

## **Appendix B      Responses to Notice of Preparation**

## Appendices

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# AZUSA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESERVING AZUSA'S PAST AND PRESENT  
FOR THE FUTURE

May 29, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

We, the Azusa Historical Society Board of Directors, are solely opposed to the demolition of the Azusa Unified School District's Old School House located at 403 North Angeleno Avenue in Azusa, California.

As the last remaining Azusa school house circa early 1900's it represents many different aspects of Azusa history. The structure was originally built at the old Riley School location between Soldano Avenue and Pasadena Avenue on 4<sup>th</sup> Street. The building, in and of itself, is considered valuable from an architectural standpoint due to it being one of the only surviving single room wood framed school houses in the San Gabriel Valley, and in 1946 was saved from demolition by the Azusa School Board of Trustees due to its historical value and relocated to its present location where it has stood for the last 72 years.

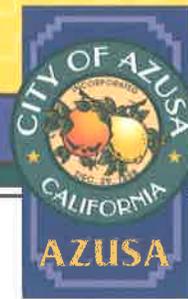
As you may be aware, the Azusa Historical Society has frequently provided tours of the Museum located at the Durrell House in Veteran Park to local elementary school children. One of the most appealing rooms to the school children is the mock up of the turn of the century class room. It is here where the children can see for themselves how much times have changed from the classroom of the past to the classroom of the current. We believe that there is an opportunity to embrace this very unique situation by preserving the structure and creating a partnership between the Azusa Historical Society and the Azusa Unified School District so that we may actually allow our students to literally step into history. Where other local historical society's and preservation groups have tried to recreate and present a sense of the past in settings fit for school tours and research, we know that we have the "real deal."

The Old School House is a history lesson for us all from which to learn. This structure represents a time when equality was not for all and the building itself allows us the opportunity to step back in time to a period when segregation was a fact and when Mexican students were separated from their peers and sent to this school house to learn English and to participate in "Americanization" classes. The building also has importance from a governmental standpoint as the only other polling location, other than City Hall, in the early days of the City. We believe due to its local significance as a cultural and historical landmark, that it also meets the criteria for State designation.

We strongly urge you to consider the preservation and restoration of this historic structure. Once this building is gone, it can never be brought back. For over 115 years this structure has stood witness to the growth and changes within the City of Azusa, we respectfully ask that we decide it should continue to stand into the future.

Sincerely

The Azusa Historical Society Board of Directors



The Canyon City — Gateway to the American Dream

Marc Bommarito  
Assistant Superintendent Business Services  
Azusa Unified School District  
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RE: Old Schoolhouse Removal Initial Study and Notice of Preparation

The City of Azusa has reviewed the Old Schoolhouse Removal Initial Study and Notice of Preparation (herein “IS/NOP”) and provides the following comments.

1. The IS/NOP was released without much advance notice to the City or information on the project. The project description is quite brief and provides two very different scenarios for the project: (1) landscaping; or (2) a 31-stall parking lot. One option is an entirely passive option, while the other involves circulation issues, traffic, pedestrian safety, urban runoff and other potential impacts. An accurate, stable, and finite project description is the sine qua non of an informative and legally sufficient environmental impact report (EIR) under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and this description does not meet that standard.
2. The project description also does not provide project objectives, which are a critical piece of the analysis and help decision makers and the public weigh the feasibility of project alternatives. A statement of objectives is a required element under CEQA Guidelines 15124(b). It is difficult for the public and the City to comment on the document and the subsequent EIR without understanding the scope and objective of the intended project.
3. As our agencies have discussed for decades, The Old Schoolhouse has a rich history in the City of Azusa. The City’s records are attached to this letter to assist the EIR preparer in conducting a robust and thorough analysis of the structure’s historical context. Notably, from approximately 1984-2004, the City’s General Plan included a list of local properties to be preserved and the Old Schoolhouse was on that list. The building was inadvertently omitted from the City’s similar list prepared in 2000. This was an oversight and did not reflect any change in the City’s position on the property. In 2006, the District opposed the City’s proposed historic landmark designation. In February 2007, the City Council placed the Old Schoolhouse on the Survey List of Historic Properties.
4. While the structure is not currently a *designated* historic landmark under the City’s local register, it represents a few significant periods of history for the region and is considered a potential historic landmark under the Azusa Municipal Code. Under the Azusa Cultural and Historic Preservation Ordinance, “Potential historic landmark” refers to those properties identified as qualifying for designation as a historic landmark and/or historic district but which do not have the agreement of the property owner for the application of such designation. Not

only is the structure much older than 50 years (built around 1905), it is identified with events significant in local history. By way of example only, the structure served as the first one room school house in the area and later served as a segregated polling place during this Country's dark period of segregation. Moreover, the structure was significant enough to retain and move a few decades ago. The EIR must contain a thorough and robust historical analysis of the building and its context. The City is available to provide any necessary information to Daly and Associates, the firm retained to prepare the historic resources assessment. Section 55-49 of the Azusa Municipal Code also provides special City review procedures prior to alteration or demolition of a potential landmark, which is not noted in the IS/NOP.

5. Regardless of status of designation, CEQA treats potential and designated historic resources the same for purposes of studying the environmental impacts of the project. A project that involves the destruction of a building that is eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources or a local register will have "a significant effect on the environment" for purposes of CEQA. Pub. Resources Code, § 21084.1. As demonstrated in the attached documents, the City has considered this building historically significant since at least 1984. Thus, an EIR for such a project must consider not only the impacts to the building, but must also discuss feasible mitigation and alternatives that would avoid or lessen any significant adverse environmental impact. As such, the City expects the school district to study adequate mitigation and alternatives to the proposed project, which could achieve the objectives of the project without creating a significant impact to the environment.

6. The IS/NOP does not list the City of Azusa as a responsible agency for the Old Schoolhouse Removal EIR. As noted in IS/NOP Section 3.2, a responsible agency is one that has discretionary power over a project. The document states that the Removal of the Old Schoolhouse would not require approval from the City; but, the document does not explain on what legal authority that statement is based. If the District has determined that the City has no discretionary power over the project, the document must explain the legal authority and support for that statement. As noted above and by way of example, Azusa Municipal Code Section 55-49 provides special review procedures for demolition of a potential landmark like this one. Additionally, there is no explanation as to why the City's zoning or building code, for example, would not apply to this project. Government Code section 53094 allows a school district to render local zoning ordinances inapplicable if the district takes specific action and if the project is for classroom facilities. There is no explanation or evidence explaining how the project would be exempted from the City's zoning code under this provision. Even if the District is relying on 53094, Section 53097 provides that school districts must comply with any city ordinance regulating drainage, road improvements and conditions, or grading plans, and approval of Certificate of Appropriateness. The City also reserves the right to designate the property as a historic landmark and/or to nominate the structure for listing on the California Register of Historic Resources, after which the demolition would require a certificate of appropriateness from the City. As such, the City should be listed as a responsible agency and the district must comply with all requirements for responsible agencies under CEQA vis-à-vis the City.

7. CEQA Guideline 15124(d) requires the district to list the permits and approvals required for the project. The IS/NOP Section 3.2 does not provide this information with any specificity.

8. IS/NOP Section 5.1(d) does not provide any evidence for the conclusion that the parking lot option with security lights would not create light or glare impacts. There are residential properties directly across Angeleno Avenue and there is no evidence to support the conclusion that parking lot lights will not create light or glare impacts. This needs to be studied in the EIR.

9. The project includes a parking lot option which would increase the impermeable surface area on the site. IS/NOP Section 5.9 does not adequately explain how the parking lot would comply with the City's Storm water and Urban Runoff Pollution Prevention Ordinance in Azusa Municipal Code Chapter 60, or any other requirements from the state or regional water quality control board under the NPDES program. The analysis does not explain if the parking lot will increase stormwater runoff, for which the City has an obligation under its MS4 permit to control. The analysis also does not explain if there will be any design features, such as landscaping or swales, that could provide for on-site infiltration. This must be analyzed in the EIR.

10. IS/NOP Section 5.10(b) does not provide any evidence or justification for its conclusion that the project is consistent with the City's general plan and zoning ordinance, and that there is "no impact." The analysis does not even mention the existence or consultation of the City of Azusa General Plan Historic /Cultural Resources provisions. Notwithstanding that this site and building were listed as culturally significant in the City's General Plan from approximately 1984-2004, the 2004 General Plan would also provide historical context and background information for analyzing this building and its context under CEQA. This section was not even consulted or referenced in 5.10(b) and must be considered and analyzed in the EIR.

As mentioned above, City staff is available to provide any information you may need to complete the EIR and respond to the comments herein. Notwithstanding our agencies' divergent views on the future of the Old Schoolhouse, at minimum, the City wants assurances that that EIR will adequately review and analyze the building's rich history, will impose all feasible mitigation to reduce impacts to the site and the building, and will meaningfully analyze and consider feasible alternatives to demolition. We stand ready to assist in this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kurt E. Christiansen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kurt Christiansen, FAICP

Director of Economic and Community Development

Enclosures:

Azusa Cultural and Historical Commission Proposal, May 16, 1984

Azusa City Council Agenda Report, February 20, 2006

Azusa City Council Meeting Minutes, January 17, 2006, January 30, 2006, February 20, 2007



# CITY OF AZUSA

*The Canyon City*

CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL  
LANDMARK COMMISSION

May 16, 1984

TO: CITY ADMINISTRATOR LLOYD WOOD

FROM: ELSIE VAN DALE, HISTORICAL COMMISSION LIAISON *E.*

RE: CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION PROPOSAL

The Commission has chosen ten sites to be designated as historical landmarks with bronze plaques.

The sites are:

1. Approximate site of Gabrieleno Indian Village and burial ground at the mouth of the canyon.
2. Location on east side of Cerritos just south of Foothill to mark Dalton rancho site. (1860)
3. First kindergarten site, north side of 4th St. between Soldano and Pasadena Avenues. Site now marked only by a pepper tree.
4. Original kindergarten building (built between 1905 and 1910) now located northwest corner of Fourth Street and Angeleno Avenue. Present owner AUSD.
5. Lindley-Scott House, 720 E. Foothill Blvd., constructed 1912. Present owner George Scott Pieper and Associates.
6. Azusa Woman's Club, 1003 N. Azusa Avenue. Constructed 1928.
7. Victorian house, property of Joe Jara, 403 N. San Gabriel Ave. Constructed 1883.
8. Iglesia Presbyterian Church, 611 N. Alameda Avenue. Constructed 1892.

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729 N. DALTON AVENUE, AZUSA, CA 91702 Phone (818) 334-0338 or 334-0339

9. Masonic Temple, 510 N. San Gabriel Avenue. Constructed in 1907.
10. Wells Fargo Bank building, 700 N. Azusa Avenue, constructed in 1906.

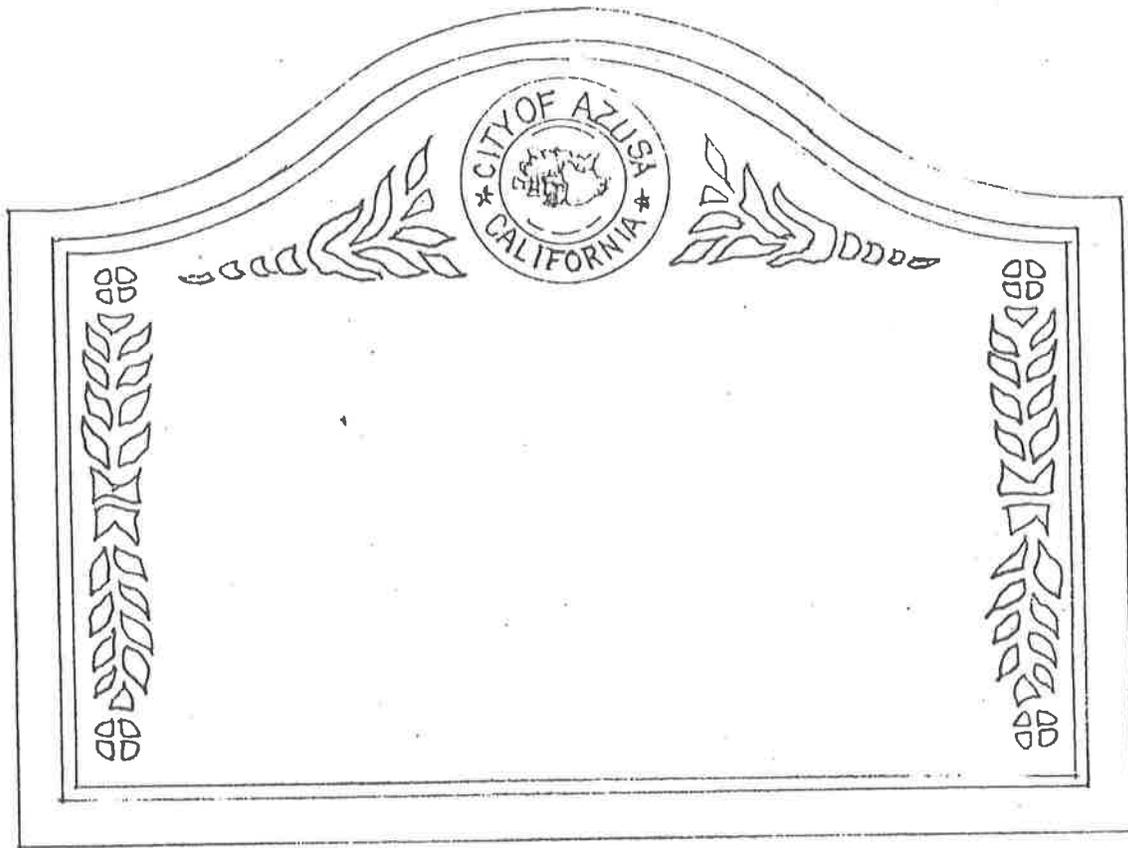
For sites 1, 2 and 3 the Commission has discussed a rock cairn type of monument to be built of native stone, perhaps by City personnel or volunteers. For the other sites a simple plaque is suggested, either on the building or in the sidewalk in front of the building; whichever is appropriate for the site.

