

HRB Meeting of May 23, 2024

First Name	Last Name	Meeting Date	Agenda Item Number	Position	I would like to speak on the item during public testimony.	Comments	Attachments
Non-Agenda Item							
Faith	Jennings	5/23/2024	Non-Agenda			We are calling this Boards attention to a 3 story ADU that is currently being permitted in the heart of a Historic District of a predominantly 1 story homes. See attached document. Thanks you for your help!	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/39756/members-of-the-city-historic-resources-board-and-committee-members.pdf?access=421688&id=7d72562a-a0b3-481f-a287-1810585b453a
ITEM 1							
Charles	Kaminiski	5/23/2024	1	In Opposition of item	Yes	1. The San Diego LGBTQ Historic Sites Project letter of April 26, 2024 regarding the FPA amendment chapters on the LGBTQ Cultural District and the Historic Preservation is not included in the attachments provided to the HRB. Copy attached herein. 2. The staff report recommends "by right" approval within the proposed Hillcrest historic district area. This needs to be withdrawn. No "by right" development. 3. The setbacks proposed within the proposed district on the primary streets need further evaluation given the possible building heights potentially being allowed. 4. The LGBTQ Hillcrest Context Statement makes reference to Attachment A "List of Eligible Resources". I have been unable to locate Attachment A. 5. The FPA will institute a major shift in development in Hillcrest that will affect designated and potential historic sites. An independent analysis of the proposed SDR supplemental development regulations and other measures should be provided before approval by the HRB.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/39601/april-26-2024-hillcrest-plan-chapter-5-lgbtq-cultural.pdf?access=421552&id=8d682f58-7684-44fb-bda8-9bb70b367c00
Mission Hills Heritage A non-profit organization		5/23/2024	1	In Opposition of item	No	See attached letter.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/39642/hrbmay_item1_hillcrest_final.pdf?access=421577&id=e1c90578-7db5-44ae-b497-355fd485281d
Patty Ducey	Brooks	5/23/2024	1	In Opposition of item		Dear Historic Resources Board members, I ask that you not approve the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment to Uptown's Community Plan. Instead, recommend against City Council approval and request that the project return to this board after needed changes are made (to protect historic resources, including those related to LGBTQ+history). When the Uptown Planners Community Planning Group voted not to approve the city's proposed FPA, it noted that a key objective of the Urban Design Element is to protect and enhance the qualities that make these neighborhoods unique. The draft plans fail to show any inclusion of these requests. Uptown Planners asks that you include the following in the plan: LGBTQ+Cultural Element! Include in policy 5.6 language to establish a core LGBTQ+historic district and center as it is essential to the LGBTQ+cultural district. Historic Preservation Element Identify ways to avoid gentrification and changes to historical diversity because of class-based redlining and building of residences not affordable for populations that currently or potentially live and work in Hillcrest. Prioritize maintenance and/or production of single family or duplex starter homes and individual property ownership, maximizing opportunities for members of historically underserved or marginalized groups to have the opportunity to establish generational wealth. Address opportunities for adaptive reuse of existing building stock (commercial and residential) and the preservation of existing SROs and naturally occurring affordable housing. Complete the inventory of historic properties in the plan area, identifying the buildings deemed significant and identify plans for preservation. Provide an inventory of all the potentially historic resources throughout the proposed Plan Hillcrest area, as well as other potential historic resources in Uptown related to LGBTQ+history. Uptown Planners had previously requested that the Planning Department receive feedback from this board before publishing a second draft of the FPA, which the Planning Department did not do. Uptown is counting on you to ask the city to respect you as a board and to respect our needs for historic preservation and accountability. Thanks for your service to our city.	
Geoffrey	Hueter	5/23/2024	1	In Support of Item	Yes	We support the Historic Preservation Element of the Hillcrest Focused Plan Amendment with the following recommended additional policies: HP-2.12 Develop procedures to expedite local designation of National Register districts under Criterion E. HP-3.7 Emphasize adaptive reuse rather than destruction of historic buildings, thereby reducing landfill construction waste and ensuring compatibility with surrounding buildings. HP-3.8 Collaborate with community planning groups and historic districts to define neighborhood design standards, which will set expectations for both developers and community members and reduce contention over projects. HP-3.9 Create community centering places around historic resources. HP-3.10 Enhance pedestrian access and enjoyment of commercial historic districts through better sidewalks, including shade trees. The rationale for these proposed additional policies is detailed in the attached letter.	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/39734/hillcrest-focused-plan-amendment-responses-to-historic-preservation-element.pdf?access=421612&id=ee3952da-676d-4876-ae0-2d6020239b24
Geoffrey	Hueter	5/23/2024	1	In Support of Item	No	This is really more of a question than a comment. The Supplemental Development Regulations for the Hillcrest Historic District modify height and stepback specifications for buildings in the district, but do not mention transition planes. Does this mean that the transition planes specified in the Urban Design Element of the Hillcrest FPA (page UD-139) would still apply?	https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/39740/ud-139-transition-planes.png?access=421621&id=1b1daea0-490b-405f-8ba6-f8876556419
Susan	White	5/23/2024	1	In Opposition of item	No	At a Vibrant Uptown meeting on May 19, 2023, I asked if there was anything they found objectionable with the Hillcrest Focused Plan. The only thing that he said was that they were not happy with the fact that the plan was for continued approval of historically designated homes and areas. They would be working to stop it. Any comment on that?	

ITEM 5

Ricardo	Flores	5/23/2024	5	In Opposition of item	No	<p>Trailed from 04/25/2024 HRB meeting</p> <p>The City of San Diego is facing massive annual and long-term budget deficits therefore it would be imprudent to allow a multimillion-dollar home to have the opportunity to pay less property taxes. At the very least city staff should present the board with the amount of potential property taxes that would be lost over a 10 to 20 year period prior to just blatantly approving this item with no regard to the fiscal health of the same government that this board serves.</p>	
Barry	Hager	5/23/2024	5	In Opposition of item	Yes	<p>Please see attached letter.</p>	<p>https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/39523/beh-comments-to-hrb-item-5-7960-la-jota-way.pdf?access=421536&id=0b817c93-4cf4-4677-a80f-8493c6560b9f</p>
Bruce	Coons	5/23/2024	5	In Support of item	Yes	<p>I have read the staff report, nomination package, viewed the property, plan's and reviewed the before and after photos, etc. for 7960 La Jota Way. SOHO believes that the property qualifies for the local register under criterions C and D. The additions do not substantially detract from the original design and the character defining features of this significant Custom Ranch House by Master Architects Roy Drew and Robert Mosher remain preserved. The current owners went to great lengths to further minimize any potential impacts and differentiate the new additions from the original design. The original design is instantly discernable to even an untrained eye. The change in the material of the shake shingle siding is also an appropriate and acceptable solution and is in keeping with the original design intent and is painted in the original color. This material change is allowed under the Secretary of the Interiors Standards for Rehabilitation.</p> <p>We concur with the following Statements of Significance from the designation application: Please see full letter attached. Bruce Coons</p>	<p>https://www.sandiego.gov/system/files/webform/webform_994112/39722/soholajotawayletter.pdf?access=421606&id=c5cc460d-b48e-474c-a126-766d2a12a338</p>