southwest corner of 4th Avenue and Tonto Street
VPC Recommendation	Approval, per the staff recommendation
VPC Vote	13-0

VPC DISCUSSION:

One member of the public registered to speak on this item.

STAFF PRESENTATION

Kevin Weight with the City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Office provided a presentation regarding the history of the building at the subject site, highlighting the age, integrity, and significance criteria required for the Historic Preservation Overlay and stating that the staff recommendation is approval.

QUESTIONS FROM COMMITTEE

Committee Member Olivas asked about the City's standards for HP properties in relation to the City-owned Duppa-Montgomery Adobe House. **Mr. Weight** replied that the City has hired a firm to begin preservation efforts of that building and it is currently in design phase.

Committee Member Panetta asked if renovation funds are impacted by HP designation. **Mr. Weight** replied that funding is available for HP designated properties, and that is often an incentive to pursue the designation. **Ms. Olivas** asked for clarification on ownership of the Kunz-Carbajal House. **Mr. Weight** replied that the owner of this property also owns that building.

Committee Member Starks asked for clarification on the color shown on one of the building facades. **Mr. Weight** replied that the color may have been added recently, but the current owner purchased the property with the last year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Reiner introduced herself as a member of Preserve Phoenix and stated that the building is important for our heritage and that it is important for people to know about the Chinese American history in Phoenix, asking the Committee to vote in favor of the proposed HP Overlay.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Chair O'Grady stated that he thinks the potential market would be a good idea for this site.

Committee Member Vargas stated that a student did an in-depth history of the Chinese American history of Phoenix.

MOTION

Patrick Panetta made a motion to recommend approval of Z-116-23-8, per the staff recommendation. **Janey Pearl Starks** seconded the motion.

VOTE

13-0; Motion to recommend approval of Z-116-23-8, per the staff recommendation, passed; Committee Members Burns, Burton, Greenman, R. Johnson, Lockhart, Martinez, Olivas, Panetta, Sonoskey, Starks, Vargas, Gaughan, and O'Grady in favor.

STAFF COMMENTS REGARDING VPC RECOMMENDATION:

None.