It is estimated that ten bronze plaques will cost approximately \$1500 total, depending on style and amount of legend to be inscribed.

Letters have been sent to property owners, except City of Azusa, advising them of the Commission's proposal and requesting replies indicating their interest. The letters made it quite clear that the plan will not be implemented unless and until approved by City Council.

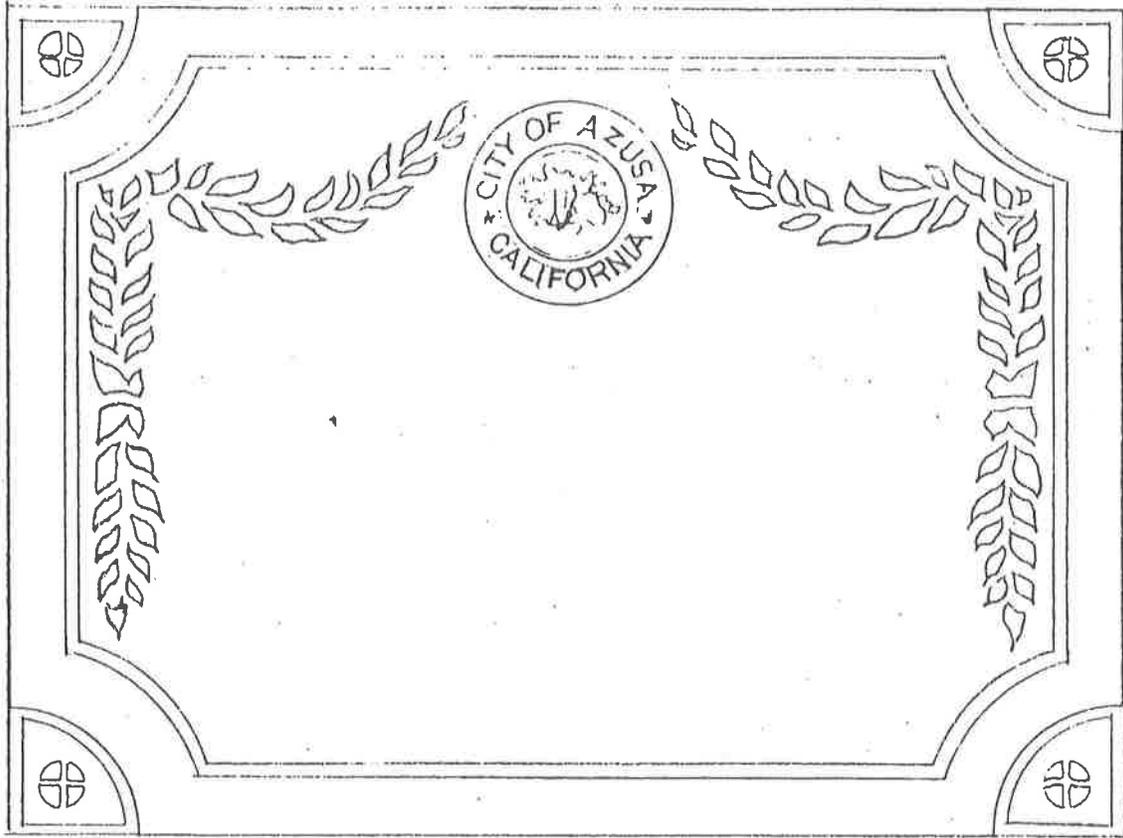
Attached are designs provided by Tony Ramirez for study and selection by the Commission. One design will be chosen.

*Plan "A" Chosen at last night's meeting.  
E.*



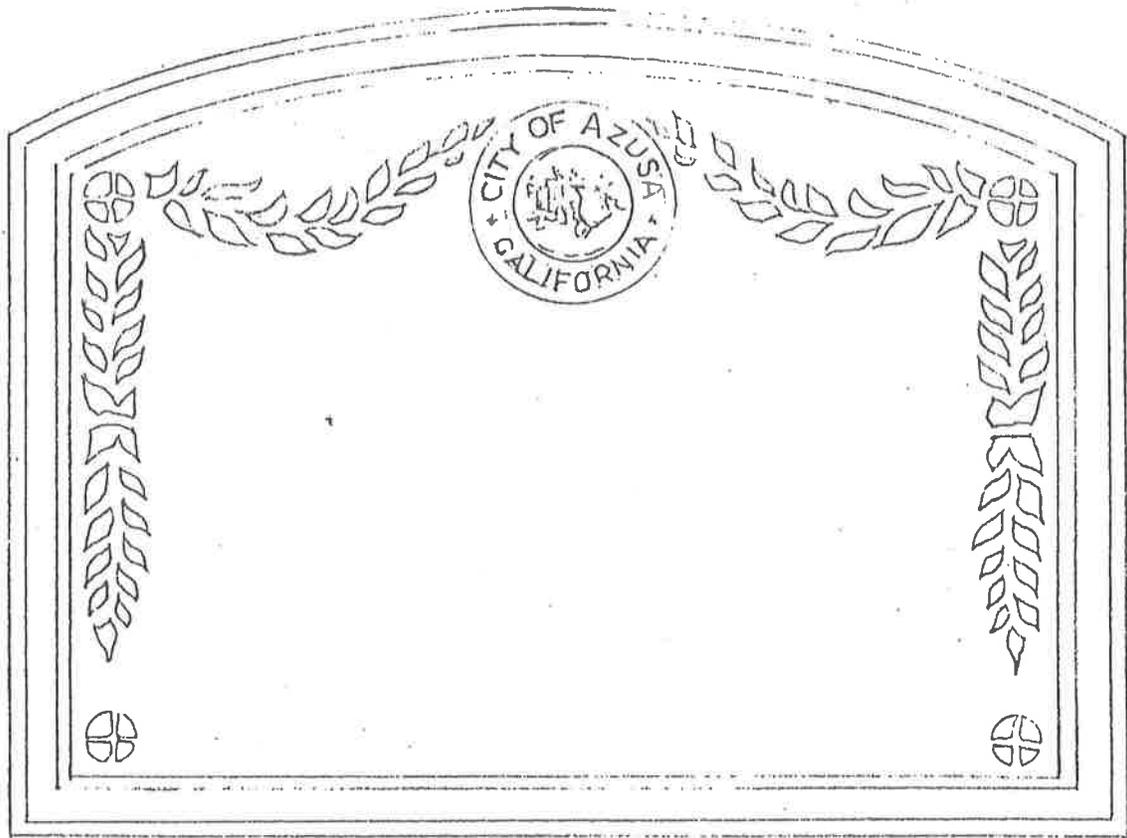
HISTORICAL PLAQUE-PROPOSAL "A"

CITY OF AZUSA (HISTORICAL MARKER).



HISTORICAL PLAQUE-PROPOSAL "B."

CITY OF AZUSA (HISTORICAL MARKER).



HISTORICAL PLAQUE-PROPOSAL "C."

CITY OF AZUSA (HISTORICAL MARKER).

Mr. Uriel Maclas addressed Council challenging all the residents to vote on March 6<sup>th</sup>. He also challenged the City Council to televise Council workshops which are held at the Light and Water Conference Room. He noted that he would like clear, transparent government in Azusa. U. Maclas  
Comments

**REPORTS, UPDATES COUNCIL BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS-STAFF**

Rpts/Updates

Mayor Chagnon announced that Laura Jimenez, Representative of Assemblyman Ed Hernandez was in attendance at the meeting. It was consensus of Council to approve request for a certificate for the Azusa Medical Arts Building, to be presented on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:15 p.m. Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. She announced that on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Cardinal Mahoney will be visiting Saint Frances of Rome Church in celebration of its anniversary. Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Carrillo and unanimously carried to add to Reports and Update Item regarding American Red Cross Month and approve the preparation of a proclamation proclaiming March as American Red Cross Month. It was consensus that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Frances B. Gonzales and Avls Whitlock who passed away this week. Chagnon  
Comments

Moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Rocha, seconded by Mayor Chagnon and unanimously carried to approved certificate of recognition to Azusa Cheer Leader who participated in the National Cheerleading contest. He asked that in addition to the above that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Antonio "Tony" Lucero, and Amparo B. Benitez. He announced the Azusa Aztec Band fundraiser Spaghetti Dinner on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. He stated that there will be a Memorial Park clean up in addition to graffiti removal Saturdays to be sponsored by different clubs each Saturday; he noted the importance of removing graffiti as soon as possible and that there is a need to reconnect with the Azusa Unified School District regarding the issue. Rocha  
Comments

Councilmember Hanks talked about the groundbreaking for the new Water Treatment Plant in the Canyon noting its historical significance and that it opens up water resources; he congratulated Utilities Director Hsu and his Staff. He commented on the RV Committee Issue stating that he has read all reports regarding it. He suggested that others sponsor forums and invite the editor of the Tribune. He congratulated Mr. Art Ramirez for his creativity. Hanks  
Comments

Councilmember Hardison noted that he is in favor of a Target and in favor of the Tribune endorsements. Hardison  
Comments

City Manager Delach commented on an article that appeared in the Tribune regarding the Little League park and graffiti stating that it couldn't be accessed by the City as it was on the second floor. He reported on the Business License Penalty Complaint Inquiry and it was received and filed. Delach  
Comments

**SCHEDULED ITEMS**

Sched Items

**INFORMAL HEARING - ON THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WEED ABATEMENT PROTEST HEARING.** Informal Hrg  
Weed Abmt

The Mayor declared the Informal Hearing open. There was an affidavit of proof of publication of notice of said hearing published in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune on February 9, 2007. Hrg open

Testimony was solicited, but none was received. Moved by Councilmember Hanks, seconded by Councilmember Hardison and unanimously carried to close the Hearing. Testimony  
solicited/none

Moved by Councilmember Hardison, seconded by Councilmember Hanks and unanimously carried to approve the motion and abatement order directing abatement of the nuisance by removing all weeds, and rubbish from the affected improved parcels. Abatement  
Approved

**PUBLIC HEARING - CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO ADD THE "OLD SCHOOL HOUSE" BUILDING, LOCATED AT 403 N. ANGELENO AVENUE TO THE APPROVED SURVEY LIST OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND TO THE CITY LIST OF POTENTIAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS.** Pub Hrg  
Old School  
House

The Mayor declared the Hearing open. City Clerk read proof of publication of notice of said Hearing published in the Azusa Herald on February 8, 2007. Hrg open

Economic Development Director Coleman addressed the Hearing stating that this is a recommendation by Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission to add the Old School House building to the City's list of Potential Historic Landmarks as well as the Survey List of Historic Properties; the property is located at the southeast corner of the Slauson Middle School campus, 403 N. Angeleno Avenue. He provided a brief background stating that in 1983-2004 the General Plan included a list of historic properties which listed the "Old School House" to be preserved; it was identified as the oldest school house. In 2000 the commission drafted a new list of historic properties and historic landmarks and the Old School House was inadvertently omitted from the lists. In November of 2005 it was brought to the attention of the Commission that the Azusa Unified School District was considering to demolish it. In 2006, the Commission asked that the City investigate the feasibility of moving the building in order to preserve it and the AUSD opposes it. Staff has received a letter indicating that the District does not consent to the proposed designation of as a potential historic landmark and requested that the Commission not consider the designation. The Commission has met since then and is requesting to add it to the Survey List as well as the potential List of Historic Landmarks. He talked about the process for adding properties to Survey and Potential Historic Landmark lists and recommended that the subject property be added to the approved Survey List, not to the Historic Landmark list as the School District objects to it.

B. Coleman  
Comments

City Clerk Mendoza read a letter into the record from Mr. and Mrs. Madrigal and from Bradley Frick, Assistant Superintendent, and Business Services of the Azusa Unified School District, who expressed their opposition to the "Old School House" being added to the Potential Historic Landmark List.

Letters read  
into record

Mr. Art Morales addressed the hearing voicing his opinion in favor of saving the old school house. He suggested it be used as a homework house and that the Azusa Unified School District donate the corner to the City.

A. Morales  
Comments

Mr. Jorge Rosales addressed the hearing stating that he has had discussions with Board Members and is in favor of trying to get the AUSD to donate the structure to the City; to relocate the site and or demolish it would be too expensive.

J. Rosales  
Comments

Moved by Councilmember Hardison, seconded by Councilmember Hanks and unanimously carried to close the Public Hearing.

Hrg Closed

Discussion was held between Councilmembers and staff regarding the wishes of the Azusa Unified School District, the difference between being on the Survey List of Historic Properties and the list of Potential Historic Landmarks and the process for placing properties onto the lists. It was noted that being on the Survey List could trigger CEQA and become a full blown EIR as a next step. Discussion was held.

Discussion

Moved by Mayor Chagnon, seconded by Councilmember Hardison and carried to place the "Old School House", on the Survey List of Historic Properties, only. Councilmember Hanks dissenting.

Old School  
House Survey  
List

CONTINUED REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATION BY THE AZUSA CITIZENS' COMMITTEE FOR CODE COMPLIANCE.

