
Dinuba Historic Preservation Commission **FAQ Sheet**

What is the Historic Preservation Commission?

The HPC as it's commonly known is a committee made up of six community members and one City staff designate with an interest in the history of Dinuba and Tulare County. Together, the HPC is charged with preserving, promoting, and improving the historic resources and districts of Dinuba for the general welfare of the public.

When does the HPC meet?

The HPC meets on the 2nd Monday of every month, 8:30am, at Dinuba City Hall, 405 E. El Monte Way, Dinuba CA 93618.

How much does it cost to designate a resource as historic?

The process for historic designation is free to the applicant! The City of Dinuba does not collect fees when historic designation is involved.

What must I submit for a historic resource application?

Applicants must submit a completed one page historic preservation application, as well as any other supporting materials you believe are beneficial. This could include historic documents, photographs, and newspaper clippings. All proposals for historic designation must be approved by the HPC and the Dinuba City Council.

What is the benefit of historic designation?

Owners of historic designated sites are able to take advantage of a number of benefits, including property tax breaks through the Mills Act, building code relief through the State Historic Building Code, and relaxation of Zoning Ordinance rules. Studies have also shown that if a historic resource is maintained in proper condition, overall property values tend to rise.

Do I give up any rights as a property owner should my property be historically designated?

The HPC is committed to respecting the rights of all property owners. Historic designation only allows the HPC to review substantial alterations to designated historic resources in order to ensure that they are not detrimentally affected. All decisions of the HPC can be appealed to the Dinuba City Council.

What sites are historically designated in Dinuba?

Current resources include the Nichols House (179 E. El Monte Way) and the Alta District Historical Society White House Cultural Center and Depot Museum (289 S. "K" Street).

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

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Nichols House