

Agenda Item 7

MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Preservation Commission
FROM: John Southard, Historic Preservation Officer
DATE: November 10th, 2021
SUBJECT: Agenda Item 7 – Discussion of Demolition Permit Application for 606 South Roosevelt Street



On Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, a demolition permit application was submitted for the 1934 Marriott House (606 South Roosevelt Street), an adobe house classified Historic Eligible by the City of Tempe Historic Preservation Commission on April 11th, 2013. The 1997 “City of Tempe Multiple Resource Area Update” identified the house as a potentially National Register-eligible contributing property and rates the integrity as “Good” (see attachments “T-547 – 606 S Roosevelt – Hist Prop Inv Form. pdf” and “Bldg Permit – 606 S Roosevelt – Marriott.pdf”). Based upon a comparison of the 1997 inventory form photo and a Google Street View image from March 2021, it does not look as if the home has been altered since evaluated for the MRA update. The 1997 inventory form lists alterations made prior to completion of the form as “None.”

Per the HP ordinance (§ 14A-7(j)), Historic Eligible properties are subject to a stay of demolition no longer than 30 calendar days from the date of demolition permit application submittal. As relates to this application, the thirty calendar day period runs through November 12th, 2021. During this period, the Historic Preservation Office is to assess adverse impact, seek alternatives to demolition, and may consult with the Historic Preservation Commission and City Council. Specifically,

When a permit or other approval is sought from the city to demolish or remove a property classified as historic eligible, issuance of the permit or approval shall be subject to clearance by the HPO. Such clearance must be issued within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of application, during which time the HPO will assess adverse impact, suggest alternatives, and may consult with the [C]ommission and [C]ity [C]ouncil. If, by the end of the thirty (30) day period, no clearance has been issued or no alternative agreeable to the applicant has been suggested, the original request shall be granted, provided all other applicable requirements have been met.

In accordance with § 14A-7(j), the Historic Preservation Office has reviewed the proposal and determined that demolition of the Historic Eligible 1934 Marriott House (606 S. Roosevelt St.), an example of Eclectic-style design, would adversely and irreversibly impact the historic nature of this property.

The Historic Preservation Office received a request to agendize this matter for discussion at the November 10th, 2021 Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Commissioner comment and, at the discretion of the chair, public comment will be entertained at said meeting.