ACCFCC  
Recommend

Councilmembers Hanks, Rocha, Hardison, and Carrillo advised that are not prepared to discuss the issue as comments were submitted both in writing and verbal to the City Attorney and a response to them is not finalized as of this date. It was agreed that Ms. Melanson does not have to show proof of verbal approval of RV parking on her property of years ago. Mayor Chagnon addressed the document submitted by the ACCFCC at the last meeting regarding No. 3 Permits and Monitoring Requirements for Temporary Signs, stating there is a need to develop a process for obtaining a temporary sign permit. Item 3-E, 1 and 2, stating that is very cumbersome and difficult to implement; she questioned the definition of Item 5-F regarding Temporary window signs; City Manager Delach responded. She noted the 14 days for visiting RV, is too long of a period. Assistant City Manager Person responded stating that staff recommendation is strongly against this rule and it is not workable, but complex. City Manager responded to question regarding Veteran Banners stating that they are City sponsored signs and would not be applicable to the commercial temporary sign in the subject section. Assistant Community Development Director Onaga responded to a question regarding seasonal painted signs stating that they are exempt, and wouldn't need a sign or temporary permit and could go beyond the 20%. It was consensus of Councilmembers that the City Attorney and staff come back with matrix of Council comments for further direction regarding codification in the Azusa Municipal Code and Development Code.

Comments and  
Discussion

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA FINDING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16108 EAST SAN BERNARDINO ROAD, COVINA, CALIFORNIA (ASSESSOR PARCEL NO. 8435-027-270).

Res. 06-C3  
Auth Sale of  
Surplus Prop  
16108 E. San  
Bernardino Rd.

Moved by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Councilmember Carrillo to waive further reading and adopt. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: CARRILLO, HARDISON, ROCHA, HANKS, CHAGNON  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE

Mayor Chagnon left the City Council dais and abstained from the following proceedings due to a conflict of interest as she has an interest in property near the property to be discussed.

Chagnon  
Abstained

**Termination of the 2000 Library Bond act Project and Consideration of options for the development of a new or renovated Public Library.**

Library Bond  
2000 options

Assistant City Manager Robert Person introduced the following recommendations and provided detailed information on each one as presented: Director the Library Director to officially terminate the City of Azusa's 2000 library Bond Act Cycle Three application by advising the State Library Office of Library Construction of a change in the City's ability to financially support the capital and administrative expenses associated with the construction and operation of a 62,831 sq. ft. facility. Waive further reading and adopt Resolution No. 06-C4 in support for the Library Bond Act of 2006 reaffirming continued support of the statewide Library Bond Act as a possible revenue source for local municipalities to fund future library projects. He asked that the following be held in abeyance, appoint a subcommittee of the City Council and staff to evaluate options for the renovation of the existing library building, construction of a new 30,000 - 35,000 sq. ft. library, and, the possible incorporation of a new library facility within a new mixed-use civic center development.

R. Person  
Comments  
Presentation

Question and answer session ensued between Councilmembers and staff regarding square footage of existing and proposed renovated library, termination of bonds, the library's ratio to people, construction costs, cost for operation of existing and new library, other avenues to find funding for a library, public and private developers, etc. Lengthy discussion was held regarding Sky's the Limit Foundation, other sources, bonds, mining fees, etc.

Question &  
Answers  
Session

Moved by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hardison and carried to not terminate City of Azusa's 2000 Library Bond Act Cycle three application at this time, to adopt resolution of support for the Library Bond Act of 2006 reaffirming continue support and appoint a subcommittee of members of the City Council, Library Commission, Friends of the Library and Sky's The Limit Foundation, (he suggested that the members be appointed and the names be presented at the next City Council meeting). Mayor Chagnon abstained.

Motion  
Not to  
terminate,  
Reso for Bond  
Act 2006

Councilmember Rocha offered a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA READING AND LITERACY IMPROVEMENT AND PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION BOND ACT OF 2006.

Res. 06-C4  
Support Bond  
Act 2006

Moved by Councilmember Rocha, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hardison to waive further reading and adopt. Resolution passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARDISON, CARRILLO, HANKS, ROCHA  
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: NONE  
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: CHAGNON

**Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation to preserve the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD) Old Schoolhouse building.**

Old School-  
House bldg

Associate Planner/Staff Liaison for the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission addressed Council advising that on November 1, 2005, the Azusa Unified School District notified the Commission that they were going to remove the old school building on the southeast corner of the Slauson Middle School.

S. Cole  
Comments

the Commission discussed the opportunity the City has to obtain the building and move it to a city owned property to perhaps utilize as a school museum. She advised that in 1989 the building was identified as the first kindergarten school and as the oldest school building still standing in Azusa. She stated that the cost to physically remove the building is from \$12,000 - \$15,000 (within the city) and \$85,000 to refurbish.

Continued

Mayor Pro-Tem Hardison inquired if there was a cost obtained to demolish the building; the response was that they did not get such a cost. Ms. Cole advised that there was a deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> to get an answer back to the School Board.

Hardison  
Comments

It was consensus of Council to discuss the issue with the School Board at the Joint Meeting between Council and the School Board Members at the meeting of January 30, 2006.

1/30/06 Jnt  
Mtg w/AUSD

**CONSENT CALENDAR** consisting of Items D-1 through D-12 was approved by motion of Mayor Chagnon, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Hardison and unanimously carried with the exception of Items D-3, D-6, D-7, and D-9, which were discussed under the Special Call Portion of the Agenda. There was a correction on item D-2, that the date be changed from 12/22/06 to 12/22/05.

Consent Cal  
Approved

1. The Minutes of the regular meeting of the January 3, 2006, and the adjourned regular meeting of January 9, 2006, were approved as written. Min appvd
2. **Human Resources Action Items were approved as follows:**  
**Merit Increase and/or Regular Appointment:** M. Gonzales.  
**Separation:** G. Juarez. Human Res  
Action Items
3. SPECIAL CALL ITEM. Spec Call
4. Approval was given to Increase blanket purchase order for Professional Services Agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for the resolution of police personnel matters in an amount not to exceed \$18,500. Pro Svs Agmt  
Liebert Cassidy  
Whitmore
5. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF A 39-CENT U.S. POSTAGE STAMP IN HONOR OF JACK BENNY. Res. 06-C5  
Jack Benny  
Stamp
6. SPECIAL CALL ITEM. Spec Call
7. SPECIAL CALL ITEM. Spec Call
8. Approval was given for the second amendment to the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Foothill Air Support Team (FAST"). FAST Agmt
9. SPECIAL CALL ITEM. Spec Call
10. Approval was given to reclassify the position of Deputy Building Official to Building Official at Step 4 of the new salary range and to approve the increase in the salary steps which are consistent with the Public Sector Personnel Consultant Survey for the position. Bldg Official  
New Position  
& Salary range
11. Notice of Completion for the Northside Park Ball Field was approved as completed by Warren Fence Company in the amount of \$146,255 and authorization was given to file same with L.A. County Clerk and pay the 10% retention to the contractor. Notice of  
Completion  
Warren Fenc
12. The following resolution was adopted and entitled:  
  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AZUSA ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID. Res. 06-C6  
Warrants

**SPECIAL CALL ITEMS** Spec Call Items

Mayor Pro-Tem Hardison addressed item regarding the purchase of the 2005 Honda motorcycles advising that Harley Davidson also makes a great bike. Chief of Police Garcia advised that it's a simple matter of cost in trying to get the best deal to purchase two police motorcycles. Councilmember Rocha expressed concern regarding that motorcycles continue to be taken home vehicles and that the extra mileage shortens life expectancy. Chief of Police Garcia responded stating that age adds maintenance cost; both police officers that take home motorcycles are mechanics and cut maintenance cost and as part of the Traffic Program that is effective, and that there has to be an incentive and using the motorcycle to take home is an incentive.

Purchase of 2  
Motorcycles  
PD



**CITY OF AZUSA  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Azusa met in special session at the above date and time at the Azusa Light and Water Conference Room located at 729 N. Azusa, Azusa.

Mayor Chagnon called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call

**PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: CARRILLO, ROCHA, HANKS, CHAGNON  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARDISON**

Also Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

City Manager Delach, Assistant City Manager Person, Economic Development Director Coleman, Administrative Services Director Chief Financial Officer Kreimeler, Project Manager Bruckner, Human Resources Director Hanson, City Treasurer Hamilton, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano. Members of Azusa Unified School District Board as follows: Rosie Garcia, Burke Hamilton, Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, Ilene Ochoa, Barbara Dickerson. Superintendent Cynthia Cervantes-McGuire and other members of the Administrative Staff were present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Pub Part

Mr. Art Morales addressed Council thanking them for public participation.

A. Morales

Mr. Jorge Rosales addressed Council regarding the old schoolhouse stating that although he is in favor of preserving the old schoolhouse building, the fiscal analysis estimates given in the staff report are not accurate to the reality of the cost; he cited much higher estimates and noted that due to his personal knowledge from his former training and occupation he is able to provide a much more accurate estimate.

J. Rosales  
Comments

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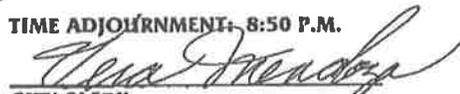
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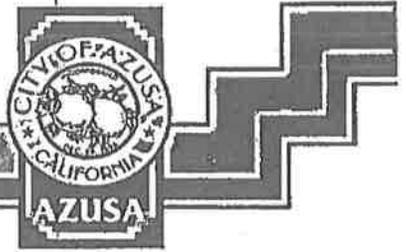
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TIME ADJOURNMENT: 8:50 P.M.

  
CITY CLERK

NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 06-C7.  
NEXT RESOLUTION NO. 06-R4. (CRA)

\* Indicates Hardison absent



**CITY OF AZUSA  
MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006 - 6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Azusa met in special session at the above date and time at the Azusa Light and Water Conference Room located at 729 N. Azusa, Azusa.

Mayor Chagnon called the meeting to order.

Call to Order

**ROLL CALL**

Roll Call

**PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: CARRILLO, ROCHA, HANKS, CHAGNON  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: HARDISON**

Also Present

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City Manager Delach, Assistant City Manager Person, Economic Development Director Coleman, Administrative Services Director Chief Financial Officer Kreimeier, Project Manager Bruckner, Human Resources Director Hanson, City Treasurer Hamilton, City Clerk Mendoza, Deputy City Clerk Toscano. Members of Azusa Unified School District Board as follows: Rosie Garcia, Burke Hamilton, Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, Ilene Ochoa, Barbara Dickerson. Superintendent Cynthia Cervantes-McGuire and other members of the Administrative Staff were present at the meeting.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Pub Part

Mr. Art Morales addressed Council thanking them for public participation.

A. Morales

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## AGENDA

### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL JOINTLY WITH THE AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

AZUSA LIGHT AND WATER  
729 NORTH AZUSA AVENUE

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006  
6:30 P.M.

#### A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call

#### B. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Please note that public comments are welcomed by recognition of the Mayor.

#### C. AGENDA ITEMS

1. JOINT USE AGREEMENT AND PROMENADE PARK FACILITIES. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** City Council and the School Board jointly discuss the issues concerning the Promenade Park facilities.
2. DISCUSSION OF THE PRESERVATION OF THE AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (AUSD) OLD SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Discuss the preservation of the old schoolhouse building, currently located on AUSD property at the southeast corner of Slauson Middle School.
3. DISCUSSION REGARDING GRAFFITI ABATEMENT. **RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Oral Report only.

#### D. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adjourn

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AND AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

**FROM:** F.M. DELACH, CITY MANAGER  
*F.M. Delach*

**DATE:** JANUARY 30, 2006

**SUBJECT:** DISCUSSION OF THE PRESERVATION OF THE AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (AUSD) OLD SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council and the School Board discuss the preservation of the old schoolhouse building, currently located on AUSD property at the southeast corner of Slauson Middle School.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 17, it was brought to the attention of the City Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission that an historic old building, the oldest still-standing schoolhouse in Azusa, was being considered for demolition by the AUSD. City records identify the building as the first Kindergarten building, constructed between 1905 - 1910, which was moved from its original site on Forth Street, between Pasadena Avenue and Soldano Avenue. The building is currently being used for storage and has not been well maintained.

A School District Resolution(#05-06:30) stipulates that a declaration of interest would need to be submitted to the District prior to March 31, 2006, committing to relocate the building no later than December 31, 2006.

On the City's part, the City would need to identify a City-owned site to which the building could be relocated. The City would also need to allocate funds to move the old schoolhouse building and allocate funds to refurbish and maintain the building.

**FISCAL ANALYSIS:**

The estimated cost of moving the building, based on a 1,000 square foot building, is approximately \$12,000 - \$15,000. The estimated cost of locating the building and foundation on site and refurbishing the building is approximately \$85,000. The estimated cost of demolishing the old schoolhouse building, foundation and

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Old Schoolhouse Building Preservation  
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sewer line is \$7,200. The estimated cost of demolition of the foundation and sewer line only would be \$2,500.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

City of Azusa Staff Report 1/17/06  
Azusa Unified School District letter and Resolution 11/1/05  
Photographs



AGENDA ITEM

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** BRUCE COLEMAN, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**VIA:** F.M. DELACH *FMD*

**DATE:** JANUARY 17, 2006

**SUBJECT:** CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO PRESERVE THE AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (AUSD) OLD SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission is recommending that the City Council investigate the feasibility of the City moving the old schoolhouse building, currently located on AUSD property at the southeast corner of Slauson Middle School, to a City-owned site where it can be restored and adapted for re-use, possibly as a school museum.

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On October 18, 2005, a resident, Art Morales, approached the Commission, requesting that the Commission discuss the issue of the demolition of the old school building with the AUSD, hoping to convince them to save the building.

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Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation  
1/17/05  
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the District. The Resolution states that the deadline for a declaration of interest in the building is March 31, 2006, with the deadline for the removal of the building from AUSD property as December 31, 2006. If the AUSD does not receive a declaration of interest in the building within the established timeline, the building could be demolished anytime after March 31, 2006.

