



Historical Resources Board Meeting

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ITEM 6: JOHN AND CLARA FERRY HOUSE

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Overview



John and Clara Ferry House

- 4204 Randolph Street

Designation Nomination

- Landmark Historic Preservation
- Report Findings
 - **Designate Under HRB Criterion C:**
Exemplifies Craftsman Style

Staff Recommendation

- Designate the John and Clara Ferry House located at 4204 Randolph Street as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1909 under HRB Criterion C. The designation excludes the rear detached garage and the attached workshop, which were built outside the period of significance.

Physical Setting



Address:
4204 Randolph Street

APN:
443-300-18-00

Community Planning Area:
Uptown

Neighborhood:
Mission Hills

Setting:
Residential

Building Information

- **Style:**
Craftsman
- **Year Built:**
1909
- **Architect:**
Unknown
- **Builder:**
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Character Defining Features

- Moderately hipped roof
- Wide overhanging eaves
- Exposed rafter tails
- Projecting front-facing gable supported by straight, square wood clad columns
- Horizontal wood siding
- Corner bay windows
- Brick Chimney
- Double-hung wood windows



Alterations

- Roof replaced in 1962
- Rear pool added in 1972, and removed in 2023
- Rear and side perimeter fence added in the 80s, and front hardscape improvements in 2021
- A/C units added in circa 2024
- The lower portion of the front porch columns were restored to wood in 2025

Completed at Unknown Dates:

- New Rear Detached garage with attached workroom
- Removal of Decorative gable-end stickwork
- Wood spindles added to front porch windows
- Iron railings at front porch
- New window added to the 2nd floor on the South façade
- Bay window glazing changes



Designation Criterion

Nominated Designation Criteria

The property at 4204 Randolph Street is nominated as a resource that embodies the distinctive characteristics of Craftsman Style

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Integrity Analysis

The property at 4204 Randolph Street does retain integrity under HRB Criterion C

- Integrity of design, materials, and workmanship
- Modifications made to the home do not significantly impair the resource's ability to convey significance under HRB Criterion C

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the HRB designate the John and Clara Ferry House, located at 4204 Randolph Street, under:

- HRB Criterion C as a historical resource that embodies the distinctive characteristics of the Craftsman style with a 1909 period of significance.
- The designation excludes the rear detached garage and the attached workshop, which were built outside the period of significance.

