

CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD

DESIGN ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

Wednesday, January 9, 2013, at 4:00 PM
5th Floor Large Conference Room
City Operations Building, Development Services Department
1222 First Avenue, San Diego, CA

MEETING NOTES

1. ATTENDANCE 4:00pm

Subcommittee Members Alex Bethke (Chair); Gail Garbini; Tom Larimer; Ann Woods

Recusals

City Staff

HRB Jodie Brown; Camille Pekarek

Guests

Item 3A Koji Tsunoda, Ellen Jenne, Steve Alvarez, Kenny Mah

2. Public Comment (on matters not on the agenda)

None

3. Project Reviews

▪ **ITEM 3A:**

Listings: HRB Site #441, California Register Listed & National Register Eligible

Address: The section of the Cabrillo Freeway evaluated extends from just south of the Cabrillo Bridge in Balboa Park to the San Diego River in the City of San Diego.

Historic Name: Cabrillo Freeway State Route 163 at Balboa Park

Significance: A (Cultural Landscape); B (Historical Event & Persons); C (Architecture); E (National/State Register Eligible)

Mills Act Status: N/A

PTS #: N/A

Project Contact: Stephen Alvarez

Treatment: Rehabilitation

Project Scope: Balboa Park Historic Preservation-Phase 2. Restore and enhance the historical and scenic integrity of Route 163. The project is to enhance this section of the highway corridor in Balboa Park. Work will include: replace existing fencing, soil treatment to prevent weeds at barrier rail, highway planting, irrigation, plant establishment, retaining features, pruning, and accent lighting.

Existing Square Feet: 30.9 acres

Additional Square Feet: 0

Total Proposed Square Feet: 30.9 acres

Prior DAS Review: N/A

Staff Presentation: This project would enhance the historic Highway 163 with new plantings, fencing, irrigation, and weed prevention.

Applicant Presentation: We would like to give you an update with what we are doing on Highway 163. This is a \$4 million Transportation Enhancement Project. Everything we are doing in corridor is consistent with the Management Plan. All of the plant material is consistent with Management Plan. We are trying to preserve many of the mature trees and vegetation that are existing. We will be cleaning up the dead material. Our project is centered on landscaping and adding irrigation. Within in the historic district, we will be working on the median area. We are hoping to put sod in the entire median area if the money permits. We are investing in infrastructure that should last for the next 20 years. We are also adding some fairly large trees. We will be pruning approximately 300 trees and taking down dead trees. We hope to start construction in December 2013 and then have plant establishment in November 2014.

Public Comment:

None

Q&A:

Subcommittee-member Issue or Question	Applicant's Response
We are primarily interested in the work that will take place within the district. There was a comment made during the HRB meeting that raised the question of what would happen in the district.	
The only new plant being introduced is the western redbud? It is not native, is it?	Yes, it is native to California. It is difficult to find a shrub that is compact and will not become a homeless shield.
How many dead trees are you taking out?	I don't have a count on that. We are trying to save as many trees that we can. The bulk of the ones that we are removing are outside of the district and probably only a dozen.
How are you going to get around irrigating the oak trees with the existing system?	It is a low lying area and a little wetter than other areas. Oak trees are pretty adaptable. The bulk of the trees that we have lost in the past are the sycamore.

Subcommittee Discussion and Comment:

Subcommittee-member	Comments
Bethke	
Garbini	I really appreciate you coming. It would be nice if any plant material introduced would have been there between 1915 and 1935. Planting should be consistent with the pattern that was there historically.
Larimer	
Woods	

Staff Comment:

None

Recommended Modifications:

None

Consensus:

- Consistent with the Standards
- Consistent with the Standards if modified as noted
- Inconsistent with the Standards and needs revision and additional review
- Inconsistent with the Standards but is the best feasible alternative
- Inconsistent with the Standards

4. Adjourned at 4:32 PM

The next regularly-scheduled Subcommittee Meeting will be on February 6, 2013 at 4:00 PM.

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