**ANALYSIS:**

In order to preserve the old schoolhouse building, the City would need to submit a declaration of interest in the building to the AUSD prior to March 31, 2006, committing to relocate the building by no later than December 31, 2006. The City would then need to identify a City-owned site to which the building could be relocated. The City would need to allocate funds to move the old schoolhouse building and funds to refurbish and maintain the building.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impacts – relocation, restoration and maintenance- are unknown at this time. No funds have been allocated for this activity.

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November 1, 2005

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Mr. Francis Delach  
City Manager  
City of Azusa  
213 E. Foothill Blvd.  
Azusa, Ca 91702

Dear Mr. Delach:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution #05-06:30 approved by our Board of Education at their meeting held October 4, 2005. Resolution #05-06-30 established a process for the removal of the District owned building located at the southeast corner of Slauson Middle School by transfer of ownership or demolition. The building is now available to public agencies and non-profit organizations at no cost with the stipulation that said building must be removed from District property at no cost to the District. Please review the wording of the resolution for specific requirements and deadlines for the declaration of interest in the building and its subsequent removal from District property.

Please feel free to give me a call at (626) 858-6161 should the City have an interest in the building or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bradley D. Frick  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Cornejo  
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*"Education - The Torch that Lights the Path of Knowledge"*

Resolution #05-06:30

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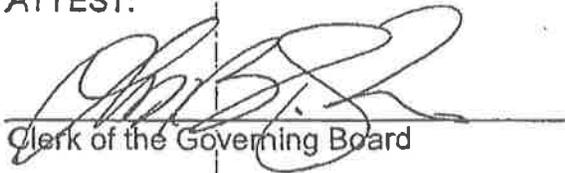
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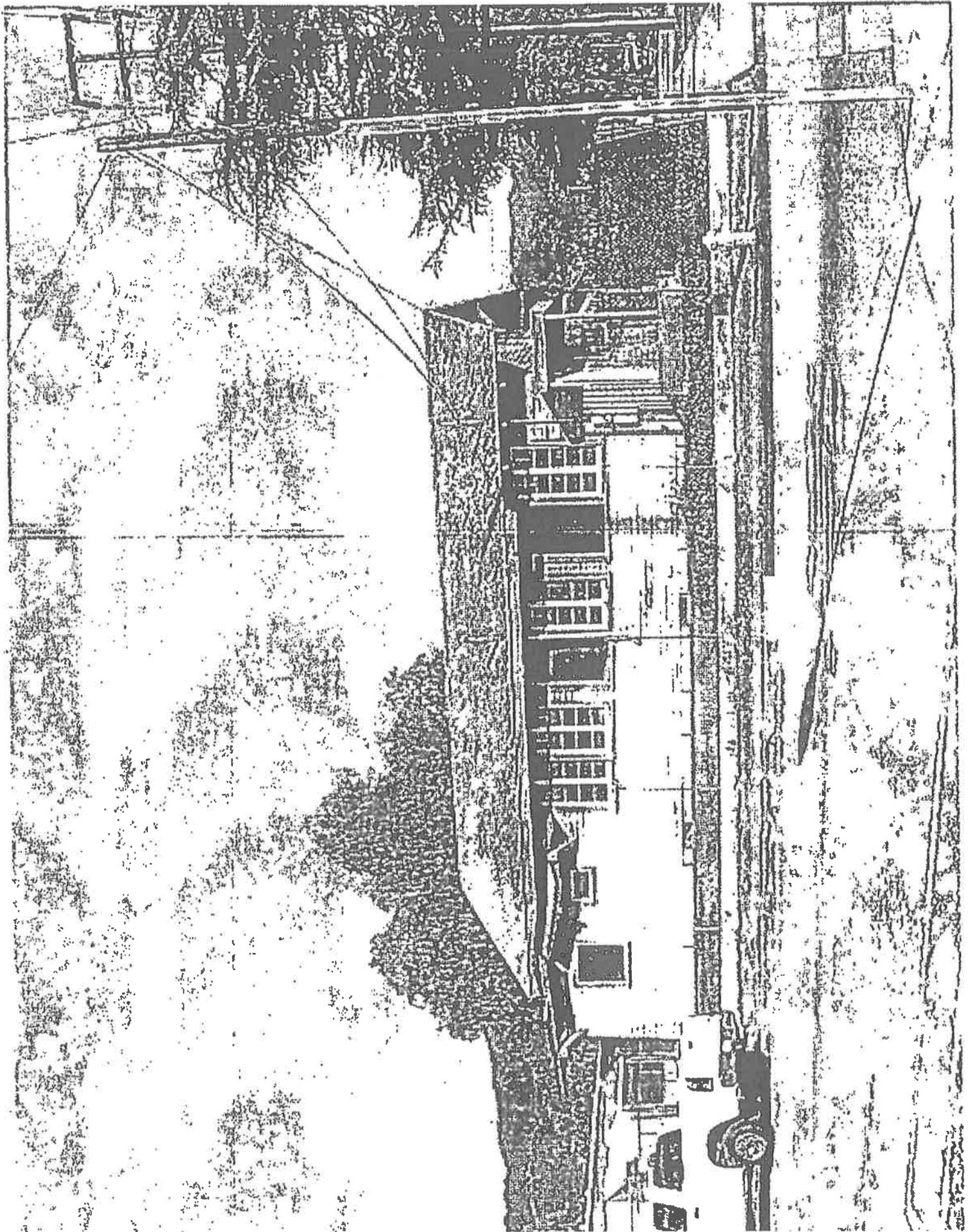
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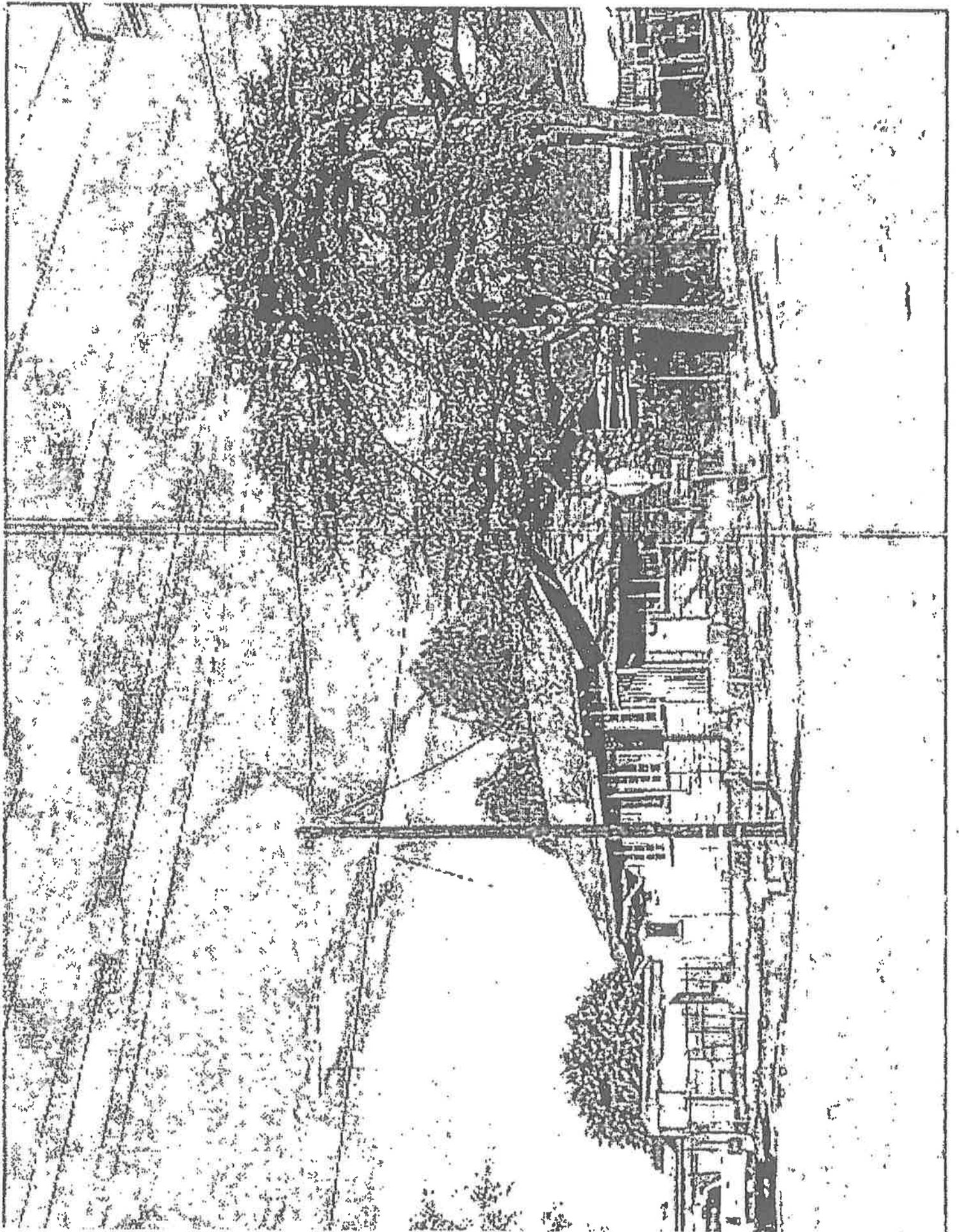
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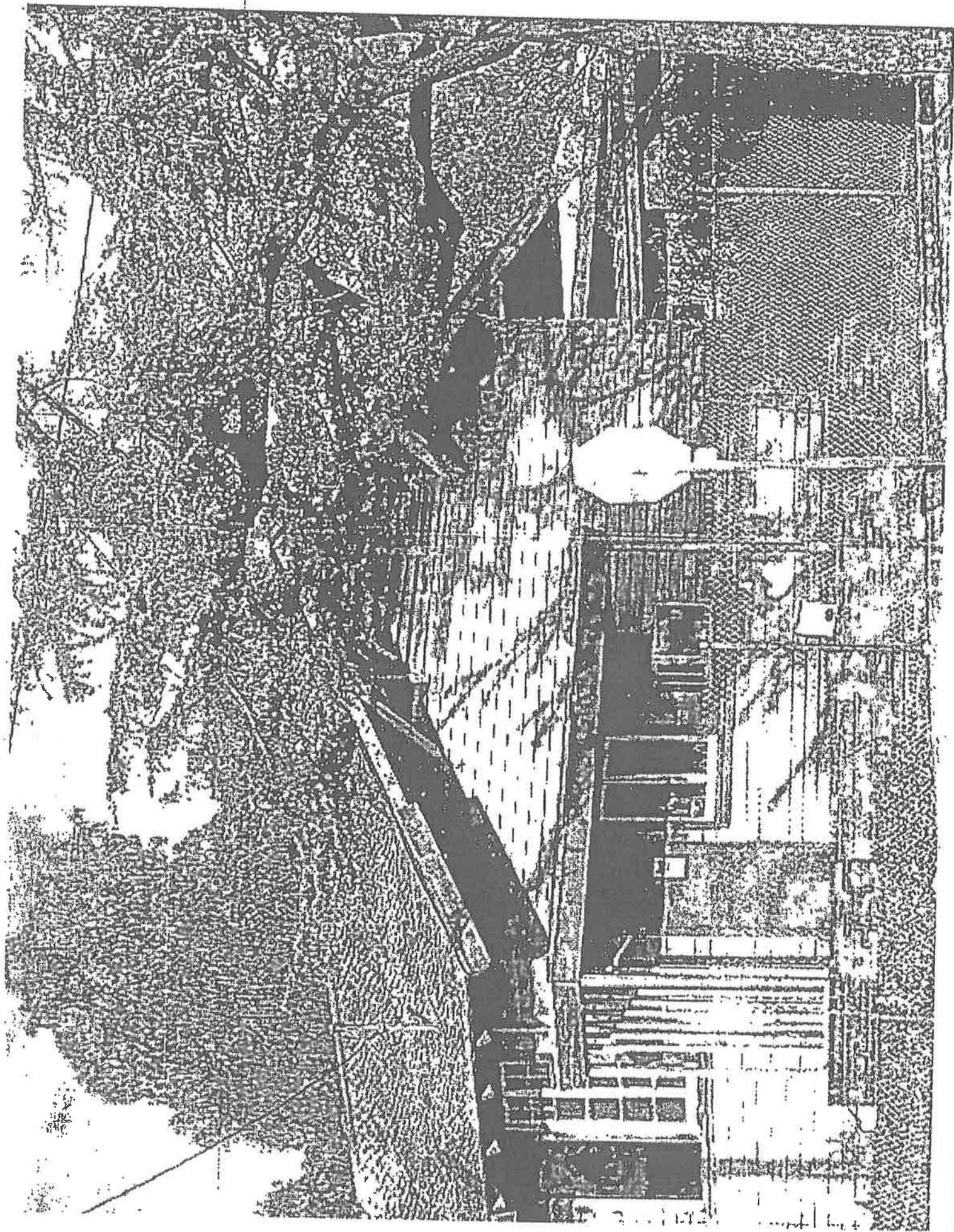
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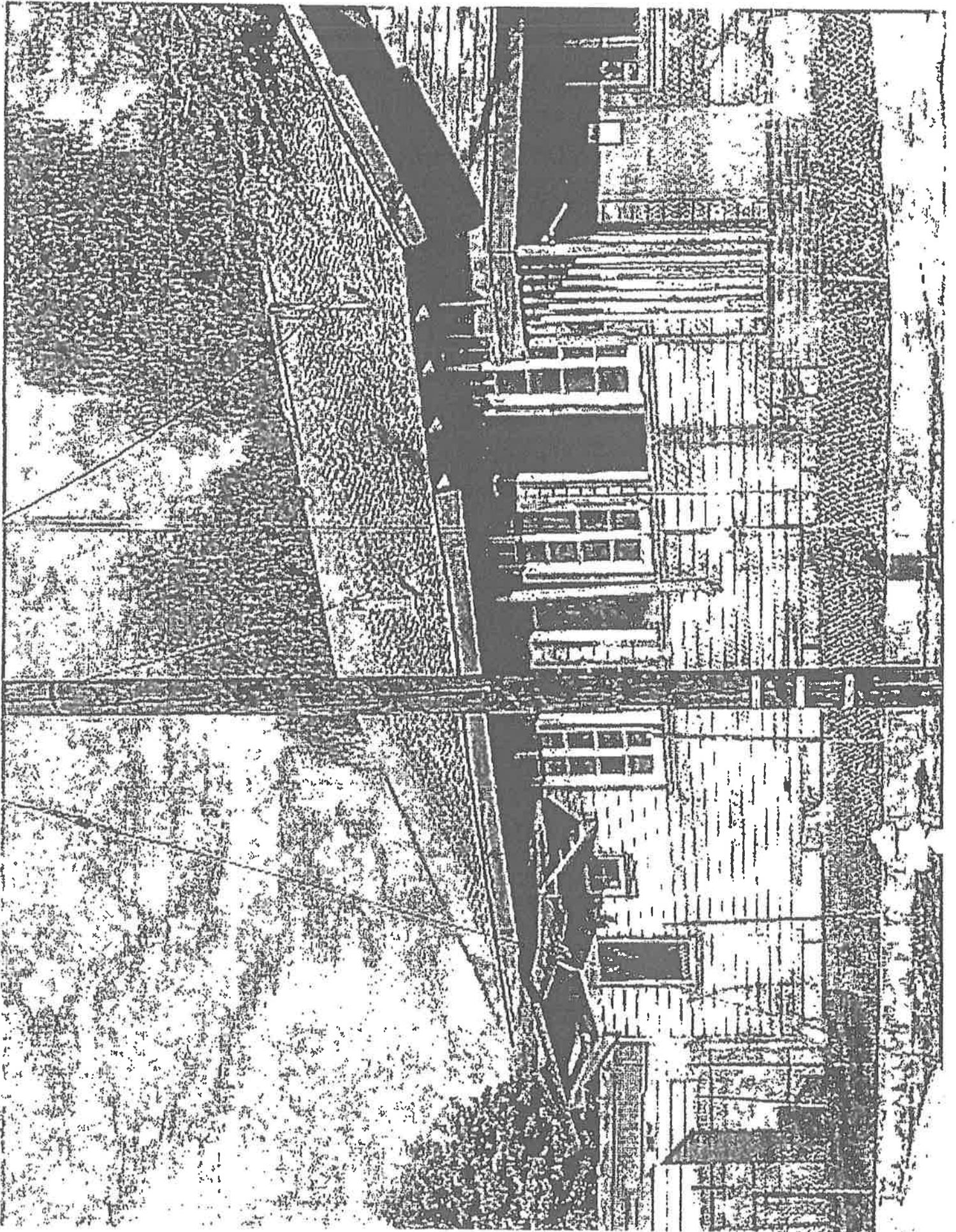


