



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT



DEPARTMENT: Community Development

MEETING DATE: December 5, 2006

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AGENDA LOCATION: PH-7

TITLE: To be Opened and Continued; Historic Landmark HL-112/Mills Act MA-106 for the Property Located at 121 May Avenue by Property Owners Enoch and Annette Martinez.

DISCUSSION: The property owners at 121 May Avenue have filed for Historic Landmark designation and approval of a Mills Act Contract. The application was reviewed by Historic Preservation Commission at their meeting of November 29, 2006.

The Historic Preservation Ordinance requires that a property meet at least one of the seven criteria specified in order to be designated a local historic landmark. The Historic Preservation Commission is charged with the duty of determining the applicable designation criteria for landmark status. It has been the policy of the Commission that when Criteria 4 (architecture) is the only qualifying criterion, the home has to be a good example of that style of architecture and must be completely restored from public view. Because of the simplicity of the architecture, the Commission determined that the house required more research to determine if there was additional criterion to designate as an historic structure. The Commission continued the meeting until January 24, 2007, to allow the applicant time to determine if there is additional qualifying information about the house.

At the close of the public hearing, the Commission voted to continue the public hearing until their meeting of January 24, 2007.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the public hearing be opened and continued.

COUNCIL ACTION REQUIRED: If the City Council concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to open and continue the public hearing.

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