

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 24, 2023
HYBRID HEARING**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

Chairperson Tim Hutter called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m. Chairperson Tim Hutter adjourned the meeting at 3:18 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Tim Hutter – present
Vice-Chairperson Kristi Byers – present
2nd Vice-Chairperson Michael Taylor – present
Boardmember Ann Woods – present
Boardmember Bruce Abrams – present
Boardmember Carla Farley – present
Boardmember Courtney Ann Coyle – present
Boardmember David McCullough – present
Boardmember Dr. Li-Rong Lilly Cheng – absent
Boardmember Mathew Winter – present
Boardmember Rammy Cortez – present

City Staff

Lindsey Sebastian, Deputy City Attorney – present
Kelley Stanco, Planning Department – present (virtually)
Bernie Turgeon, Planning Department – present (virtually)
Suzanne Segur, Development Services Department – present
Alvin Lin, Development Services Department – present
Megan Walker, Development Services Department – present (virtually)
Caroline Garcia, Legislative Recorder – present

Note: All decision makers attended the meeting in person. Staff and members of the public attended both in person and virtually.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Chace expressed concern over the ADA parking project at Presido Park.

David Moty spoke about a coming up centennial of the Talmadge Community.

Barry Hager on behalf of Mission Hills Heritage asked the HRB to use its authority to amend its procedural rules and policies to create a streamlined path to local designation for historic districts already on the National and California Registers.

Clint Daniels spoke on the Independent Budget Analyst (IBA) report dated July 18th.

BOARDMEMBERS COMMENT

Boardmember Coyle wanted to note that this month's HRB meeting was held in the Mary Hollis Clark room in the Central Library. She shared that Mary Hollis Clark was a most graceful person with a lot of southern charm. Her and her husband were friends to both San Diego's history and natural history.

Boardmember Coyle sees the importance of Barry Hager's public comment. She would like to learn more and would support this being put at a future Policy Subcommittee meeting to be talked about and be briefed in full.

Boardmember Byers supports Boardmember Coyle's comments regarding bringing Barry Hager's public comment forward to Policy Subcommittee.

Chair Hutter supports Boardmember Coyle's comments and is also looking forward to an update on policies and procedures in the coming months on the Historical Resources Board. He also wanted to respond to Mr. Daniels remarks about the IBA report. An IBA representative has been invited to speak to the board as an informational item in the coming months.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Boardmember Winter knows Mr. Teggin, owner of Item 1 - 4321 Alder Drive, and has been to the house before but that will not influence his decision.

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Boardmembers Woods, Winter, McCullough, Farley, Hutter, Byers, and Coyle shared that they were given a tour by the homeowner of Item 2 - 4609 Norma Drive, but that will not influence their decision.

Boardmembers Byers and Coyle shared that they were approached by the homeowner of Item 1 - 4321 Alder Drive, but that will not influence their decision.

FAILURE TO

VISIT DESIGNATION SITES (INCLUDING INTERIORS/PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION/INVOCATION OF WAIVER

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JULY 27, 2023

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER FARLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES. Seconded by Boardmember Coyle. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-0 with Boardmembers Byers, Taylor, Abrams, Cortez, Coyle, Farley, McCullough, Winter, Woods, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with and with Boardmember Cheng absent.

STAFF REPORT

Suzanne Segur, Senior Planner from the Development Services Department reported that a meeting of the Policy Subcommittee was held on August 14th and a discussion was had regarding the HRB’s naming policy. This discussion will continue at the October subcommittee meeting. For information regarding the Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee, please visit the City’s website.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Accepted as presented.

BREAK: 1:41 p.m. – 1:46 p.m.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-1 VELMA PRICHARD SPEC HOUSE #1

City Council District: 9

Plan Area: Kensington-Talmadge

Staff: Suzanne Segur

Public testimony in support received from Eileen Magno.

Public testimony received in opposition from Clint Daniels.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Priscilla Ann Berge, Eileen Magno.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY CHAIR HUTTER TO DESIGNATE THE VELMA PRICHARD SPEC HOUSE #1 LOCATED AT 4321 ALDER DRIVE AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE UNDER HRB CRITERION C. PER STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION WITH A 1928-1939 PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE. THE PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE IS EXTENDED TO CAPTURE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE TWO STORY REAR ADDITION. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THE DESIGNATION SHALL EXCLUDE THE STORAGE CABINETS BELOW THE SOUTH PATIO CONSTRUCTED OUTSIDE THE PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE. THE DESIGNATION INCLUDES THE TWO STORY REAR ADDITION CONSTRUCTED BEFORE 1939. THE COBBLESTONE WALLS OF THE LANDSCAPED TERRACE AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY AS WELL AS THE FOUR MURALS, PAINTED CEILING AND RAFTERS OF THE BREEZEWAY. Seconded by Boardmember Coyle. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-0 with Boardmembers Byers, Taylor, Abrams, Cortez, Coyle, Farley, McCullough, Winter, Woods, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmember Cheng absent.

ITEM-2 LARRY HIMMEL/DENNSTEDT COMPANY HOUSE

City Council District: 9

Plan Area: Kensington-Talmadge

Staff: Alvin Lin

Public testimony in support received from Nancy Binkin, Kiley Wallace, Miles Himmel, David Moty, Shane Harris, and Geoff Hueter.

Public testimony received in opposition from Clint Daniels.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Laura Henson, Nancy Binkin, Gail Garbini, Kiley Wallace, Miles Himmel, and David Moty.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER MCCULLOUGH TO DESIGNATE THE LARRY HIMMEL/DENNSTEDT COMPANY HOUSE LOCATED AT 4609 NORMA DRIVE AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE WITH A PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF 1977-1986 UNDER HRB CRITERION B AND 1931 UNDER HRB CRITERIA C AND D. THE DESIGNATION INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL DETACHED GARAGE AND INTERIOR FEATURES INCLUDING THE LIVING ROOM STENCILED OPEN BEAM CEILING WITH DECORATIVE CORBEL SUPPORTS, PYROGRAPHIC DOOR, STAIRCASE WITH WROUGHT IRON RAILING AND DECORATIVE TILES, AND SCULPTED PLASTER FIREPLACE WITH QUARRY TILE AND RADIO NICHE. THE DESIGNATION EXCLUDES THE 1985 ATTACHED UTILITY ROOM, THE PRE-1960S SLUMP BLOCK WALL STUCCOED IN THE EARLY 2000S, AND THE 2000S DETACHED PERGOLA STRUCTURE. Seconded by Boardmember Cortez. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-0 with Boardmembers Byers, Taylor, Abrams, Cortez, Coyle, Farley, McCullough, Winter, Woods, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmember Cheng absent.

BREAK: 2:52 p.m. – 3:02 p.m.

ITEM-3 GREATER GOLDEN HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT CONTRIBUTOR

City Council District: 3

Plan Area: Greater Golden Hill

Staff: Alvin Lin

Public testimony in support of the designation received from Ron May.

Public testimony received in opposition from Clint Daniels.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Ron May.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER MCCULLOUGH TO RECLASSIFY THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2412 A STREET IN THE GREATER GOLDEN HILL HISTORIC DISTRICT FROM A NON-CONTRIBUTING TO A CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE AND DESIGNATE THE PROPERTY UNDER HRB CRITERION F. Seconded by Boardmember Byers. The motion passed by a vote of 9-1-0 with Boardmembers Woods, Winter, McCullough, Farley, Coyle, Cortez, Abrams, Taylor, and Byers, voting yea, and Chair Hutter voting no, and with Boardmember Cheng absent.