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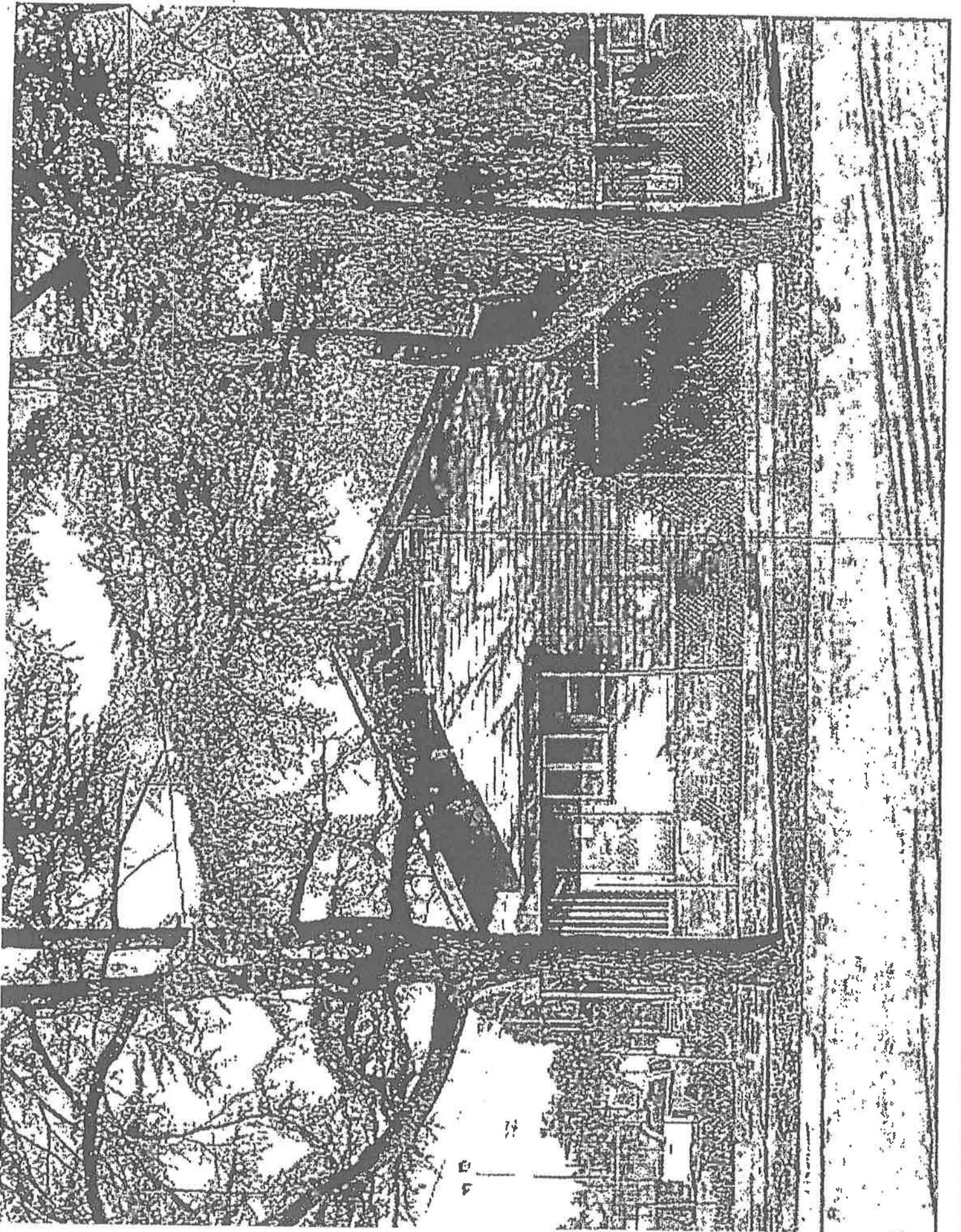


