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RE: Historic Preservation Advisory Committee Item No. 2025-05 (410 North Court Street)

On April 9, 2025, the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee (HPAC) reviewed your request to replace 48 windows on a single-family residence located in the DMU (Downtown Mixed Use) Zone, located at 410 North Court Street (APN: 094-271-006). A motion to approve the request was denied by the HPAC by a vote of 5 to 2 (Committee Members Jay Hohlbauch and Michael Tomola voted to approve the request). The denial of the request was based upon the following findings:

Findings:

- That the project site is within the Historic District and is listed on the Local Register of Historic Structures. Furthermore, the building is associated with Clarence Linn Bradley, a member of the prominent Visalia family the Bradely's, who was a lawyer, member of the American Legion, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Columbus.
- 2. That the proposal would create an inconsistency with other significant structures in the surrounding streetscape and Historic District, as it would eliminate one of the remaining original and defining features of the residence, thus diminishing the structure's historic integrity, in contrast with other buildings within the 400 Block of North Court Street, which maintain their original wood windows.
- 3. That the proposal is not in keeping with the goals of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic Preservation Element, which promote the protection and preservation of Local Register historic structures and their defining architectural characteristics. The proposal would eliminate one of the remaining original and defining features of the residence, thus diminishing the structure's historic integrity, in contrast with other buildings within the 400 Block of North Court Street, which maintain their original wood windows.
- 4. That the proposal would be injurious to the character of the surrounding area and Historic District, as it would eliminate one of the remaining original and defining features of the residence, diminishing the structures' historic integrity. The structure is located along a highly visible main thoroughfare (North Court Street) and is also near the Downtown commercial core. Replacement of the original wood windows would further the deterioration of unique, historic, and architecturally significant structures within the City's central core, furthering the loss of the Downtown area's unique aesthetic.

There is a 10-day appeal period for this action from the date of approval. Any appeal of an action by the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee shall be heard by the Visalia City Council. If you have any questions, please contact me at (559) 713-4443 or e-mail cristobal.carrillo@visalia.city

Regards,

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