

TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER

FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE, MODIFICATION
TO HISTORIC STRUCTURE AT 1245 PARK STREET
(OLD BANK OF AMERICA BUILDING / ALI'S)

DATE: JANUARY 20, 2004

Needs: For the City Council to consider determining that proposed modifications to the subject property to address earthquake related damage would not be a significant alteration under California Public Resources Code Section 5028.

Facts:

1. California Public Resources Code Section 5028 regulates what can be done to historic buildings that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the California Register of Historic Places, or on any local public register of historic places. A copy of the subject code section is attached.
2. In the early 1980s, with State assistance the City prepared a "Historic Resources Survey and Inventory". Review of City records indicates that the inventory was received and filed but was not adopted as a "registry" of historic buildings.
3. The "Old Bank of America Building" is included in the City's Historic Resources Inventory. Attached is the excerpt from the inventory regarding that structure. (Please note that the statement regarding the building not being earthquake reinforced is no longer accurate; since the survey was taken, the property owner made substantial improvements to retrofit the subject building.)
4. Indications are that the subject building is one of perhaps four structures in the City of Paso Robles that may be on a State of California listing of historic buildings. The City is confirming that status.
5. As a result of the December 22, 2003 earthquake, the subject building suffered damage to its façade. A number of the relatively unique terra cotta bricks were broken.

6. Attached is a letter from the property owner's structural engineer, Robert Alderman, proposing that a band of the northern façade be modified to replace lost / broken bricks with stucco (consistent with the balance of the northern façade further to the west). A copy of his proposed plan is attached to his letter.
7. The City Council is being requested to make a determination regarding the significance of the proposed change to the building façade. At this point in time it is not clear whether or not the State of California will also need to take any action on this matter. However, in order not to delay the process by two or more weeks, it is proposed that the City Council take its action at this time. (If the State needs to review the matter, they will be seeking prior City Council action.)

Analysis
and

Conclusion:

The proposed modification to the northern (13th Street) frontage of the subject building would appear to be generally consistent with the stucco work that had previously been done on the balance of that same side of the building. The change would not seem to be significant, and would enhance public safety for pedestrians along 13th Street.

No changes are proposed to the primary, east-facing façade of the building, and the brick corner treatment would be restored to its pre-earthquake appearance.

The Council's proposed finding would facilitate the processing of earthquake related repairs to the subject building and the ability for the former tenants to reoccupy the structure. If necessary, State concurrence with the Council's determination would be sought before issuing a building permit.

Policy

Reference:

California Public Resources Code Section 5028

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Impact:

None

Options:

- a. That the City Council conclude that the proposed building modifications are generally consistent with the stucco treatment that already exists further west along the same north-side (13th Street) façade and authorize staff to take necessary steps to facilitate the required steps to allow the building to be repaired as recommended by the property owner's structural engineer.
- b. Amend, modify or reject the foregoing option.

Public Resources Code Section

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HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY

Ser. No. _____
HABS _____ HAER _____ NR 3 SHL _____ Loc _____
UTM: A 10/709280/3944900 B _____
C _____ D _____

IDENTIFICATION

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2. Historic name: Old Bank of America Building
3. Street or rural address: 1245 Park St. (25/18)
City Paso Robles, CA Zip 93446 County San Luis Obispo
4. Parcel number: 9-042-02 (4)
5. Present Owner: Harold & Claudia Wiens et al Address: 1120 Junewood
City Oxnard CA Zip 93030 Ownership is: Public _____ Private X
6. Present Use: Commercial Original use: Bank

DESCRIPTION

- 7a. Architectural style: Classic Revival
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Builder L. Nyberg
Approx. property size (in feet)
Frontage _____ Depth _____
or approx. acreage .13
Date(s) of enclosed photograph(s)
6/84

