

Historic Resources Committee Meeting
Saturday, 5/28, 2 – 3 pm at Mission Hills-Hillcrest/Knox Library

Committee members present: Patty Ducey-Brooks, Mary Brown, Lu Rehling

Committee members not present: Stu McGraw, Mary McKenzie

Non-agenda public comment

Doug Poole: 902 W. Washington, 7 stories, 54 units, no parking; near transit, city should encourage better transit

Lisa Mortenson: If projects with no parking allowance ratio, developers should pay for infrastructure (e.g., electric vehicles)

Sharon Gehl: Take 83 bus to Old Town transit

Lu: Comments should relate to Historic Resources

Patty: 3786 Fifth Ave (x Robinson): LGBTQ, Albert Bell Bldg; plan to bulldoze; future agenda item

Tom Mullaney: Buildings at 301 Spruce Street should be designated historic; these are now cited for Complete Communities Project with allows 7 times as many zoned units, and allows 4 times the zoned height

Julie Hyde: Thank Tom for summary and flyer with information on project

Sharon Gehl: buildings meet need for customers or developers would not build

Lu: Suggested agenda items for future HR committee meetings:

Proposed LGBTQ+ historic district (Plan Hillcrest)

Proposed Park Blvd Residential Historic District

Agenda item #2 (considered first) 1625 Myrtle Ave:

Patty: Application for permit for addition; 45-year review/submitted May 2022

Barry Hager: Under DSD website (permit page); if not there, preliminary review

Lu: Built in 1913? (Adjacent border of Marston Hills.) Owners not aware that their property on today's agenda; owners may be considering applying for historic designation (architecture & residence of former Balboa Park admin?). Identified as significant building in proposed Park Blvd Res Historic District

Patty: Action item: further research status

Agenda item #1 (considered last) 820 Fort Stockton Blvd

Patty: New owner: Affordable Development 820 LLC, Los Angeles. 45-year review submitted June 2021. Plan for 820 Stockton Blvd (was duplex, so building also has a second address: 4053 Goldfinch). Owner also plans on developing adjoining parcels: 818 Ft Stockton & 461 Goldfinch. Project take 12 months? # units? Units would avg 427 SF with 2 affordable. Currently under review by HRB, so no permits issued yet.

Read her letter to HRB explaining why building should be designated historic. Mstr architect William Henry Wheeler may be designer? Bruce Coons (SOHO) & MHH also sent letters to HRB recommending historic designation. 2016 Uptown survey identified building as potential historic resource & belongs to proposed historic district.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS ABOUT PURPOSE/PROCESS of action today.

Lu: Is action item to recommend that UP board recommend historic designation?

Patty: Yes

Lu: If approved by quorum present today, could be consent item on June UP board meeting agenda.

Debbie Quillan: Asking for resumes of mayoral appointees to HRB. (Suggestions offered how to research.)

Sharon Gehl: About half of HRB reappointed; info available; now more minorities on HRB

Lu: SOHO newsletter provided links to bios

Lisa Mortenson: Is there a recusal policy/conflict of interest policy for HRB appointees?

Barry Hager: City staff are gatekeepers for what goes before HRB; so UP should recommend to staff for forwarding to HRB for designation

Patty: Some attorneys may represent community interest with regard to proposed project. Concerns about density, parking, integrity, effect on community, including businesses

Sheila Cushman: What are options for development, if designated?

Betty Schmucker: Location affects historic district

Barry Hager: Suggest recommend to staff & HRB to support designation of property AND to be preserved on site

Tom Mullaney: Necessary to raise "on site" issue?

Barry Hager: Good idea.

Doug Poole: Precedents to cite?

Tom Magunsson: Be sure to provide both addresses for duplex

MOTION (Lu; Mary B second); approved unanimously by quorum present (Patty, Mary B, Lu) for Historic Resources Committee recommendation to Uptown Planners Board:

Provide a letter of support for historic designation and preservation on site of 820 Stockton/4053 Goldfinch building. Letter should go to city staff (urging referral to HRB), as well as to HRB. Patty should be appointed to write the letter, including rationale for support.

END OF AGENDA

Questions re: SOHO & UP: info provided

Lu: encourage attendance at UP board meetings; upcoming election requires potential candidates to attend. NOTE: Even if 820 Stockton agenda'd as consent item, could be moved as action item, which would mean more discussion. Community attendance at June 7 UP board meeting encouraged.