

RESOLUTION #18-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HERCULES APPROVING AN ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION OF CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION, 15301 EXISTING FACILITIES, AS APPROPRIATE UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) TO ADDRESS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF RELOCATING AND REHABILITATING THE “QUEEN ANNE HOUSE” (HISTORICAL BUILDING #54) TO A VACANT RESIDENTIAL LOT EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE CITY OF HERCULES.

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne House, a historic structure that is estimated to have been constructed in 1905 within a company town known as the Hercules Village that was owned by the Hercules Powder Company, and

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne House has been previously relocated, most recently in 2002 by the Bixby Company to make way for development planned where the house was located, and in 2010 the house was purchased by the City and moved to the City’s Corporation Yard, and

WHEREAS, the house was split into two pieces in order to transport the house to the City’s Corporation Yard and will deteriorated due to the passage of time if nothing is done; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 the City issued a flyer asking for proposals for purchasing the building for \$1 and rehabilitating the Queen Anne House, and as part of this RFP process a number of parties showed interest in purchasing the house which may involve relocating the house outside the City of Hercules, and

WHEREAS, at the November 9, 2016 City Council meeting, Rockhead and Quarry, LLC were selected to purchase the home for \$1 with the intent to relocate outside of the City and rehabilitate the structure to serve as affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, in December 2017 the City Council directed that the City retain a consultant to prepare the historical and environmental documentation needed before the building could be moved to a location outside the City, and

WHEREAS, the City retained the firm known as the “M-Group” to prepare the needed historical and environmental documentation which was presented at the May 7, 2018 Planning Commission at attached hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY OF HERCULES PLANNING COMMISSION FINDS:

That the documentation provided at the May 7, 2018 Planning Commission appropriately concludes that a CEQA finding of Categorical Exemption 15301 Existing Facilities is appropriate to address moving and rehabilitating the Queen Anne house to a location outside the City of Hercules.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HERCULES HEREBY DIRECTS STAFF TO FILE/POST THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION DETERMINATION WITH THE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE TO COMPLETE THE CEQA FINDING UNDER SECTION 15301 “EXISTING FACILITIES” OF THE CEQA

**GUIDELINES AS THE APPROPRIATE CEQA CLEARANCE FOR THE PROPOSED
RELOCATION AND REHABILITATION OF THE QUEEN ANNE HOUSE TO A LOCATION
EITHER INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF HERCULES, SO LONG
AS IT IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S HISTORIC
STANDARDS,**

The foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Hercules held on the seventh day of May 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Chairperson of Planning Commission

ATTEST:

Holly Smyth, Secretary to the Planning Commission

Exhibits

A. The Queen Anne House Historic Resource Evaluation