



CITY OF EUREKA Historic Preservation Commission

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 16, 2018

TO: Bill Rich, William Rich and Associates

FROM: Ted Loring, Jr. and the City of Eureka Historic Preservation Commission

SUBJECT: Comments Regarding the Historicity of 1023 4th Street, Eureka

On Wednesday, June 6, 2018, the Commission received a report regarding the property located at 1023 4th Street in Eureka. The report explained that the building located at 1023 4th Street is listed on the Local Register of Historic Places and would normally be subject to Chapter 157 of the Eureka Municipal Code. However, the property is owned by Humboldt County and Government Code §53090-53095 alleviates the need for city and county governments to comply with the zoning regulations of other cities and counties. The report went on to explain that a historical background information report was being prepared for the above-mentioned property and that comments regarding the historicity of the property were requested of the Commission. The report also stated that a proposed demolition of the property was being considered by the applicant (County of Humboldt) as a component of a potential office development project.

During the discussion, the following comments/recommendations were made by the Commission:

1. **Status of 1023 4th Street:** The property at 1023 4th Street has been placed on the City's Local Register of Historic Places and has been officially recognized by the City of Eureka as historically and architecturally significant. There is no evidence that it has lost the features that qualified it for official recognition.
2. **Status of 1017 4th Street:** The structure located at 1017 4th Street, which is located immediately adjacent to the subject property, is listed in the "Green Book". As such, it has been officially recognized by the City of Eureka as eligible for inclusion in the Local Register of Historic Places. There is no evidence that it has lost the features that would qualify it for inclusion in the Local Register.
3. **Neighborhood Context:** The two subject properties exist in the context of a neighborhood of historic properties, an area roughly bounded by First, Fourth, I and L Streets. The significance of that neighborhood, and the subject properties contribution to that neighborhood should be examined.
4. **Explore alternative sites:** Consider relocating the project to an alternative site where the new development would not have an impact on historic properties.
5. **Relocation:** Consider relocating the structures as an alternative to demolition
6. **Salvage Materials:** If demolition of the structure is pursued, consider salvaging architectural elements (interior and exterior) so they can be reused in other projects.

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7. **Voluntary Compliance with City of Eureka Zoning:** While the Commission recognizes that the applicant (County of Humboldt) is not required to comply with local zoning regulations, the Commission requests voluntary submittal of the proposed demolition/alteration to the Historic Preservation Commission for review.
8. **Mandatory Compliance with CEQA:** The Commission recognizes that the applicant (County of Humboldt) is required to comply with state regulations including the California Environmental Quality Act (and may be required to comply with NEPA if federal funds are used). The Commission requests the opportunity to review a copy of the environmental impact report once the report has been released for comment.

Thank you for your consideration,
City of Eureka Historic Preservation Commission