13. Condition: Excellent _____ Good Fair _____ Deteriorated _____ No longer in existence _____
14. Alterations: _____
15. Surroundings: (Check more than one if necessary) Open land _____ Scattered buildings _____ Densely built-up
Residential _____ Industrial _____ Commercial Other: _____
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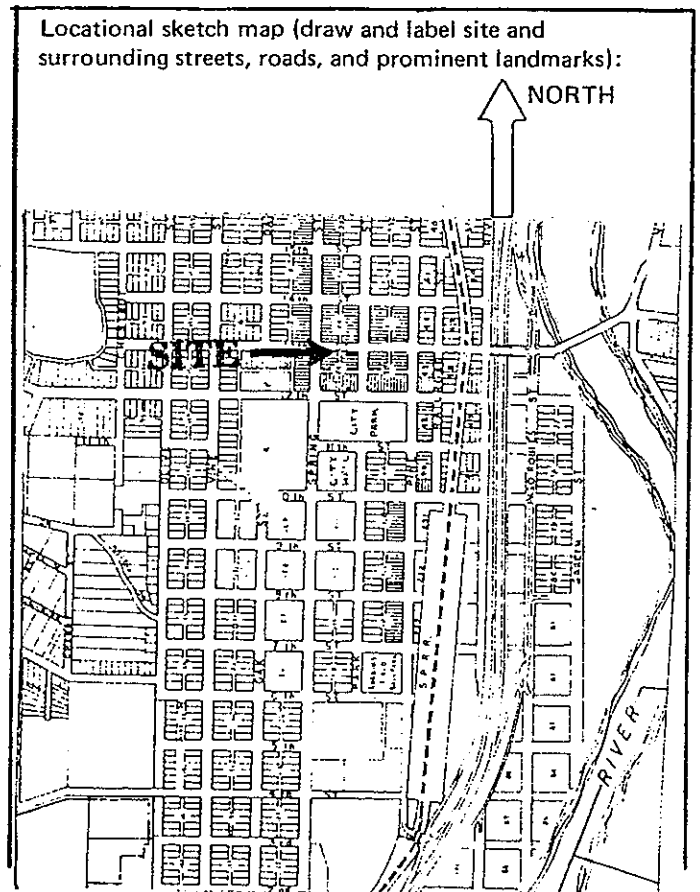
