

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN HELD AT THE SB SESSION ROOM, MUNICIPAL HALL ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

Present: Vice-Mayor William P. Cura, Presiding Officer
Councilor Alvin Dale M. Sibal
Councilor Johnny M. Sales
Councilor Ernesto M. Salting
Councilor Fortunato V. Mejia
Councilor Jayson S. Galang
Councilor Ariel R. Alimurong
Councilor Eduardo D. Gutierrez
Councilor Jose M. Salting, Jr., President LnB
Councilor Nikko T. Balilo, President, PPSK, on official business

Absent: Councilor Nestor C. Peña (Deceased)

RESOLUTION NO. 254, SERIES OF 2021

A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY ENDORSING TO THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) THE DECLARATION OF THE 120-YEAR OLD ANCESTRAL HOUSE OF DON PEDRO SIBAL II IN BAMBAN, TARLAC AS HERITAGE HOUSE

WHEREAS, nestled in the main road of the Poblacion area of Bamban is a 120-year old, two-storey house which is largely built from narra wood, and typical of the American Colonial period houses;

WHEREAS, built in 1901, the house was owned by Don Pedro Sibal II, known by the locals as “cabesang Pedro” who served as town mayor from 1902 to 1903, and a prominent son of Casimiro Sibal, known as original founder of Bamban;

WHEREAS, old folks had it that during war time, the house was used by US and Japanese forces as lodging facility, and one notable personality who stayed here was the right hand man of General Douglas Mac Arthur, Lt. General Jonathan Wainwright, who was in Bamban in December 1941;

WHEREAS, the over a century old house has survived the ravages of Phil-American War (1899-1902) , World War II and even the wrath of Mt. Pinatubo eruption in 1991;

WHEREAS, the heirs of Don Pedro Sibal II and the Municipal Government of Bamban desire that the said ancestral house be preserved for its historical significance, to serve a standing memory of a past era which the present and future generation may have a glimpse of, especially students and historians, and to serve as a tourist destination in this Municipality;

WHEREAS, this Body believes that the Don Pedro Sibal II ancestral house meets the criteria for heritage houses as set forth by the NHCP, and hopes that when officially declared so, it can enjoy the privileges granted by the national government and thereby help the Municipal Government in preserving these cultural heritages;

WHEREAS, the preservation of the house is included in the (2020-2025) Tourism Development Plan of the Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Councilor Johnny Sales, unanimously seconded:

BE IT RESOLVED, to respectfully endorse to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines the 120 - year old ancestral house of Don Pedro Sibal II located at Barangay San Roque in Bamban, Tarlac, for its declaration as heritage house.

RESOLVED FURTHER, let copies of this resolution be forwarded to the NHCP thru Dr. Rene L. Escalante Chairman and (Ret) Brig. Gen. Restituto Aguilar, Executive Director at NHCP, T.M. Kalaw St., Ermita, Manila for their information and favorable action and be furnished Mayor Jose Antonio T. Feliciano, Ms. Arline Dayrit Canlas-Salunga (heir of Fausta Sibal vda. De Dayrit), Mr. Rhonie Dela Cruz, Chairman, Bamban Historical Society, Engr. Jose L. Vital, Municipal Engineer and others concerned, for their information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Certified correct:

MARLENE C. PANGILINAN
SB Secretary

ATTESTED:

WILLIAM P. CURA
Municipal Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer