



MEMORANDUM

City of Venice

Historical Resources Division

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Harry Klinkhamer, Historical Resources Manager

FROM: Historic Preservation Board

DATE: March 18, 2022

COUNCIL APPROVAL: Yes

MEETING DATE: April 12, 2022

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: Preserve the Venice Quality of Life through Proper Planning

SUBJECT: Listing of 640 W. Venice Avenue to the Local Register of Historic Places

Background: At the March 18, 2022 Historic Preservation Board (HPB) meeting, the HPB made the following motion:

Recommend to City Council Listing the Property at 640 W. Venice Avenue on the Local Register of Historic Places.

This recommendation is based upon the property meeting the criteria described in Chapter 86-28, (c) (2) a. 1 and 3.

1. Are associated with distinctive elements of cultural, social, political, economic, scientific, religious, prehistoric and architectural history that have contributed to the pattern of history in the community, the city, the state or the nation.
3. Embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, style or method of construction or work of a master; or possess high artistic value; or represent a distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

The property meets criteria 1 as it is one of the earliest—if not the earliest—example of the mid-century ranch style in Venice. This style became popular during the post-WWII construction boom that took place throughout the country and especially in Florida.

The property meets criteria 3 as it is a pristine and well preserved example of the mid-century ranch. It has retained the architectural features and construction type typical of the era. This includes: wood floor beams and joists supporting a subfloor over a crawlspace, gable roofs, painted concrete block, and awning windows.

To continue the process, a public hearing before City Council must be scheduled within 90 days of this motion.

Requested Action: Approve an ordinance listing 640 W. Venice Avenue on the Local Register of Historic Places

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City Attorney Review/Approved: N/A

Risk Management Review: N/A

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ORIGINAL(S) ATTACHED: Nomination for 640 W. Venice Ave.; Staff Presentation

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