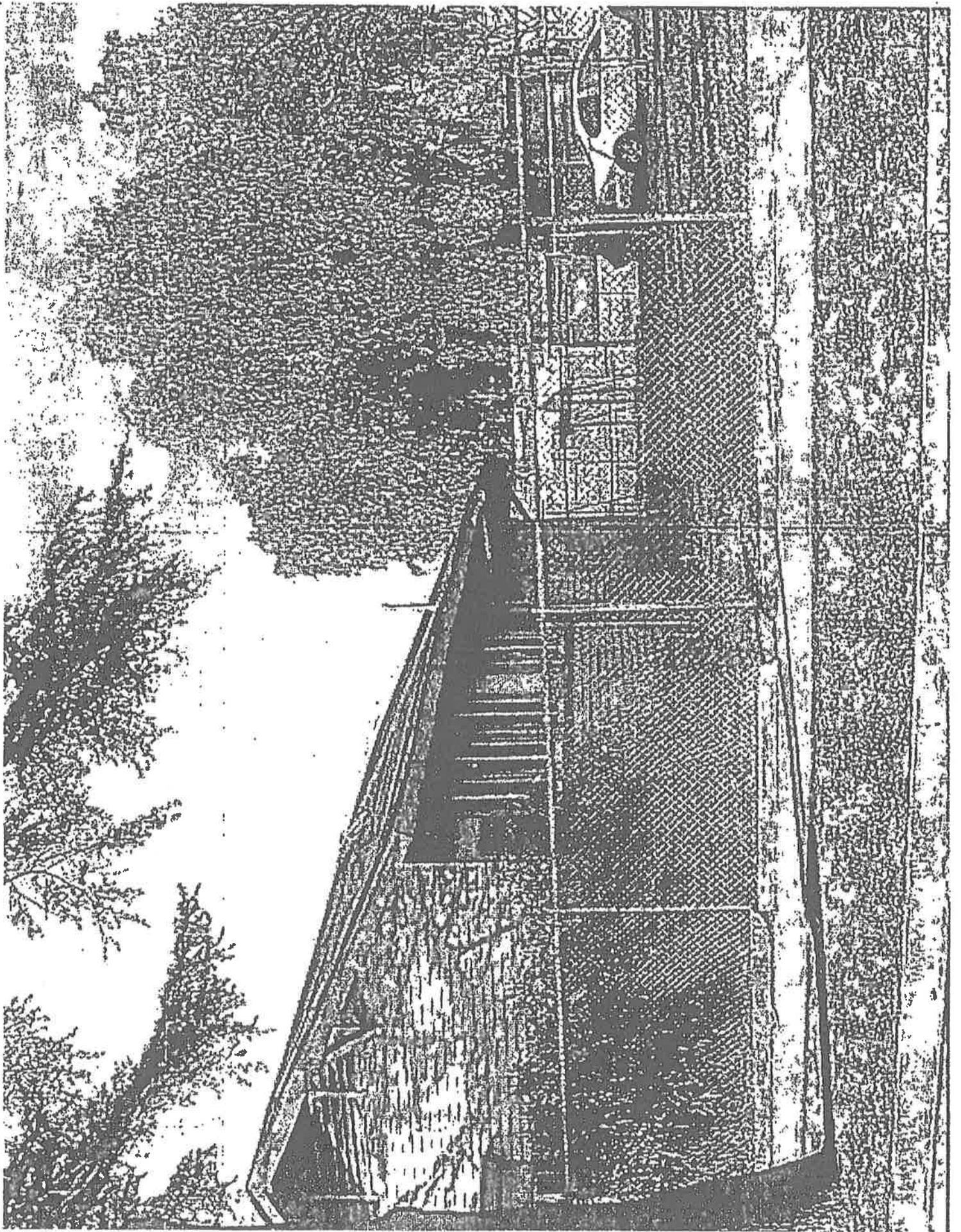


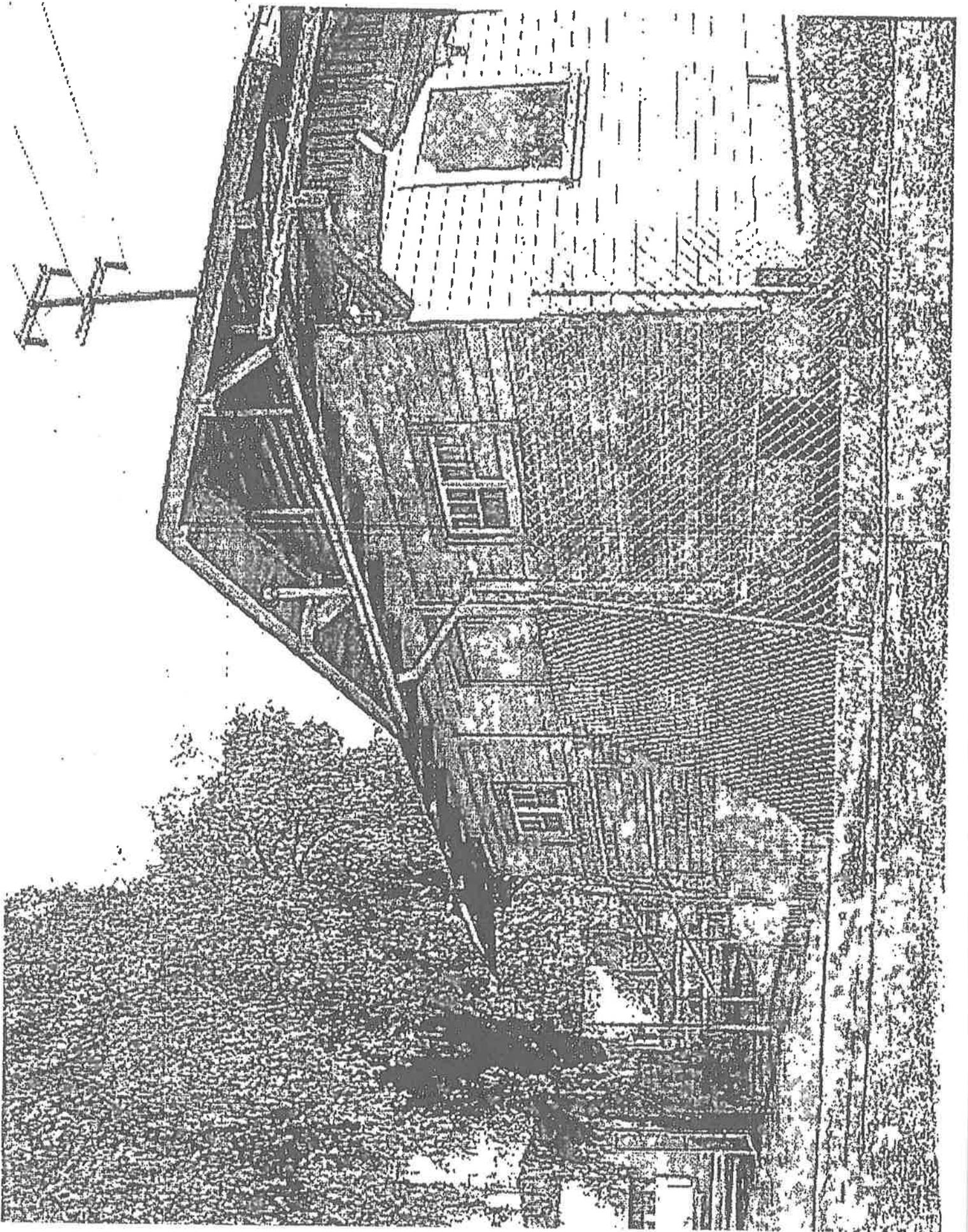


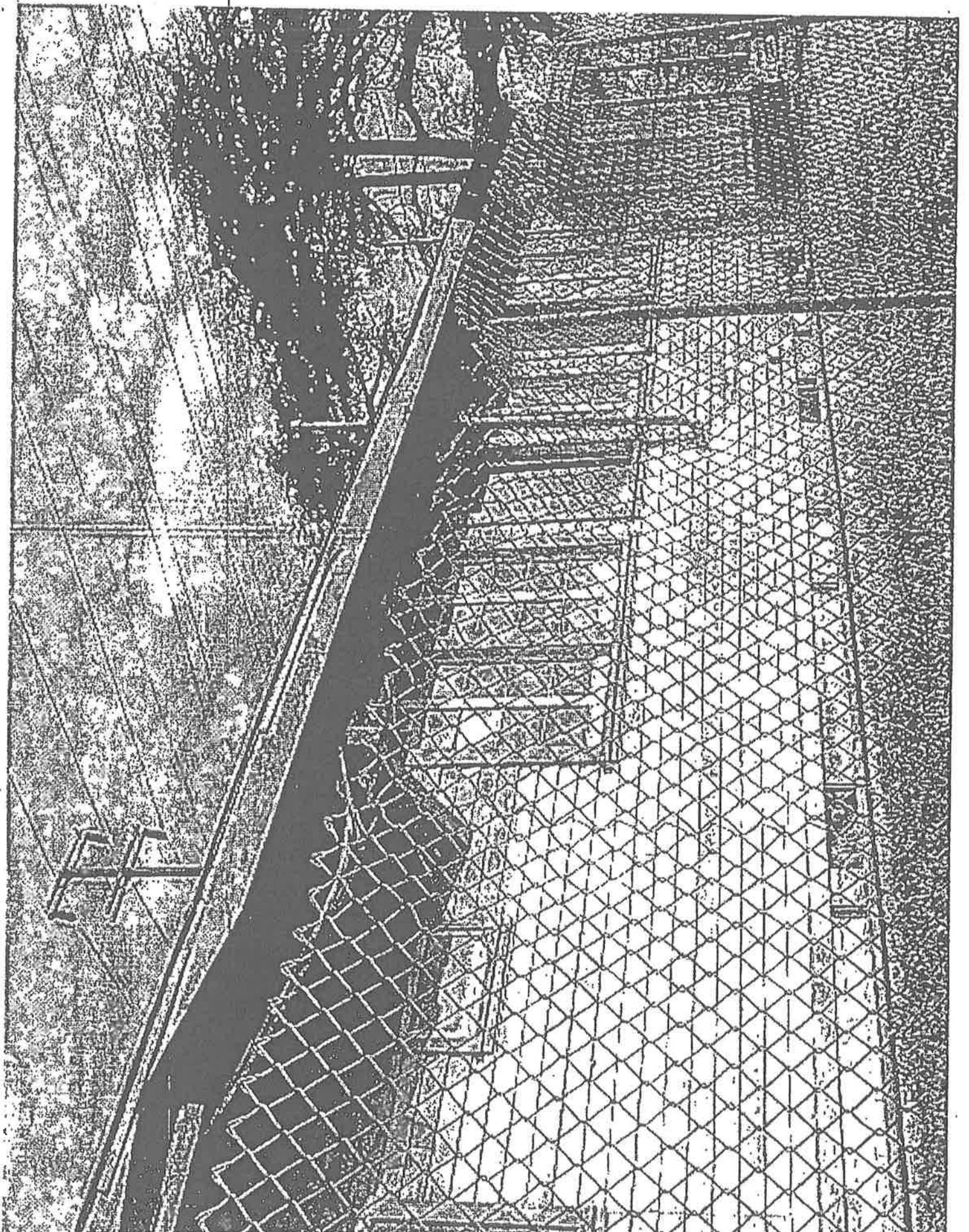












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ATTEST:

  
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AGENDA ITEM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: BRUCE COLEMAN, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

VIA: F.M. DELACH *MD*

DATE: FEBRUARY 20, 2006

SUBJECT: CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO ADD THE "OLD SCHOOL HOUSE" BUILDING, LOCATED AT 403 N. ANGELENO AVENUE TO THE APPROVED SURVEY LIST OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND TO THE CITY LIST OF POTENTIAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS.

*BAC*

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council provide policy direction on the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation to add the "Old School House", located at 403 N. Angeleno Avenue, at the southeast corner of the Slauson Middle School campus, to the approved survey list of historic properties and to the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks. Past precedence has been that the City Council would yield to a property owner's request if they opted not to be listed as a Potential Historic Landmark.

Although staff would concur that the "Old School House" should be added to the approved survey list of historic properties, we recommend that it not be included on the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks, based on the protest by the property owner.

BACKGROUND

The 1983 - 2004 City of Azusa General Plan Historic Preservation Element included a survey list of historic properties and buildings recommended for preservation. That list identified the "Old School House" and the original school house site as a site and building to be preserved. The structure was identified as the oldest, still-standing schoolhouse in Azusa, originally located on Fourth Street, between Soldano Avenue and Pasadena Avenue, and later moved to 403 N. Angeleno Avenue. In 2000, as part of a new Historic Preservation Chapter of the Municipal Code, the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission drafted a new survey list of historic properties along with a list of Potential Historic Landmarks. The "Old School House" was inadvertently omitted from both of these lists.

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A discussion on the nomination of the "Old School House" to the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks was scheduled for a public hearing at the November 21, 2006 Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission meeting. The AUSD, as the property owner, was notified of the meeting in accordance with the Municipal Code. The AUSD requested a cancellation of the meeting to allow consultation with the Board of Education regarding this issue and to allow appropriate representation by District staff at the meeting. The November 21, 2006 Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum and the issue was continued to the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting on December 19, 2006. When the AUSD was notified that the discussion of the nomination of the "Old School House" was continued to the December 19, 2006 meeting, with a staff recommendation that the discussion be further continued to the January 16, 2007 Commission meeting, the AUSD responded that the School Board would be finalizing the Board direction at their meeting on January 16, 2007 and the City would be notified of the intent of the School District. The 1/16/07 AUSD letter further stated that the District does not consent to the proposed designation of the "Old School House" as a Potential Historic Landmark and requested that the Commission not initiate consideration of such designation without the consent of the District.

On December 19, 2006, the Commission discussed the nomination of the "Old School House" at their regularly scheduled meeting and unanimously agreed to recommend that the City Council add the "Old School House" to the survey list of historic properties and to the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks, notwithstanding the objections of the AUSD.

On February 8, 2007, the AUSD sent a letter to the City stating that the District does not possess any documentation supporting the historic status of the "Old School House" and that it intends to continue the next steps for the removal of the structure from District property.

ANALYSIS:

In March 2001, the City Council adopted a Survey List of 96 historic properties. The 96 historic properties were then nominated to the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks. Property owners were allowed to remove their property from the list of Potential Historic Landmarks if they so desired. 38 property owners removed their properties from the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks at that time. Per the Historic Preservation Chapter of the Municipal Code, the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission may add historic buildings to the survey list of historic properties and may also submit the subject property to the City Council for inclusion in the Potential Historic Landmark list without the

property owner's consent for nomination. The City Council may approve a nominated property to the Potential Historic Landmark with or without the property owner's consent.

In addition, when a building or property is on the Potential Historic Landmark list, the building is subject to the constraints of the Municipal Code as it pertains to potential historic landmarks. These constraints include a review of any proposed changes to the property or building by the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission, and recommendations by the Commission to minimize any changes to the property or building. The listing of a building or property on a survey list of historic properties or the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks also triggers California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements, which would require an environmental review of any proposed demolition or changes to the property or building through an Initial Study and potentially through an Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The addition of the "Old School House" to the survey list of historic properties and the City list of Potential Historic Landmarks would have no fiscal impact to the City. However, the AUSD has offered to give the "Old School House" to any organization or group that would relocate the facility, at no cost to the District. It remains clear that the cost of rehabilitation, relocation and land purchase necessary to preserve the structure is estimated between \$800,000 and \$900,000. Should the structure remain at its present location, rehabilitation could cost up to \$85,000.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Azusa Unified School District letter and Resolution 11/1/05  
City Council Staff Report 1/17/06  
Cultural & Historic Preservation Commission Public Hearing letter & Notice 11/7/06  
Azusa Unified School District letter 11/14/06  
Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Continuation email to AUSD 11/29/06  
AUSD Response email 12/12/06  
AUSD Cultural & Historic Preservation Commission Staff Report 11/21/2006 (continued to 12/19/06)  
Cultural & Historic Preservation Commission Nomination Determination letter to AUSD 1/3/07  
Azusa Unified School District letter 2/8/07  
City Council Public Hearing letter & Notice 2/12/07  
"Old School House" Photographs



# Azusa Unified School District

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November 1, 2005

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Mr. Francis Delach  
City Manager  
City of Azusa  
213 E. Foothill Blvd.  
Azusa, Ca 91702

Dear Mr. Delach:

Enclosed please find a copy of Resolution #05-06:30 approved by our Board of Education at their meeting held October 4, 2005. Resolution #05-06-30 established a process for the removal of the District owned building located at the southeast corner of Stauson Middle School by transfer of ownership or demolition. The building is now available to public agencies and non-profit organizations at no cost with the stipulation that said building must be removed from District property at no cost to the District. Please review the wording of the resolution for specific requirements and deadlines for the declaration of interest in the building and its subsequent removal from District property.

Please feel free to give me a call at (626) 858-6161 should the City have an interest in the building or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bradley D. Frick  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

Cc: Mr. Jeffrey Cornejo  
City of Azusa Cultural and Historical Preservation Commission

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Resolution #05-06:30

Resolution of the Board of Education To Establish a Process for the Removal of the District Owned Building Located at the Southeast Corner of Slauson Middle School by Transfer of Ownership or Demolition.

Whereas, the Azusa Unified School District owns a certain building located on the southeast corner of Slauson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, said building is not habitable for regular use by students due to State of California regulations; and

WHEREAS, said building has fallen into disrepair and would be costly to renovate and may not be able to ever become habitable by students; and

WHEREAS, renovation of said building would require the use of funds currently identified for delivery of improvements to students; and

WHEREAS, the District understands the historical connection of said building to the community and would prefer to have the building preserved by an outside agency rather than permanently demolishing the building.

Now, therefore, the Board of Education does hereby resolve the following:

That the certain building currently located at the southeast corner of Slauson Middle School be offered to public agencies and non-profit organizations at no-cost with the stipulation that said building must be removed from District property; and

That the District shall advertise a copy of this resolution in a local newspaper of general distribution; and

That a timeline for declaration of interest in said building be established beginning with the date of this resolution and ending March 31, 2006; and

That December 31, 2006, be established as the timeline for removal of said building from District property; and

That removal of said building shall involve no cost to the District; and

That if the District receives no declaration of interest regarding said building within the established timelines, that the Board of Education authorizes staff to demolish said building anytime after March 31, 2006.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES: 3

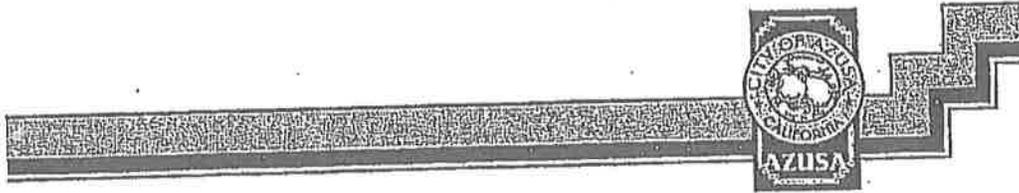
NOES: 2

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:

  
Clerk of the Governing Board



**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** BRUCE COLEMAN, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**VIA:** F.M. DELACH

**DATE:** JANUARY 17, 2006

**SUBJECT:** CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
RECOMMENDATION TO PRESERVE THE AZUSA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (AUSD) OLD SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission is recommending that the City Council investigate the feasibility of the City moving the old schoolhouse building, currently located on AUSD property at the southeast corner of Slauson Middle School, to a City-owned site where it can be restored and adapted for re-use, possibly as a school museum.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 17, it was brought to the attention of the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission that an historic old building, the oldest still-standing schoolhouse in Azusa, was being considered for demolition by the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD). The building is being used for storage and has not been well maintained.

On October 18, 2005, a resident, Art Morales, approached the Commission, requesting that the Commission discuss the issue of the demolition of the old school building with the AUSD, hoping to convince them to save the building.