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21. Sources (List books, documents, surveys, personal interviews and their dates).
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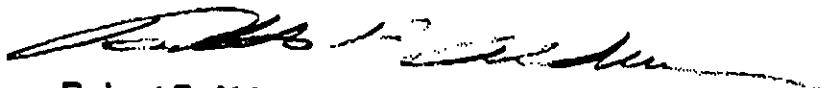
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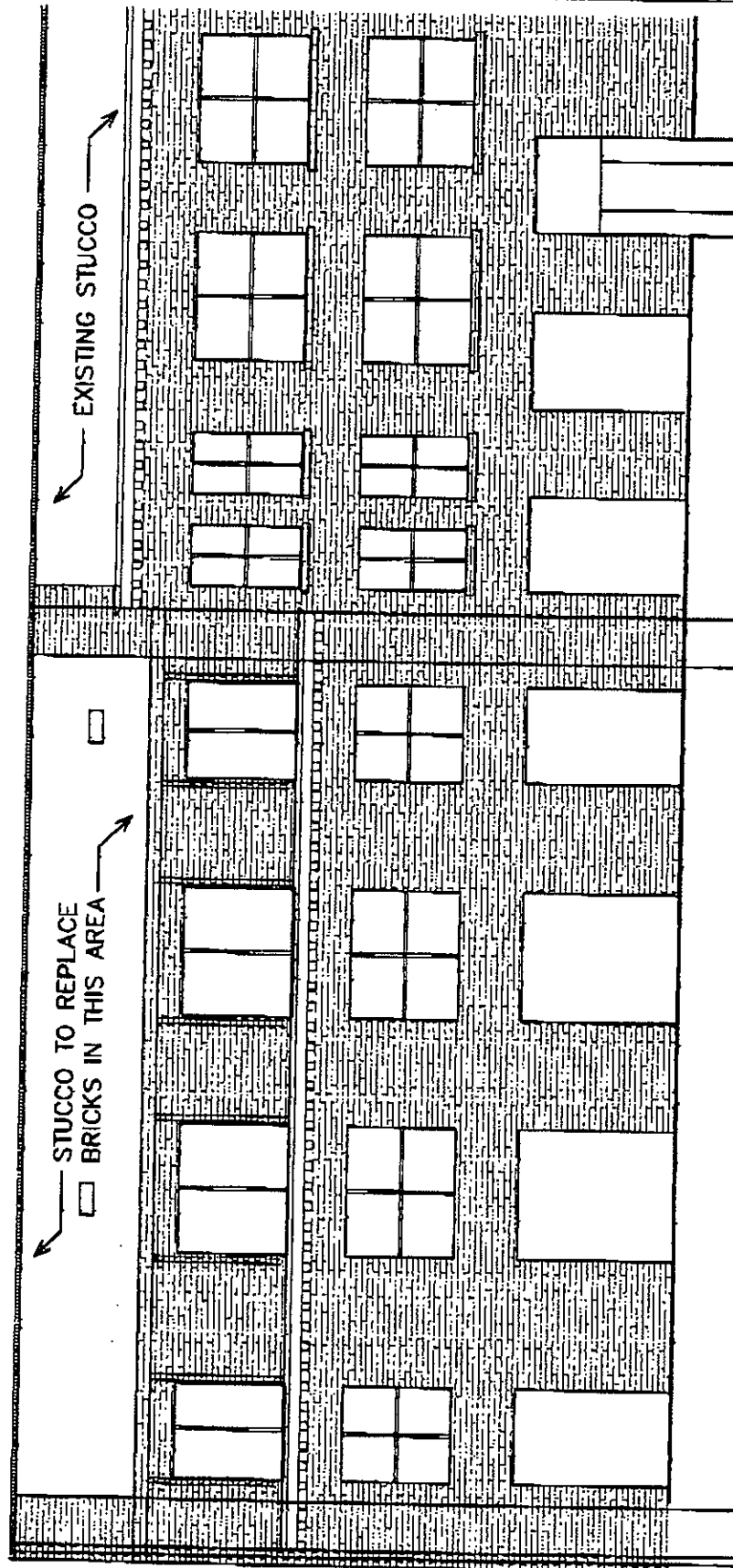
