



MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

Date: 7/16/24
To: City Council
From: Amy Augustine, AICP – City Planner
RE: Resolution 24-057 Moving 79 South Main to the Museum and Allocating \$35,000 in City ARPA Funds to the Project (Budget Adjustment)

Recommendation

Direct staff to:

- A. Proceed with moving 79 South Main to the Museum and allocate \$35,000 in City ARPA funds to the project; or
- B. Proceed with moving 79 South Main to the Museum without City funds (or with reduced city funds); or
- C. Other

Background

79 South Main sits along SR 49 (in fact, the structure partially encroaches into SR49 ROW). The former residence is located at the site of a new road encroachment which will allow for pending commercial development. The landowner is ready to proceed. His options are demolition or removal.

79 South Main Street was constructed circa 1874/1875 possibly by Thomas Moore. By 1897, T. Moore deeded the site to Elizabeth Ward (widow of John Ward). The structure is one of the few remaining examples of the late 1800s outside of the historic commercial district. It is associated with several historical Altaville and Angels Camp families.

The Museum Director has asked that the house be relocated to the museum. The structure would be furnished with items typical of a family living in the late 1800s. Visitors will be able to look into the house and “see” life in the 1880s. The building is not intended to be occupied. The proposed location of the existing building and proposed location at the museum are shown in **Figures 1** and **2**.

Strategic Plan Alignment

A1 Conservation and Open Space - Maintain and, where feasible, enhance the city's appearance

The proposed project will remove a deteriorating historical structure, renovate it and convert it to a visitor and educational attraction at the museum.

A4 Economic Development - Promote a wide variety of economic opportunities consistent with the city's social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources

The proposed project will renovate an historical structure and convert it to a heritage tourism attraction at the museum (i.e., economic development).

A5 Economic Development - Maintain and enhance the city's economic vitality while conserving the city's social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources

The proposed project will renovate an historical structure and convert it to a heritage tourism attraction at the museum (i.e., economic development).

Discussion

Estimated costs to move the house and renovate it at the museum are:

Item	Cost
Remove existing asbestos and additions	\$5,000
Prep and move house to museum/a/	\$40,000
Foundation preparation and level site at museum	\$10,000
Renovation on site	\$5,000
Subtotal	\$60,000
Owner donation	<\$15,000>
Anticipated donation	<\$10,000>
Shortfall	\$35,000

/a/ Company would obtain applicable permits and coordinate with utility agencies for lifting wires necessary to move the house.

Removing the house will open up a new encroachment for significant new commercial economic development (a shopping center) – **Figure 3**. Relocating the house to the museum will provide a tourism and educational attraction. Therefore, relocation rather than demolition provides an overall economic benefit to the city.

Financial Impact

The relocation and renovation costs are \$35,000 short of the total cost as shown in the preceding table. Given the economic development benefits of the proposed project, \$35,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds is requested.

Attachments

Resolution 24-057

Budget Adjustment

Figure 1: 79 South Main





Figure 2: Proposed Location at Museum



Figure 3: Proposed new encroachment thru 79 South Main to New Commercial Development