On November 15, 2005, Chairman Cornejo presented a letter to the Commission from the AUSD which informed the City and the Commission of the District's intention to remove the old school building on the Slauson Middle School property, by transfer of ownership or demolition. The letter included a Resolution which set out the provisions by which the building could be relocated, with the stipulation that the building must be removed from AUSD property at no cost to the District. The Resolution states that the deadline for a declaration of interest in

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the building is March 31, 2006, with the deadline for the removal of the building from AUSD property as December 31, 2006. If the AUSD does not receive a declaration of interest in the building within the established timeline, the building could be demolished anytime after March 31, 2006.

**ANALYSIS:**

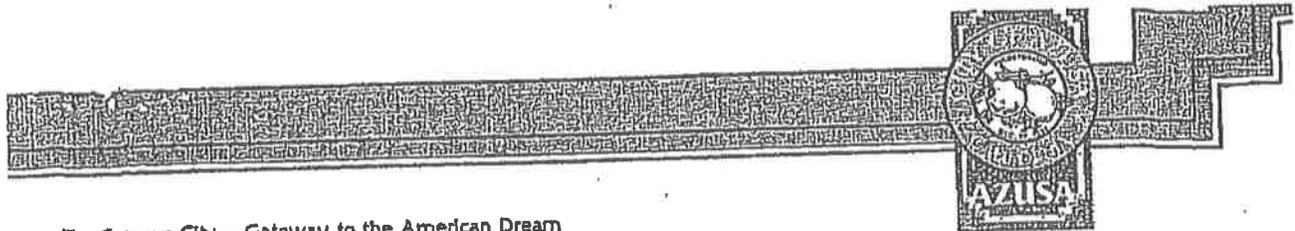
In order to preserve the old schoolhouse building, the City would need to submit a declaration of interest in the building to the AUSD prior to March 31, 2006, committing to relocate the building by no later than December 31, 2006. The City would then need to identify a City-owned site to which the building could be relocated. The City would need to allocate funds to move the old schoolhouse building and funds to refurbish and maintain the building.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impacts - relocation, restoration and maintenance- are unknown at this time. No funds have been allocated for this activity.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Azusa Unified School District letter and Resolution 11/1/05  
Photographs



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Bradley Frick  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Azusa Unified School District  
546 S Citrus Avenue  
Azusa, CA 91702

November 7, 2006

Dear Mr Frick:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Public Hearing notice that will be mailed out on November 8, 2006 and which will also appear in the San Gabriel Valley Tribune on November 9, 2006. We would like to invite a representative of the School District to attend this public hearing meeting. As the notice states, the City of Azusa Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission will meet on November 21, 2006 in the City Library Auditorium at 6:00 p.m. At that time, the Commission will consider a nomination of the "Old School House", currently located at 403 N. Angeleno Avenue, to the approved list of Potential Historic Landmarks. You are being notified as a representative of the property owner, the Azusa Unified School District.

The Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission is a recommending body that may initiate the identification and consideration of a nomination for designation of a structure or property as a Potential Historic Landmark. In the event that they feel the nomination, in this case "the Old School House", has merit they will recommend to the City Council that the structure be added to the existing list of Potential Historic Landmarks. The City Council will make the final decision.

I have also attached a copy of the section of the Municipal Code that discusses this process. Please contact me at 626-812-5226 if you have any questions

Sincerely,

*Susan Cole*  
Susan Cole  
Senior Planner

att: Public Hearing Notice  
Azusa Municipal Code Section 55-42 - Designation Procedure

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Azusa will hold their regularly scheduled meeting of November 21, 2006 for the following agenda item:

Nomination of the "Old School House" to the approved list of Potential Historic Landmarks of the City of Azusa

403 N. Angeleno Avenue, Azusa, CA 91702

The Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission will consider a nomination of the "Old School House" to the approved list of Potential Landmarks, based on the historical nature of the structure. This project is Categorically Exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15331 - Historical Resource/Restoration which includes the preservation of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties .

Said PUBLIC HEARINGS will be held at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, November 21, 2006, in the City of Azusa Public Library Auditorium at 729 N. Dalton Avenue. Any persons wishing to testify may file a written statement prior to that time and/or may appear and be heard.

If you challenge the proposed actions in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission at, or prior to, the public hearing.

AZUSA CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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# Azusa Unified School District

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November 14, 2008

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Cynthia Cervantes McGuire, Superintendent

Ms Susan Cole  
City of Azusa  
213 E. Foothill Blvd  
Azusa, CA 91702

Dear Ms Cole:

We are in receipt of your letter dated November 7, 2008, wherein you have notified the District of a public hearing by the Historic Preservation Commission on the matter of considering a nomination of the "Old School House," currently located at 403 N. Angeleno Avenue to the approved list of Potential Historic Landmarks.

The District hereby objects to the scheduling of this public hearing. The District has not been provided with a copy of the nomination documentation and has not been given sufficient notice to allow for consultation with the Board of Education on this matter at a regularly scheduled meeting. In addition, the public hearing is scheduled during a holiday week where staff that would typically attend such a meeting on behalf of the District have previously scheduled vacations.

By copy of this letter, the District requests the cancellation of the public hearing by the Historic Preservation Commission on the matter of considering a nomination of the "Old School House," currently located at 403 N. Angeleno Avenue to the approved list of Potential Historic Landmarks. Cancellation will allow proper time for consultation with the Board of Education on this matter and appropriate representation by District staff at the public hearing. Absent the cancellation of the public hearing on this matter, please be advised that the District does not consent to the designation of the "Old School House," currently located at 403 N. Angeleno Avenue, as a Potential Historic Landmark. Further, the District requests that the Commission not initiate consideration of such designation without the consent of the District.

Please notify the District immediately of your response to this request by letter addressed to Superintendent Cynthia Cervantes McGuire at 546 S Citrus Ave, Azusa, CA 91702, or by phone contact at (626) 858-6152.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bradley D. Frick  
Assistant Superintendent Business Services

BF/ps

Cc: Francis Delach

**From:** Susan Cole  
**To:** cynthlac@azusausd.k12.ca.us  
**Date:** 11/29/2006 2:57:59 PM  
**Subject:** City of Azusa Cultural & Historic Preservation Commission

Good afternoon Ms. McGuire. The Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission was not able to meet on November 21, 2006 due to the lack of a quorum. The agenda items for that meeting will be continued to the December 19, 2006 meeting. At that time, staff will again recommend that the "Old School House" agenda item be continued to the January 16, 2007 meeting. Please contact me if you have any questions.  
Sincerely,  
Susan Cole

Susan Cole, Associate Planner  
City of Azusa  
Community Development Department  
626-812-5226

**CC:** Coleman, Bruce; Delach, Fran; Onaga, Larry

Susan Cole - RE: Cultural &amp; Historic Preservation Commission

From: "Cynthia Cervantes-Mcguire" <cynthiac@azusausd.k12.ca.us>  
To: "Susan Cole" <scole@ci.azusa.ca.us>  
Date: 12/12/2006 5:53:38 PM  
Subject: RE: Cultural & Historic Preservation Commission

Hello Susan,

At our Board meeting on January 16, we will be finalizing the direction given by the Board. At that time a letter will be sent to the City stating the intent of the school district.

I hope this helps. I appreciate your cooperation.

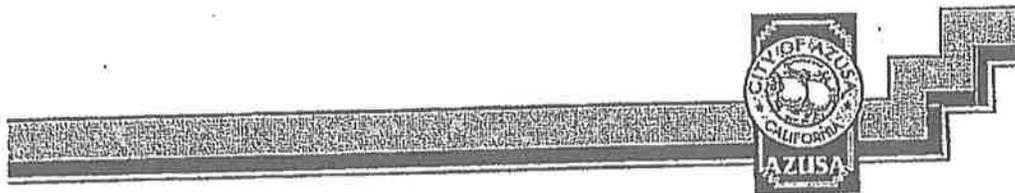
Thanks,  
Cynthia

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Cole [mailto:scole@ci.azusa.ca.us]  
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2006 5:02 PM  
To: Cynthia Cervantes-Mcguire  
Cc: Bruce Coleman; Larry Onaga  
Subject: Cultural & Historic Preservation Commission

Good afternoon, Cynthia. I spoke with Burke Hamilton a few weeks ago and he told me that he thought that the School Board was going to request that the Cultural & Historic Preservation Commission hold a meeting to discuss the Old School House on an alternate date from their regularly scheduled date of 1/16/07 because of a meeting conflict. Their next meeting is 12/19/06 and I am preparing their agenda. Are you still considering such a request?  
Thanks, Susan

Susan Cole, Associate Planner  
City of Azusa  
Community Development Department  
626-812-5226



**TO:** CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**FROM:** BRUCE COLEMAN, ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

**BY:** SUSAN COLE, STAFF LAISION

**DATE:** NOVEMBER 21, 2006 (continued to DECEMBER 19, 2006)

**SUBJECT:** CULTURAL AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION TO ADD THE "OLD SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING", LOCATED AT 403 N. ANGELENO, TO THE LIST OF "POTENTIAL HISTORIC LANDMARKS."

**RECOMMENDATION:** STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE NOMINATION DISCUSSION BE CONTINUED UNTIL JANUARY 16, 2007

**BACKGROUND:**

The 1980 – 2004 City of Azusa General Plan included an Historic Preservation Element. This Historic Preservation Element included a survey list of historic properties and buildings that should be preserved. The list identified the "Old School House", the oldest still-standing schoolhouse in Azusa, originally on Fourth Street between Soldano Avenue and Pasadena Avenue and later moved to 403 N. Angeleno Avenue, as a building to be preserved. In 2000, as part of a new Historic Preservation Chapter of the Municipal Code, the Commission drafted a new survey list. The "Old School House" was inadvertently omitted from this list.

On May 17, it was brought to the attention of the Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission that the "Old School House", was being considered for demolition by the Azusa Unified School District (AUSD). The building is currently being used for storage and has not been well maintained. On November 15, 2005, Chairman Cornejo presented a letter to the Commission from the AUSD which informed the City and the Commission of the District's intention to remove the old school building, by transfer of ownership or demolition. The letter included a Resolution which set out the provisions by which the building could be relocated, with the stipulation that the building must be removed from AUSD property at no cost to the District. The Resolution states that the deadline for a declaration of interest in the building was March 31, 2006, with the deadline for the removal of the building from AUSD property as December 31, 2006. If the AUSD does not receive a declaration of interest in the building within the established timeline, the

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building could be demolished anytime after March 31, 2006. The March 31, 2006 deadline passed without any action by the AUSD.

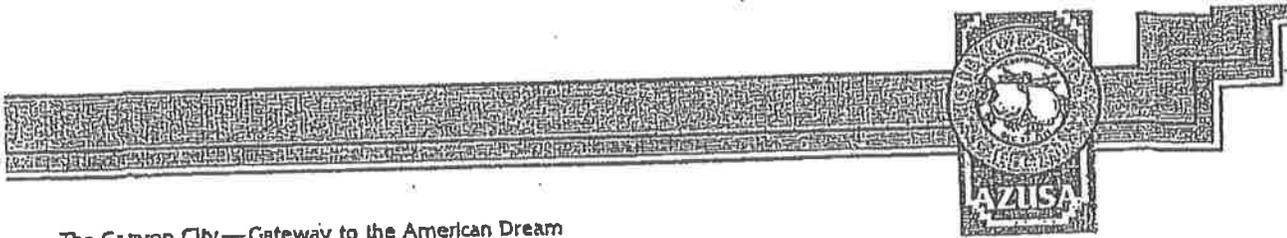
On September 19, 2006, the Commission directed Staff to agendaize the nomination of the Old School House. Staff sent a Notice of Public Hearing to the AUSD and to property owners within 300 feet of the Old School House. On November 14, 2006 the City received a letter from the Superintendent of the AUSD requesting that the meeting be canceled because they had not had time to discuss the Commission's proposal with the School Board. (attached)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is recommending that the Commission continue the noticed Public Hearing to January 16, 2007 to allow the AUSD Board to be notified of the proposal and to give them time to respond.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Azusa Unified School District Letter 11/14/06



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Cynthia Cervantes-McGuire, Superintendent  
Azusa Unified School District  
546 S Citrus Avenue  
PO Box 500  
Azusa, CA 91702

January 3, 2007

Dear Ms. Cervantes-McGuire:

On December 19, 2006, at a noticed public hearing, the City of Azusa Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission unanimously agreed to recommend to the City Council that the "Old School House", located at 403 N. Angeleno Avenue, be added to the City of Azusa Potential Historic Landmark list. You are being notified as a representative of the Azusa Unified School District, the property owner.

The Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission is a recommending body that may, per the City of Azusa Municipal Code, initiate the identification and consideration of a structure or property for designation as a Potential Historic Landmark. The City Council will make the final determination at a public hearing and you will be notified as to the date of that public hearing

Please contact me at 626-812-5226 if you have any questions

Sincerely,

Susan Cole  
City of Azusa  
Cultural and Historic Preservation Commission Staff Liaison

cc: Bradley Frick, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services, AUSD  
Fran Delach, City of Azusa City Manager  
Robert Person, Assistant City Manager  
Bruce Coleman, Economic and Community Development Director  
Larry Onaga, Assistant Community Development Director



# Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

Historically known as The San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians  
recognized by the State of California as the aboriginal tribe of the Los Angeles basin

May 8, 2018

## Regarding: Old Schoolhouse Removal Project

Dear Maarc Bommarito,

This email is in response to the above referenced project located at 403 North Angeleno Ave City of Azusa. The project location is within our Ancestral territory which may have potential for discoveries of our cultural resources. Therefore, we would like to request that one of our Native Monitors be present during any and all ground disturbances.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 844-390-0787.

