

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-0056

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

December 11, 2018

An Ordinance Removing the A Street Annex Building at 131 North 16th Street from the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources

BACKGROUND

- A. On February 15, 2011, the City Council established the North 16th Street Historic District on the Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources (the Sacramento register) and listed the A Street Annex Building at 131 North 16th Street as a contributing resource to the District. (Ordinance 2011-011.)
- B. The applicant has proposed to remove the A Street Annex Building from the Sacramento register, demolish the building, and construct the following improvements: asphalt paving, three parking stalls, ornamental fencing, and landscaping. The applicant also proposes to modify the Cold Storage building at 121 North 16th Street by installing three loading docks with rolling doors.
- C. Section 17.604.210 of the City Code authorizes the deletion of a listed historic resource from the Sacramento register if the city council finds the resource no longer meets the City Code's requirements for listing, provided that where a landmark or contributing resource is proposed for deletion due to a loss of integrity, the loss of integrity was not the result of any illegal act or willful neglect by the owner or agent of the owner.
- D. On August 12, 2018, the Preservation Director issued a preliminary determination of eligibility and concluded the A Street Annex Building meets the eligibility criteria in City Code section 17.604.210.C.
- E. On October 17, 2018, the Preservation Commission held a public hearing and passed a motion recommending the city council deny the project.
- F. On December 11, 2018, the City Council conducted a public hearing, for which notice was given pursuant Sacramento City Code section 17.812.010 and 17.812.030, and received and considered evidence concerning the A Street Annex Delisting and Site Modifications Project (PB18-028).

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1

The A Street Annex Building is hereby removed from the Sacramento register as a contributing resource to the North 16th Street Historic District based on the following findings of fact:

- A. The building lacks historic integrity and is not capable of yielding important information about the period of historical significance of the historic district. (City Code section 17.604.210.C.4.)

As shown in the 2018 Dudek report (Attachment 8) and 2018 Historic Resource Associates report (Attachment 9), the building lacks historic integrity and is incapable of yielding important information about the period of historical significance of the historic district due to alterations, including alterations that occurred outside the district's period of significance (1921-1959). Among other things, the front elevation has been significantly altered. As originally designed, the front elevation was used as open storefront bays to sell produce. These bays were filled with concrete masonry unit blocks, effectively reorienting the building away from 16th Street, significantly impact the building's integrity of setting, design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, such that it no longer conveys its early associations or original design associated with the significance of the historic district. Other alterations include the removal of original doors and windows, reconfiguration of fenestration, removal of original awnings and roof monitors, and additions to the northeast elevation. (Dudek report, p. 36.)

- B. The building lacks historic and architectural worth, and its designation as a contributing resource is not reasonable, appropriate, or necessary to protect, promote and further the goals and purposes of chapter 17.604 of the City Code. (City Code section 17.604.210.C.5.)

The building is not associated with significant persons, does not constitute a significant example of the work of the architecture firm that designed the warehouse, and it is unlikely to yield any important historical information. Due to the alterations to the building and lack of historic and architectural worth, designating the building as a contributing resource is not reasonable, appropriate, or necessary to protect, promote, and further the goals of chapter 17.604 of the City Code.

- C. The loss of integrity was not the result of any illegal act or willful neglect by the owner or agent of the owner. (City Code section 17.604.210.D.)

The modifications were not the result of an illegal act and the building does not suffer from neglect that can be attributed to the owner. The building is in fair condition and

alterations to the building occurred prior to its listing as a contributing resource and therefore were largely unregulated and allowed to occur without design review.

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on December 11, 2018, by the following vote:

Ayes: Members Carr, Guerra, Hansen, Harris, Jennings, Schenirer, Warren and Mayor Steinberg

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Member Ashby

Attest: **Mindy Cuppy** Digitally signed by Mindy Cuppy
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Mindy Cuppy, City Clerk

The presence of an electronic signature certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct copy as approved by the Sacramento City Council.

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