



Staff Report

File #: 24-0500

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 07/03/2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: City Manager's Department

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY COUNCIL'S DESIRE TO SEE THE CORONA DEPOT BUILDING AT 150 DEPOT DRIVE PRESERVED AND RECOGNIZED AS AN ASSET IN THE CITY'S HERITAGE INVENTORY.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This staff report asks the City Council to approve Resolution 2024-071 affirming the City's intent to preserve the Corona Depot Building at 150 Depot Drive and recognize it as an asset in the City's Heritage Inventory.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council approve Resolution 2024-071 affirming the City's to preserve the Corona Depot Building at 150 Depot Drive and recognize it as an asset in the City's Heritage Inventory.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

On April 2, 2024, Council Member Speak submitted an agenda item request to have the City Council discuss and consider adopting a resolution that would affirm the City's desire to save the Corona Depot building located at 150 Depot Drive from future demolition. The Corona Depot building was built in 1937 and was historically a train station for the Santa Fe Railroad. The building was placed on the City's Heritage Inventory according to Section 17.63.090 of the Corona Municipal Code (CMC) and is ranked "high with rehabilitation" as a potential listing for a local landmark.

During the June 5, 2024, council meeting, the Council approved the request and directed staff to draft a resolution maintaining the City's intention to preserve the Corona Depot Building, aligning with citizens' expressed support for saving it.

Although the City Council expressed its desire to protect the Corona Depot Building, it should be noted that this desire does not automatically protect the building from demolition by the current or

any future property owner. Also, since the Corona Depot is not a registered local landmark, the City has limited ability to protect the structure officially but can encourage its preservation through a resolution.

ANALYSIS:

A resolution in this context is generally used to document the City Council's expression of an opinion. The staff has drafted Resolution 2024-071, supporting the City's goal to preserve the Corona Depot Building and recognizing it as an asset to the City's Heritage Inventory. This staff report asks that the City Council approve Resolution 2024-071 to uphold Councilmember Speake's request.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this request.

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Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - Resolution Stating the City's Desire to Preserve the Corona Depot
2. Exhibit 2 - Request by Council Member Speake