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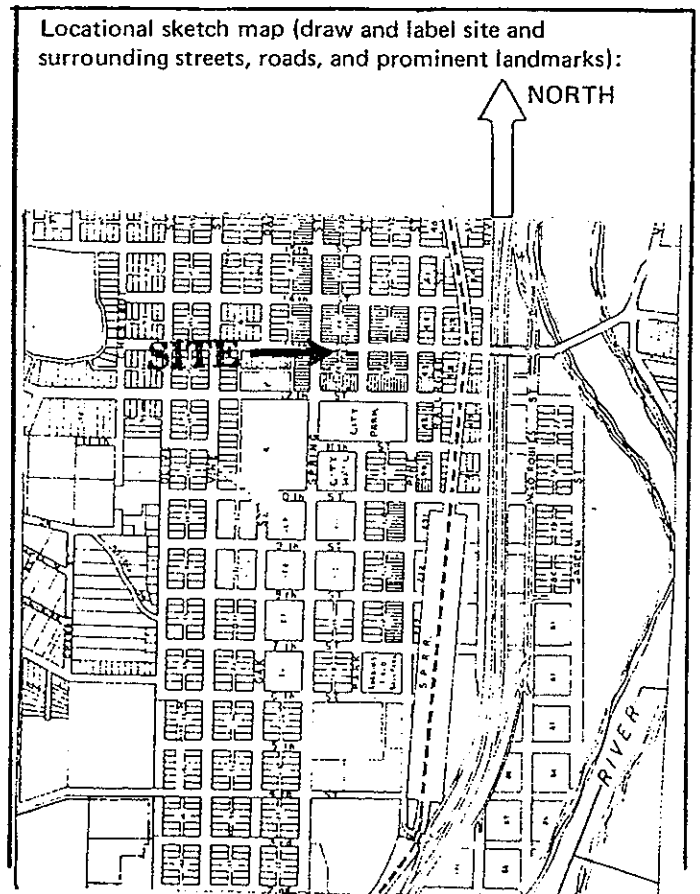
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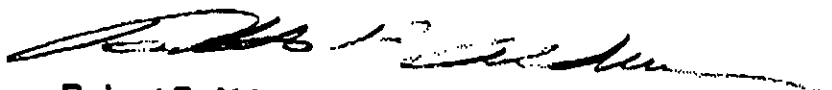
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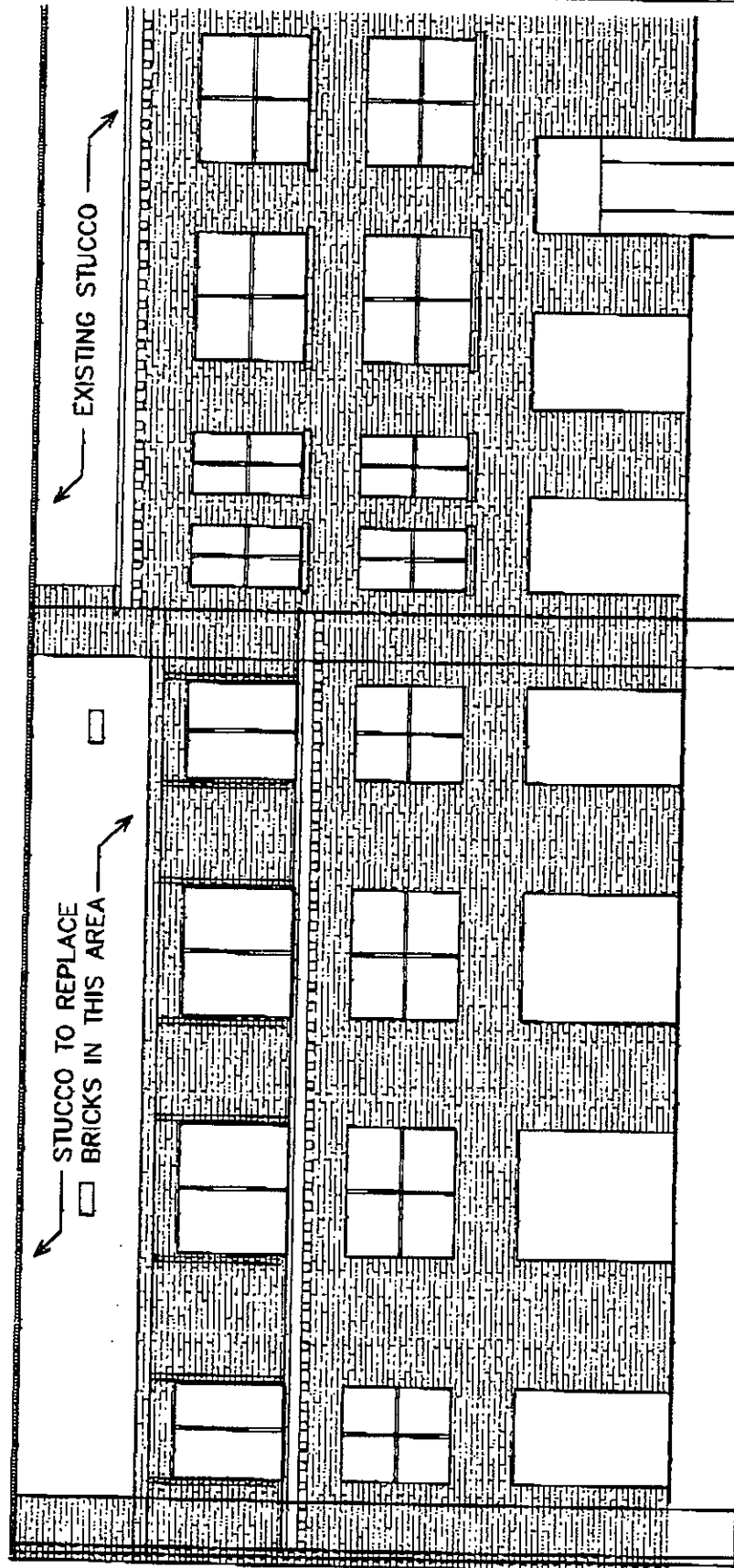
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