

Planning Commission Resolution PCR 2023-03

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
YREKA, APPROVING THE PROPOSED EXTERIOR ALTERATION TO
THE CARNEGIE LIBRARY BUILDING, 412 WEST MINER STREET
AND ADOPTION OF CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
(CEQA) CLASS 3 EXEMPTION**

WHEREAS, ORW Architecture, representative for the Siskiyou Economic Development Council, submitted an application to alter the exterior of the Carnegie Library, a historic building, at 412 West Miner Street (APN 053-352-100-00); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 17.04.040 of the Yreka Municipal Code requires a permit to heard and approved by the Planning Commission prior to changes taking place; and

WHEREAS, the proposed alterations must meet findings outlined in Yreka Municipal Code Section 17.04.050;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Planning Commission of the City of Yreka hereby determine the following:

Section 1. The factual data submitted by the Planning Department of the City of Yreka in the staff report dated February 15, 2023 are true and correct.

Section 2. For the foregoing reasons the Planning Commission determines that the Project is Categorically Exempt per Class 3, New, Small Facilities, Section 15303 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

Section 3. The Planning Commission finds that based upon the entire record, pursuant to Section 17.04.050 of the Yreka Municipal Code, all of the following findings can be made.

(1) In the case of a designated landmark, the proposed work would not detrimentally alter, destroy or adversely affect any exterior architectural feature; or

FACT: The proposed addition of a balcony to the north side of the building would not alter the historic features listed in the Historic Register. The proposed balcony addition would also be added to the newest addition constructed in 1979, which is not listed as architecturally or historically relevant or significant.

(2) In the case of any property located within a historic district, the proposed construction, removal, rehabilitation, alteration, remodeling, excavation or exterior alteration conforms with the purposes of this chapter and specifically emphasizes the preservation of architectural styles existing in the area of the city prior to 1910, and secondarily emphasizes other distinct and noteworthy architectural styles reflecting the phases of Yreka's history; or

FACT: The proposed balcony addition and rehabilitation does not propose to alter the front of the Carnegie Library architectural features. The proposed project would install an

ADA ramp on the west side of the building that would lead to the closure of the basement windows on the west side of the building. These windows are not listed as architecturally significant in the National Register.

The proposed project would add the balcony to the newer portion of the building that is not considered historically relevant or significant. The balcony would be out of public view from Miner Street. Therefore, the proposed additions and rehabilitation would not lead to the degradation of the architectural significance of the building.

(3) In the case of construction of a new improvement, building or structure upon a landmark site, the exterior of such improvements will not adversely affect and will be compatible with the external appearance of other existing improvements, buildings and structures on or adjacent to said site.

FACT: The proposed project would add the balcony to the 1979 addition of the building that includes no architectural significant features of the original library. The balcony materials proposed are neutral in color and construction style in order to not conflict with the historic features at the front of the building.

Section 4. The Planning Commission recommends approval of the proposed project subject to the following conditions:

1. The use shall be conducted in accordance with the exterior alteration permit application as submitted and no alterations shall be made of the building without prior approval of the Planning Commission; provided, however, upon request of the Applicant and showing of good cause, the Planning Director is authorized to permit minor modifications of the site without resubmission to the Planning Commission.
2. The use shall be conducted in accordance with all local, county, state, and federal regulations which pertain to the use, operation, and permitting of this project.
3. The Applicant shall submit a separate sign permit application for each sign proposed. The proposed sign(s) must meet the height and design requirements specified in the sign permit guidelines and Yreka Municipal Title 13 – Sign Ordinance and Title 17 – Historic District. No signs shall be placed on the premises without prior approval of the Planning Department.
4. All landscaping shall be installed, maintained, and replaced.
5. Circulation of the parking lot and ADA parking spaces shall be marked, posted, and maintained in accordance with provisions of the Motor Vehicles Code and any other regulation now or hereinafter enacted. Student drop-off/pick-up shall only occur within the onsite parking lot.
6. The Exterior Alteration Permit may be revoked and terminated if not used within one year from the date of approval. Extension of the permit outside of this time period shall only be granted by the Planning Commission.
7. The permit granted in accordance with the terms of this title may be revoked if any of the conditions or terms of such permit are violated or if any law or ordinance is violated in connection therewith.

Section 4. The Planning Director shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

The forgoing resolution was introduced at the regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Yreka on February 15, 2023, and was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Peter O'Brien, Planning Commission Chair

ATTEST:

Juliana Lucchesi, AICP
Planning Director