

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2008-011**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

March 4, 2008

### **NOMINATING AND ADDING 3333 3RD AVENUE, 3414 4TH AVENUE AND 3623 4TH AVENUE AS CONTRIBUTING RESOURCES TO THE OAK PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT (M07-083)**

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

#### **BACKGROUND**

Section 1 The Sacramento Register of Historic and Cultural Resources ("Sacramento Register") is amended by adding the properties at 3333 3rd Avenue, 3414 4th Avenue and 3623 4th Avenue as Contributing Resources to the Oak Park Historic District.

Pursuant to Sacramento City Code Sections 17.134.170 and 17.134.180 and based on the duly noticed hearing conducted by the City Council, and the recommendation from the Preservation Commission, the staff reports and nomination materials attached thereto, and the testimony presented at the hearing on the nomination, the City Council makes the following findings in support of its action to designate 3333 3rd Avenue, 3414 4th Avenue and 3623 4th Avenue as Contributing Resources to the Oak Park Historic District and to place them in the Sacramento Register:

The property meets Criteria i and ii of the Criteria for Sacramento Register Landmark eligibility pursuant to Sacramento City Code Title 17, Chapter 17.134, section 17.134.170-C (1-5):

- A. The nominated resources meet Criterion i for listing on the Sacramento Register: "It is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of the history of the city, the region, the state or the nation";
- B. The nominated resources meet Criterion ii for listing on the Sacramento Register: "It is associated with the lives of persons significant in the city's past";
- C. The nominated resources have important historic or architectural worth, and their designation as contributing resources is

reasonable, appropriate, and necessary to protect, promote, and further the goals of this chapter, pursuant to Sacramento City Code Title 17, Chapter 17.134, section 17.134.170-C (b-c).

Adoption of these Contributing Resources promotes the maintenance and enhancement of the significant features and characteristics of the Historic District pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

Adoption of these Contributing Resources promotes the maintenance and enhancement of the historic materials and fabric, as well as the appearance, of the Historic District.

Adoption of these Contributing Resources is consistent with the City's Preservation Element of the General Plan.

Adoption of these Contributing Resources will afford the property the use of the California Historical Building Code and eligibility for any preservation incentives that may be adopted for listed properties.

Adoption of these Contributing Resources helps to protect historic resources of the City of Sacramento.

The Oak Park Historic District represents the commercial core of Oak Park, and is comprised mostly brick buildings constructed in the teens and 1920s. In 1911, when it was annexed to the City of Sacramento, Oak Park had several thousand residents and a thriving business district. The Oak Park annexation was the first expansion of the boundaries of Sacramento since the city was first laid out in 1848. The prompt response by the City of Sacramento to Oak Park's needs was instrumental in laying the foundation for growth in the years to come. In 1913 the City's Building Inspector reported that Oak Park was the fastest growing residential district in the City and the 1914 City Directory listed almost 800 homes in Oak Park.

Most of the more important businesses and business structures in Oak Park were located alongside the streetcar tracks that came down Sacramento Boulevard from 31st to 35th and then turned south down 35th Street and into the park. The money that flowed into this strip was largely from residents in other parts of the city coming to Oak Park. The buildings along 35th Street from Sacramento to 5th Avenue gave Oak Park a look similar to many of California's Main Street towns from the 1920s.

The movement of employment opportunities in the area around Oak Park also aided growth and stability. Across Stockton Boulevard to the east were the State Fair grounds that provided both full time and seasonal work. The Libby, McNeil & Libby cannery on Alhambra and Stockton Boulevard was built in 1912, providing hundreds of seasonal jobs. In 1924 the California Highway Commission (now Caltrans) opened its vehicle and equipment repair shops buildings nearby at 34th & R Streets employing more than 100 skilled mechanics.

The Business District that has been delineated for Oak Park is just a remnant of its once vital business core. However, its remaining members evoke a sense of the original business district's character, and several of its buildings are fine examples of their era.

Section 2 Sacramento City Code Section 17.134.180 prescribes that the Contributing Resources of the Historic District to be added to the Sacramento Register shall be identified in the designating Ordinance. The **Contributing Resources (C)** and **Non-Contributing (NC)** resources of the Oak Park Historic District include the following:

Street Address	Parcel Address	APN	C/NC	Date
3623-25 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3623 4 <sup>th</sup> Ave.	010-0385-013	C	1907est
3414 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3414 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	013-0142-041	C	1915
3333 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	3333 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	010-0373-17	C	1926

Section 3 Sacramento City Code Section 17.134.180 prescribes that the Significant Feature(s) or Characteristic(s) of the resources to be added to the Sacramento Register shall be identified in the designating Ordinance. The significant features and characteristics of the Oak Park Historic District which pertain to these properties include the following:

#### Commercial Buildings

One and two story buildings

Brick commercial buildings with decorative treatments, typical from 1910-1932; some with only brick 1<sup>st</sup> floor storefronts and other materials above

Brick Civic structures

Brick buildings with stucco

Various architectural styles, including but not limited to Mediterranean and Mission

Prairie school-inspired motifs, particularly deep overhanging eaves on certain structures

Late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century mixed use corner stores with residences above

Storefronts with transoms above  
Centered, recessed entries  
Corner entries on the corner buildings  
Decorative parapets  
Bay windows on upper floors on certain structures  
Punched double hung wood windows on upper floors

**Residential Buildings**

Variety of architectural styles, with the character-defining features appropriate to each, including:

Craftsman  
Queen Anne (both "pedestrian" and "high style")  
Classic Cube  
Colonial Revival  
Stick style and/or Eastlake Style  
Airplane Bungalows

Section 4 The Preservation Director of the City of Sacramento is hereby directed to add 3333 3rd Avenue, 3414 4th Avenue and 3623 4th Avenue as Contributing Resources to the Oak Park Historic District and to place them in the Sacramento Register, per the Map (Exhibit 1).

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Exhibit 1: Map of Boundaries

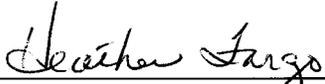
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on March 4, 2008 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Waters.

  
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Mayor Heather Fargo

Attest:

  
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Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

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