Thank you,

Andrew Salas  
Chairman, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians-Kizh Nation

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Cultural and Environmental Department  
1550 Harbor Blvd., Suite 100  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
Phone (916) 373-3710



May 3, 2018

Marc Bommarito  
Azusa Unified School District  
546 South Citrus Avenue  
Azusa, CA 91702

Also sent via e-mail: mbommarito@azusa.org

RE: SCH# 2018041074, Old Schoolhouse Removal Project, City of Azusa; Los Angeles County, California

Dear Mr. Bommarito:

The Native American Heritage Commission has received the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for Draft Environmental Impact Report for the project referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), specifically Public Resources Code section 21084.1, states that a project that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.1; Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064.5 (b) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 (b)). If there is substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before a lead agency, that a project may have a significant effect on the environment, an environmental impact report (EIR) shall be prepared. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080 (d); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 15064 subd. (a)(1) (CEQA Guidelines § 15064 (a)(1)). In order to determine whether a project will cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource, a lead agency will need to determine whether there are historical resources with the area of project effect (APE).

**CEQA was amended significantly in 2014.** Assembly Bill 52 (Gatto, Chapter 532, Statutes of 2014) (AB 52) amended CEQA to create a **separate category of cultural resources**, "tribal cultural resources" (Pub. Resources Code § 21074) and provides that a project with an effect that may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource is a project that may have a significant effect on the environment (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.2). Please reference California Natural Resources Agency (2016) "Final Text for tribal cultural resources update to Appendix G: Environmental Checklist Form," <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/docs/ab52/Clean-final-AB-52-App-G-text-Submitted.pdf>. Public agencies shall, when feasible, avoid damaging effects to any tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code § 21084.3 (a)). **AB 52 applies to any project for which a notice of preparation or a notice of negative declaration or mitigated negative declaration is filed on or after July 1, 2015.** If your project involves the adoption of or amendment to a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation or proposed designation of open space, on or after March 1, 2005, it may also be subject to Senate Bill 18 (Burton, Chapter 905, Statutes of 2004) (SB 18). **Both SB 18 and AB 52 have tribal consultation requirements.** If your project is also subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq.) (NEPA), the tribal consultation requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (154 U.S.C. 300101, 36 C.F.R. § 800 et seq.) may also apply.

The NAHC recommends **lead agencies consult with all California Native American tribes** that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of your proposed project as early as possible in order to avoid inadvertent discoveries of Native American human remains and best protect tribal cultural resources. Below is a brief summary of portions of AB 52 and SB 18 as well as the NAHC's recommendations for conducting cultural resources assessments. **Consult your legal counsel about compliance with AB 52 and SB 18 as well as compliance with any other applicable laws.**

## AB 52

AB 52 has added to CEQA the additional requirements listed below, along with many other requirements:

1. Fourteen Day Period to Provide Notice of Completion of an Application/Decision to Undertake a Project: Within fourteen (14) days of determining that an application for a project is complete or of a decision by a public agency to undertake a project, a **lead agency** shall provide formal notification to a designated contact of, or tribal representative of, traditionally and culturally affiliated California Native American tribes that have requested notice, to be accomplished by at least one written notice that includes:
  - a. A brief description of the project.
  - b. The lead agency contact information.
  - c. Notification that the California Native American tribe has 30 days to request consultation. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (d)).
  - d. A "California Native American tribe" is defined as a Native American tribe located in California that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC for the purposes of Chapter 905 of Statutes of 2004 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code § 21073).
2. Begin Consultation Within 30 Days of Receiving a Tribe's Request for Consultation and Before Releasing a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report: A **lead agency** shall begin the consultation process within 30 days of receiving a request for consultation from a California Native American tribe that is traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the proposed project. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1, subds. (d) and (e)) and prior to the release of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration or environmental impact report. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1(b)).
  - a. For purposes of AB 52, "consultation shall have the same meaning as provided in Gov. Code § 65352.4 (SB 18). (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.1 (b)).
3. Mandatory Topics of Consultation If Requested by a Tribe: The following topics of consultation, if a tribe requests to discuss them, are mandatory topics of consultation:
  - a. Alternatives to the project.
  - b. Recommended mitigation measures.
  - c. Significant effects. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (a)).
4. Discretionary Topics of Consultation: The following topics are discretionary topics of consultation:
  - a. Type of environmental review necessary.
  - b. Significance of the tribal cultural resources.
  - c. Significance of the project's impacts on tribal cultural resources.
  - d. If necessary, project alternatives or appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation that the tribe may recommend to the lead agency. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (a)).
5. Confidentiality of Information Submitted by a Tribe During the Environmental Review Process: With some exceptions, any information, including but not limited to, the location, description, and use of tribal cultural resources submitted by a California Native American tribe during the environmental review process shall not be included in the environmental document or otherwise disclosed by the lead agency or any other public agency to the public, consistent with Government Code sections 6254 (r) and 6254.10. Any information submitted by a California Native American tribe during the consultation or environmental review process shall be published in a confidential appendix to the environmental document unless the tribe that provided the information consents, in writing, to the disclosure of some or all of the information to the public. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (c)(1)).
6. Discussion of Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources in the Environmental Document: If a project may have a significant impact on a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency's environmental document shall discuss both of the following:
  - a. Whether the proposed project has a significant impact on an identified tribal cultural resource.
  - b. Whether feasible alternatives or mitigation measures, including those measures that may be agreed to pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3, subdivision (a), avoid or substantially lessen the impact on the identified tribal cultural resource. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (b)).

7. Conclusion of Consultation: Consultation with a tribe shall be considered concluded when either of the following occurs:
  - a. The parties agree to measures to mitigate or avoid a significant effect, if a significant effect exists, on a tribal cultural resource; or
  - b. A party, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached. (Pub. Resources Code § 21080.3.2 (b)).
  
8. Recommending Mitigation Measures Agreed Upon in Consultation in the Environmental Document: Any mitigation measures agreed upon in the consultation conducted pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2 shall be recommended for inclusion in the environmental document and in an adopted mitigation monitoring and reporting program, if determined to avoid or lessen the impact pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21082.3, subdivision (b), paragraph 2, and shall be fully enforceable. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (a)).
  
9. Required Consideration of Feasible Mitigation: If mitigation measures recommended by the staff of the lead agency as a result of the consultation process are not included in the environmental document or if there are no agreed upon mitigation measures at the conclusion of consultation, or if consultation does not occur, and if substantial evidence demonstrates that a project will cause a significant effect to a tribal cultural resource, the lead agency shall consider feasible mitigation pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21084.3 (b). (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (e)).
  
10. Examples of Mitigation Measures That, If Feasible, May Be Considered to Avoid or Minimize Significant Adverse Impacts to Tribal Cultural Resources:
  - a. Avoidance and preservation of the resources in place, including, but not limited to:
    - i. Planning and construction to avoid the resources and protect the cultural and natural context.
    - ii. Planning greenspace, parks, or other open space, to incorporate the resources with culturally appropriate protection and management criteria.
  - b. Treating the resource with culturally appropriate dignity, taking into account the tribal cultural values and meaning of the resource, including, but not limited to, the following:
    - i. Protecting the cultural character and integrity of the resource.
    - ii. Protecting the traditional use of the resource.
    - iii. Protecting the confidentiality of the resource.
  - c. Permanent conservation easements or other interests in real property, with culturally appropriate management criteria for the purposes of preserving or utilizing the resources or places.
  - d. Protecting the resource. (Pub. Resource Code § 21084.3 (b)).
  - e. Please note that a federally recognized California Native American tribe or a nonfederally recognized California Native American tribe that is on the contact list maintained by the NAHC to protect a California prehistoric, archaeological, cultural, spiritual, or ceremonial place may acquire and hold conservation easements if the conservation easement is voluntarily conveyed. (Civ. Code § 815.3 (c)).
  - f. Please note that it is the policy of the state that Native American remains and associated grave artifacts shall be repatriated. (Pub. Resources Code § 5097.991).
  
11. Prerequisites for Certifying an Environmental Impact Report or Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration with a Significant Impact on an Identified Tribal Cultural Resource: An environmental impact report may not be certified, nor may a mitigated negative declaration or a negative declaration be adopted unless one of the following occurs:
  - a. The consultation process between the tribes and the lead agency has occurred as provided in Public Resources Code sections 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 and concluded pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.
  - b. The tribe that requested consultation failed to provide comments to the lead agency or otherwise failed to engage in the consultation process.
  - c. The lead agency provided notice of the project to the tribe in compliance with Public Resources Code section 21080.3.1 (d) and the tribe failed to request consultation within 30 days. (Pub. Resources Code § 21082.3 (d)).

*This process should be documented in the Cultural Resources section of your environmental document.*

The NAHC's PowerPoint presentation titled, "Tribal Consultation Under AB 52: Requirements and Best Practices" may be found online at: [http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation\\_CalEPAPDF.pdf](http://nahc.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/AB52TribalConsultation_CalEPAPDF.pdf)

## SB 18

SB 18 applies to local governments and requires **local governments** to contact, provide notice to, refer plans to, and consult with tribes prior to the adoption or amendment of a general plan or a specific plan, or the designation of open space. (Gov. Code § 65352.3). Local governments should consult the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's "Tribal Consultation Guidelines," which can be found online at: [https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09\\_14\\_05\\_Updated\\_Guidelines\\_922.pdf](https://www.opr.ca.gov/docs/09_14_05_Updated_Guidelines_922.pdf)

Some of SB 18's provisions include:

1. **Tribal Consultation**: If a local government considers a proposal to adopt or amend a general plan or a specific plan, or to designate open space it is required to contact the appropriate tribes identified by the NAHC by requesting a "Tribal Consultation List." If a tribe, once contacted, requests consultation the local government must consult with the tribe on the plan proposal. **A tribe has 90 days from the date of receipt of notification to request consultation unless a shorter timeframe has been agreed to by the tribe.** (Gov. Code § 65352.3 (a)(2)).
2. **No Statutory Time Limit on SB 18 Tribal Consultation**. There is no statutory time limit on SB 18 tribal consultation.
3. **Confidentiality**: Consistent with the guidelines developed and adopted by the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Gov. Code section 65040.2, the city or county shall protect the confidentiality of the information concerning the specific identity, location, character, and use of places, features and objects described in Public Resources Code sections 5097.9 and 5097.993 that are within the city's or county's jurisdiction. (Gov. Code § 65352.3 (b)).
4. **Conclusion of SB 18 Tribal Consultation**: Consultation should be concluded at the point in which:
  - a. The parties to the consultation come to a mutual agreement concerning the appropriate measures for preservation or mitigation; or
  - b. Either the local government or the tribe, acting in good faith and after reasonable effort, concludes that mutual agreement cannot be reached concerning the appropriate measures of preservation or mitigation. (Tribal Consultation Guidelines, Governor's Office of Planning and Research (2005) at p. 18).

Agencies should be aware that neither AB 52 nor SB 18 precludes agencies from initiating tribal consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with their jurisdictions before the timeframes provided in AB 52 and SB 18. For that reason, we urge you to continue to request Native American Tribal Contact Lists and "Sacred Lands File" searches from the NAHC. The request forms can be found online at: <http://nahc.ca.gov/resources/forms/>

### NAHC Recommendations for Cultural Resources Assessments

To adequately assess the existence and significance of tribal cultural resources and plan for avoidance, preservation in place, or barring both, mitigation of project-related impacts to tribal cultural resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

1. Contact the appropriate regional California Historical Research Information System (CHRIS) Center ([http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=1068](http://ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=1068)) for an archaeological records search. The records search will determine:
  - a. If part or all of the APE has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
  - b. If any known cultural resources have been already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
  - c. If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
  - d. If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
2. If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
  - a. The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum and not be made available for public disclosure.

- b.** The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional CHRIS center.
- 3.** Contact the NAHC for:
  - a.** A Sacred Lands File search. Remember that tribes do not always record their sacred sites in the Sacred Lands File, nor are they required to do so. A Sacred Lands File search is not a substitute for consultation with tribes that are traditionally and culturally affiliated with the geographic area of the project's APE.
  - b.** A Native American Tribal Consultation List of appropriate tribes for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in planning for avoidance, preservation in place, or, failing both, mitigation measures.
- 4.** Remember that the lack of surface evidence of archaeological resources (including tribal cultural resources) does not preclude their subsurface existence.
  - a.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of inadvertently discovered archaeological resources per Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15064.5(f) (CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5(f)). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American with knowledge of cultural resources should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
  - b.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the disposition of recovered cultural items that are not burial associated in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
  - c.** Lead agencies should include in their mitigation and monitoring reporting program plans provisions for the treatment and disposition of inadvertently discovered Native American human remains. Health and Safety Code section 7050.5, Public Resources Code section 5097.98, and Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, section 15064.5, subdivisions (d) and (e) (CEQA Guidelines section 15064.5, subds. (d) and (e)) address the processes to be followed in the event of an inadvertent discovery of any Native American human remains and associated grave goods in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Please contact me if you need any additional information at [gayle.totton@nahc.ca.gov](mailto:gayle.totton@nahc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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TO MARC BOMMARITO

Asst. spt., business svices, ausd, 546 so. Citrus ave. azusa ca. 91702

I am absolutely against the demolition, of our little school house at 403 no. ageleno ave. azusa, California 91702, for many important reasons, briefly noted below, will for ward full report

1. American government issues
2. National issues
3. Community gatherings and issues
4. Education
5. A place to vote, for many for the first time
6. The whole neighborhood came out to escort the little school house from riley at soldano ave. to 403 non. Angeleno ave. azusa, California 91702, slauson was very crowded at this time, and the , little school house was to become mrs. Zadachs 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom, there was tremendous excitement in the community and and at slauson school.
7. I still have some of the classroom books we read from.
8. Some of mrs. Zadachs 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class are still in the area, mary deal, alice munoz, roger shepard, clyde greely, viola jara, rita cortez, art morales, and others.

art morales

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