

June 5, 2017

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Community Development Department
345 North El Dorado St.
Stockton, CA 95202

RE: Letter on Demolition of 625-33 East Market

Hello David,

I am writing in response to your letter of May 31 in regard the proposed demolition of the building at 625-33 East Market. You also included another letter, from the architect Tom Bowe, who concluded that the building, in question, has no merits that would deem it worthy of landmark status. I am sure he did a thorough investigation, but there seems be an omission.

In 2000 the City of Stockton commissioned a Historic Resources Survey, by the Architectural Resources Group out of San Francisco. The intention was to produce a guide for historic planning in Stockton. You should have this available in your office, as this report was distributed to the Planning Department, Planning Commission, and CHB.

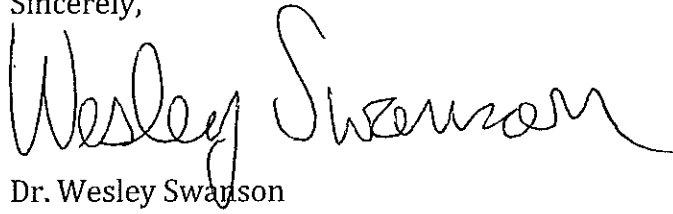
625-33 East Market was included and it was determined that "this resource is a contributor to a potential commercial historic district composed of historic resources along East Weber, East Main, and East Market Streets." And furthermore, "as a collection of historical structures this district appears eligible for the National and California Registers." Please see attachments.

As for the building's eligibility to be either an individual Structure of Merit or Landmark, this could be determined by some basic research not carried out by the 2000 survey. But since the building was occupied for close to one hundred years, and was located at the commercial center of Stockton there is a good chance that the structure would qualify for possibly either archeological interest, heritage, way of life, significant person, or possibly historic event.

The building in question is a type of structure that could easily be re-utilized, and, with the eventual establishment of a downtown commercial historic district, would be a much greater boon to the City of Stockton than an expansion of possibly the worst performing charter school in the city, please see attached review.

So I am hoping with this information, there will be not be a rush to judgment and this matter will be carefully considered, there is never a bad time to begin respecting history and heritage. Please keep me informed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wesley Swanson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Wesley" and last name "Swanson" clearly legible.

Dr. Wesley Swanson
Chair City of Stockton Cultural Heritage Board

NUMBER	DIR.	STREET	APN	INTENSIVE SURVEY COMPLETED
521	E	MARKET ST	14915020	
530-540	E	MARKET ST	14913018	
602-606	E	MARKET ST	14922001	Yes
612	E	MARKET ST	14922002	Yes
620-622	E	MARKET ST	14922004	Yes
621	E	MARKET ST	14920007	Yes
624-632	E	MARKET ST	14922005	Yes
625	E	MARKET ST	14920008	
633	E	MARKET ST	14920008	Yes
644	E	MARKET ST	14922008	
700	E	MARKET ST	14922012	
711	E	MARKET ST	14920020	
719	E	MARKET ST	14920019	Yes
729	E	MARKET ST	14920018	
730	E	MARKET ST	14922020	
801	E	MARKET ST	14921004	
837-839	E	MARKET ST	14921003	Yes
915	E	MARKET ST	15119006	Yes
920	E	MARKET ST	15122002	Yes
937	E	MARKET ST	15119005	
949	E	MARKET ST	15119009	
31	W	MARKET ST	13729006	
214	W	MARKET ST	13733013	
220	W	MARKET ST	13733012	
226	W	MARKET ST	13733011	
240	W	MARKET ST	13733010	
248	W	MARKET ST	13733008	
248	W	MARKET ST	13733009	
318	W	MARKET ST	13733004	
326	W	MARKET ST	13733003	
338	W	MARKET ST	13733002	
343	W	MARKET ST	13727022	
348	W	MARKET ST	13733001	
400	W	MARKET ST	13736028	
401	W	MARKET ST	13736055	
417	W	MARKET ST	13736021	
434	W	MARKET ST	13736039	
110	E	MINER AV	13910002	
115	E	MINER AV	13908012	Yes
125-129	E	MINER AV	13908011	Yes
135	E	MINER AV	13908010	
148	E	MINER AV	13910006	
214-216	E	MINER AV	13913001	Yes
221	E	MINER AV	13914004	
232	E	MINER AV	13913004	Yes
235	E	MINER AV	13914006	
247-249	E	MINER AV	13914005	
301	E	MINER AV	13914010	
342	E	MINER AV	13913016	

