

Resolution No.

STOCKTON CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR THE PROPOSED 1,968± SQUARE FOOT ROOF CANOPY AT THE SIKH TEMPLE LOCATED AT 1930 SIKH TEMPLE STREET ON A PROPERTY DESIGNATED AS A HISTORIC LANDMARK (APPLICATION NO. P26-0033)

The applicant, Mike Smith Engineering, Inc., submitted a Certificate of Appropriateness application to construct a 1,968± square foot roof canopy to provide shelter for the entry/foyer area for the recently approved 6,059± square foot roof canopy at the Sikh Temple located on a property designated a historic landmark at 1930 Sikh Temple Street (APN 167-200-53); and

A Certificate of Appropriateness is required in accordance with Stockton Municipal Code (SMC) 16.220.060(A)(1) since the rehabilitation consists of an exterior alteration of a structure on the property of a landmark; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD OF THE CITY OF STOCKTON, AS FOLLOWS:

A. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and incorporated by this reference.

B. Based on its review of the entire record herein, the Cultural Heritage Board makes the following findings in italics:

Certificate of Appropriateness Findings

The issuance of the Certificate of Appropriateness would:

1. Designate, enhance, preserve, protect, restore, and perpetuate those historic districts, neighborhoods, sites, structures, and zones, which contribute to the aesthetic and cultural benefit of the City.

The new roof canopy structure will assist in the continuation of the use of the temple as a cultural and religious center within the City and San Joaquin County. The historic integrity of the Sikh Temple will be preserved by the separation of the new roof canopy structure from the temple building.

2. Encourage public appreciation, knowledge, and understanding of, and a sense of identity with, the City's past.

The proposed new canopy structure will provide shade and shelter from inclement weather, allowing greater utilization, awareness, and appreciation for the history of the Sikh Temple including its place within the context of the City's history.

3. Foster civic and neighborhood pride in the accomplishments and beauty of the past.

The proposed project is indicative of a desire to invest in the future of the site as an important center for the Sikh community and the City, while maintaining the historic integrity of the Sikh Temple.

4. Stabilize and improve the economic value of historic districts, neighborhoods, sites, structures, and zones.

The investment in new construction resulting from the project and continued utilization of the site will serve to stabilize the economic value of the historic site.

5. Help preserve the diverse architectural design and styles that reflect phases of the City's history and encourage complementary design and construction.

The design of the canopy structure will reflect and complement elements of the design of the temple building (i.e., the brick bases on the posts), while not mimicking the roof design or creating false historicism.

6. Promote and encourage continued private ownership and utilization of structures currently owned and used.

The construction of the roof canopy structure will increase economic viability and continued utilization of the site by allowing activities and events during inclement weather.

Secretary of the Interior's Standards

7. A property shall be used for its historic purpose or be placed in a new use that requires minimal change to the defining characteristics of the building and its site and environment.

Under the project, the Sikh Temple site will continue to be used for religious purposes as originally established in 1915.

8. The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

The historic character of the temple will be preserved, because the canopy structure will be developed southwest of it and will not display false historicism.

9. Each property shall be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or architectural elements from other buildings, shall not be undertaken.

The proposed roof canopy structure has a modern appearance and will not create a false sense of history.

10. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.

The previously approved (August 2024) roof canopy is currently under construction and has not developed its own historic significance. The new roof canopy will not affect or change structures on-site which have acquired historic significance in their own right.

11. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a historic property shall be preserved.

The features of the Sikh Temple will not be affected by this project.

12. Deteriorated historic features shall be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature shall match the old in design, color, texture, and other visual qualities and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features shall be substantiated by documentary, physical, or pictorial evidence.

No historic features are to be altered by this project.

13. Chemical or physical treatments, such as sandblasting, that cause damage to historic materials shall not be used. The surface cleaning of structures, if appropriate, shall be undertaken using the gentlest means possible.

The use of chemical or physical treatments are not proposed by this project.

14. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.

The project will be conditioned to comply with Section 16.36.050 of the SMC, which addresses the discovery of archaeological resources and/or human remains during the construction phase.

15. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be

differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

The new roof canopy is of modern design and will be differentiated from the Sikh Temple structure.

16. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

The roof canopy will not be affixed or attached to the Sikh Temple or temple library at any point; therefore, preserving its integrity and enabling the removal of the roof canopy without impairment of the temple.

Cultural Heritage Board Action:

Based on its review of the entire record herein, Cultural Heritage Board staff report, all supporting, referenced, and incorporated documents, and all comments received, the Cultural Heritage Board recommends the Community Development Director issue a Certificate of Appropriateness, subject to the following conditions of approval:

Conditions of Approval

1. This approval recommendation is for the plans included as Exhibit 1, including the color and material information in the project file.
2. The property owner(s) shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, County and City codes, regulations, and adopted standards and pay all applicable fees.
3. Any modification to the original historic structures (the Sikh Temple and temple library) is prohibited without prior approval in compliance with Section 16.220.060 of the Stockton Municipal Code (SMC).
4. In the event that archaeological resources are discovered during any construction, construction activities shall cease, and the Department shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be recorded by a qualified archaeologist, and disposition of artifacts may occur in compliance with State and Federal law. In the event human remains are discovered during any construction, construction activities shall cease, and the County Coroner and Director shall be notified immediately in compliance with CEQA Guidelines 15064.5(d). A qualified archaeologist shall be contacted to evaluate the situation. If the human remains are of Native American origin, the Coroner shall notify the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours of this identification. The Native American Heritage Commission will identify the most likely descendent of the Native American to inspect the site and provide recommendations for the proper

treatment of the remains and associated grave goods per Section 16.36.050 of the SMC.

5. Compliance with these Conditions of Approval is mandatory. Failure to comply with these Conditions of Approval is unlawful, constitutes a public nuisance, and is subject to the remedies and penalties identified in the Stockton Municipal Code, including but not limited to monetary fines and revocation or modification of the Certificate of Appropriateness.
6. Changes to the approved project shall be processed in compliance with SMC 16.104 (Changes to an Approved Project).
7. The Certificate of Appropriateness will be valid ten (10) days following this approval unless the action is appealed within the ten-day appeal period.
8. Prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy, Building Permit BP19-00318 for the removal of an unpermitted canopy adjacent to the library building shall be finalized.
9. The site plan submitted for the Building Permit shall show all unpermitted structures on the site indicating that they will be removed. Unpermitted structures shall be removed prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the canopy roof structure. Note: If the structures are to be retained, then appropriate permits through Planning and Building must be submitted and approved prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the canopy roof structure.
10. The plans submitted for the Building Permit shall show accessible routes to all areas from all accessible parking locations.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED March 4, 2026.

_____, CHAIR
City of Stockton Cultural Heritage Board

ATTEST:

ALEXANDER C. GUILBERT, SECRETARY
City of Stockton Cultural Heritage Board