

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD
DESIGN ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

Wednesday, August 5, 2026, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
HYBRID HEARING

**5th Floor Large Conference Room
City Planning Department - City Administration Building
202 C Street, San Diego, CA 92101**

Until further notice, Design Assistance Subcommittee meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code section 54953(a), as amended by Assembly Bill 2249. Effective February 10, 2023, the Design Assistance Subcommittee will participate in person, and the meeting will be open for in-person testimony.

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The Design Assistance Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Board. It is primarily composed of Historical Resources Board members who are design professionals with expertise in historic preservation. The Subcommittee is not a voting entity, but rather a forum for discussing issues and solutions related to historic resources and their preservation. Comments on a project concept at the meeting do not predispose future positions on the project by the Historical Resources Board. After a brief staff introduction to a project, applicants will be allowed 5 minutes for their presentation, which should be focused on the project's compliance with the applicable U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards Treatment Plan (i.e., Rehabilitation, Restoration, Preservation, or Reconstruction). Applicants are encouraged to engage in an open dialogue regarding the changes that they propose to make to the historic resource and to seriously consider the Subcommittee members' comments before finalizing their project plans.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties shall be used as guidelines in evaluating alterations, changes or potential relocation or demolition of historic resources.

MEETING AGENDA

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

3. Project Reviews

- **ITEM 3A:** Estimated time 30 minutes
 - Listings: HRB #1
 - Address: Japanese Friendship Garden & Museum
 - Historic Name: Balboa Park - El Prado Area Designation
 - Significance: Local and National Register
 - Mills Act Status: No
 - Project #: PRJ-1148285
 - Project Contact: Dennis Otsuji, Kelly Sutherlin McLeod (KSMA)
 - Treatment: Rehabilitation
 - Project Scope: At the Japanese Friendship Garden, the project proposes a new cultural center, a children's garden and pavilion, a kominkan farmhouse, a new front plaza entry area, and a cultural exhibit within the property.
 - Existing Square Feet: N/A
 - Additional Square Feet: 39,982
 - Total Proposed Square Feet: N/A
 - Prior DAS Review: N/A
- **Item 3B:** Estimated time 30 minutes
 - Listings: HRB #463
 - Address: 1261-1263 Cave Street
 - Historic Name: LaCrosse House and Rear Cottage Structures
 - Significance: Criteria A and C
 - Mills Act Status: No
 - Project #: PRJ-1140301
 - Project Contact: Hilary Lowe (HLLK Architects)
 - Treatment: Rehabilitation
 - Project Scope: Site Development Permit for substantial alteration and rehabilitation of a designated historical resource by moving the LaCrosse House be ~15'-6" toward the front and ~9'-1" toward the west side property line, converting the house to ground-floor commercial use with a second-floor dwelling unit, demolishing the 187 sf rear addition and chimney, demolishing the contributing Rear Cottage, demolishing the noncontributing detached garage, and constructing a new three-story residential building with eight dwelling units including two ADUs and one very low income affordable unit. Review of the proposed alternatives to study for the SDP findings.
 - Existing Square Feet: 1,447
 - Additional Square Feet: 8,196
 - Total Proposed Square Feet: 9,643
 - Prior DAS Review: N/A

4. Adjourn

The next Design Assistance Subcommittee meeting will be on Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

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