Primary # _____ Attachment C
HRI # _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code _____

Other Listings _____

Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

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Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 633 E. Market Street

P1. Other Identifier: _____

P2. Location: ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted a. County San Joaquin
and (P2b and P2c or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

b. USGS 7.5' Quad _____ Date _____ T _____ ; R _____ ; 1/4 of _____ 1/4 of Sec _____ ; B.M. _____

c. Address: 633 East Market Street City Stockton Zip 95202

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/linear resources) _____ ; mE/ _____ mN

e. Other Locational Data (Enter Parcel #, legal description, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate)

Parcel No. _____

P3. Description (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

This is a one-story building located on the north side of E. Market Street. The brick building has a flat roof with a low arched parapet wall with small decorative scroll brackets on either side. Just below the roof line are three rectangular panels of colored, patterned tile. A continuous row of multi-paned windows runs just below the tile. Entrances consist of a large roll-up door and a set of double doors with top lites. The lower portion of the facade has been refaced with stucco. The building appears to have been modified over the years to accommodate different tenants and uses. The exterior of the building appears to be in good condition.

P3b. Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6 - 1-3 story Commercial Building

P4. Resources Present ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other (Isolates, etc.)

P5a. Photographs of Resource (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects)

P5b. Description of Photo: (View, date, accession #)

Photo looking northeast.

P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:
☐ Prehistoric ☒ Historic ☐ Both

Constructed in 1922

P7. Owner and Address
Not Available

P8. Recorded by: (Name, affiliation, and address)
*Architectural Resources Group
Pier 9, The Embarcadero
San Francisco, CA 94111*

P9. Date Recorded: 08/28/2000

P10. Survey Type: (Describe)
Limited Survey Area

P11. Report Citation: (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none")

Stockton Downtown Cultural Resources Inventory

Attachments ☐ NONE ☐ Continuation Sheet ☐ District Record ☐ Rock Art Record ☐ Other: (List)
☐ Location Map ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Artifact Record
☐ Sketch Map ☐ Archaeological Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Photograph Record

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

Primary # Attachment C

HRI # _____

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NRHP Status Code _____

Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder) 633 E. Market Street

B1. Historic Name:

B2. Common Name:

B3. Original Use: Warehouse

B4. Present Use: Warehouse

B5. Architectural Style: Brick Commercial Mission Revival

B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

Constructed in 1922. Alterations include plaster over lower portion of front facade, replacement of pedestrian and steel rolling doors.

B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____

Original Location: _____

B8. Related Features:

B9a. Architect: Unknown

b. Builder: Unknown

B10. Significance: Theme:

Area: Stockton

Period of Significance:

Property Type:

Applicable Criteria:

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)

This building is present on the 1950 Stockton Sanborn Map, but it is not on the 1917. By 1935, Fred Turner owned a warehouse in this building. By 1950, it had been subdivided into several businesses, including Mail-Me-Monday of Central California, the Dave S. Matthews Advertising Agency, and the Multiple Listing Service Bureau. More recently, the building was used as a furniture warehouse. According to State Office of Historic Preservation records, prior surveys have determined that this property is eligible for local historic listing only. This building does not currently appear to be individually eligible for the National Register, California Register, or as a Stockton Landmark. The resource does not possess exceptional significance within the identified contexts and does not meet the criteria for individual listing. However, this resource is a contributor to a potential commercial historic district composed of historic resources along East Weber, East Main, and East Market streets and the north/south cross streets. The Stockton Downtown Commercial historic district is representative of Stockton's commercial development from the 1870s through the 1940s. Along these streets there are a significant number of resources that reflect Stockton's important commercial enterprises and business practices. While it is common for Stockton's downtown commercial structures to be altered at the first story or storefront level, many remain unaltered above the storefront level. As a collection of historic structures this district appears eligible for the National and California Registers, as well as a local district. The district is important as it conveys a strong sense of time and place and represents Stockton's growth as the commercial focus for the surrounding agricultural area, as well as a significant California inland port for the transport of agricultural products. (See District Form)

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) HP6 - 1-3 story Commercial

B12. References:

See Bibliography for Report Entitled Downtown Stockton Cultural Resources Survey by Architectural Resources Group.

B13. Remarks:

B14. Evaluator: Architectural Resources Group

Date of Evaluation: 08/28/2000

(This space reserved for official comments.)

