



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Historic Preservation Board

Friday, March 18, 2022

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

[22-5508](#)

Recommend to City Council the Property at 640 W. Venice Avenue on the Local Register of Historic Places (Quasi-judicial)

Chair Trammell opened the public hearing.

Attorney Fernandez confirmed the hearing received proper notice, and she questioned members concerning ex-parte communication.

Mr. Wright stated he had a site visit and introduced the property owner, Robert Ferrell, to Tony Sousa, who is present today and will be speaking as a historic preservation expert.

Ms. Munro, Mr. Cookingham, Ms. Trammell and Mr. Abramson all indicated they had site visits but no communication.

Ms. Orenstein stated she viewed the property inside and out and met with the owner, Robert Ferrell, to initiate the nomination process for the Local Register.

Ms. Greene indicated she had no communication and no site visit.

Mr. Klinkhamer, being duly sworn, provided a presentation regarding the nomination of the property to the Local Register.

Robert Ferrell, being duly sworn, described the property and its place in Venice's past and present, his thoughts on historic preservation and the importance of saving properties representing all periods of the City's evolution.

Tony Sousa, being duly sworn, spoke as an expert confirming the significance of the property and sharing his background and qualifications.

Members expressed their thoughts on the importance of having the property added to the Local Register.

The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Ms. Orenstein, seconded by Mr. Wright, to approve the written recommendation indicating the property at 640 W. Venice Avenue is

suitable for listing on the Local Register and recommend City Council adopt an ordinance placing 640 W. Venice Avenue on the Local Register. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.