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Fulton Corridor Meetings Slated for May 2010
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Van Ness Auto Repair Owner Vindicated by Planning Commission



Russ Clements Station before restoration



Van Ness Auto today

On January 6, Jim Medina, owner of Van Ness Auto Repair, was vindicated by the Fresno City Planning Commission in a unanimous vote that overturned the City's decision to revoke Mr. Medina's land use permit.

Nearly four months after that favorable verdict, Medina feels that the Planning Commission is still interfering with his business, and he stated that delivery trucks cannot park in front of his business.

During the four hearings that took place from November 2009 to January 2010, Medina was defended by former Fresno City Council member Tom Boyajian, who felt that the City had a vendetta against his client based on a couple of disgruntled neighbors.

The majority of people who attended the hearings were solidly behind Medina. Many of the people who spoke on his behalf were neighbors and customers.

Medina's business is on the southeast corner of Van Ness Boulevard and Princeton Avenue. It is on the site of the Russ Clements Service Station that began in 1928. The station is on Fresno's Local Register of Historic Resources.

Contributed by Gary J. Becker, Heritage Fresno Member



Fresno Pacific Towers Tour
10:00 AM Saturday, June 19, 2010
1060 Fulton Mall at Mariposa



Heritage Fresno invites you to be our guest as Sandra King leads a historical tour of Fresno Pacific Towers, formerly known as the Pacific Southwest Building and/or the Security Pacific Bank Building. Immediately following, an outdoor mini-tour of the Fulton Mall will be led by Heritage Fresno.



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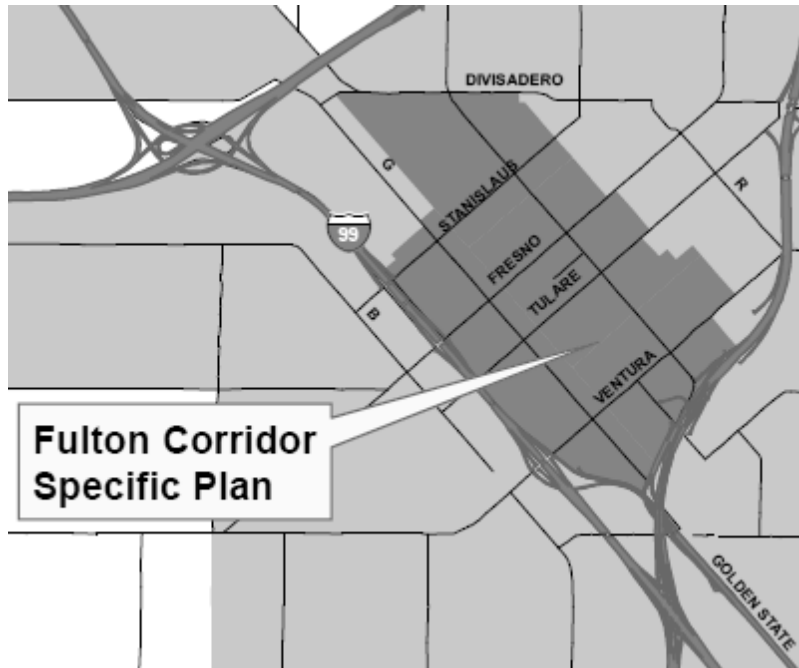
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Fresno's Future

Heritage Fresno was represented at the latest presentation of the Fulton Corridor Specific Plan (FCSP) and the Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan (DNCP) on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. Below is a map circumscribing the areas under consideration. Visit the website www.fresnodowntownplans.com for an extensive project description.



Fulton Corridor

Specific Plan is

roughly bordered by Divisadero on the North, California Avenue on the South, Hwy 99 on the West, and M Street (one parcel east of M St) on the East

The Fulton Corridor Specific Plan and the Downtown Neighborhoods Community Plan together encompass several distinct center city areas including the Central Business District, the Cultural Arts District, the South Stadium zone, Chinatown as well as the surrounding Lowell, Jefferson, Southwest and Southeast neighborhoods. In all, the combined planned areas comprise approximately 7,000 acres.

The **Pre-Charrette Discovery** phase of the project will be summarized from May 10-15, 2010 at the downtown Radisson Hotel and is open for public participation.

Heritage Fresno is leaning toward maintaining the Fulton Mall but is reserving comment until more information is collected at the May 10-15, 2010, meetings. A large amount of information has been gathered and is being processed by Moule & Polyzoides, Architects and Urbanists, the architectural firm in charge, along with the City of Fresno staff. Heritage Fresno strongly recommends its members and the community attend and participate in the May meetings to gain a full understanding and have input in how the future of Fresno will unfold. This is a two year project and the input given at this time will be highly influential in determining Fresno's future built environment.

Gary E. Malazian, Ph.D., Heritage Fresno Board Member

Midday Presentations | 12:00–1:00 p.m.

Monday, May 10, 2010 Planning for Better Buildings

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Roads and Transit Options

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 Preserving Historic Resources

Thursday, May 13, 2010 Jobs, Businesses, and Housing

Friday, May 14, 2010 Trees, Sidewalks, and Open Space

Evening Public Presentations | 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 Progress Review

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 Progress Review

Thursday, May 13, 2010 Progress Review

Final Presentation | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 15, 2010

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The Thing I'm Proudest of . . . In a recent interview Richard Moe, retiring president of The National Trust for Historic Preservation was asked to define what it is that The National Trust is trying to accomplish. Mr. Moe answered, "To conserve the best of the past, blend it with the new, and provide more livable communities...But the thing I'm proudest of is the increased acceptance all over this country of historic preservation...The net result is that demolition is not the first option any more. Rather, the first option is – and certainly should be – whether that building can be reused in some way that will preserve its historic character. . ." excerpt from "The View from the Top: Richard Moe reflects on 17 years as president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation."

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