

Development Services Department

# Historical Resources Board

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## ITEM 8

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# William Templeton Johnson Spec House #2





# Project Summary

## **Description:**

Consider the designation of the William Templeton Johnson Spec House #2 located at 4154 Lark Street as a historical resource.

## **Staff**

## **Recommendation:**

Designate the William Templeton Johnson Spec House #2 located at 4154 Lark Street as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1912 under HRB Criteria C and D. The designation excludes the south portion of the rear enclosed porch.



# Property Information

**Location:** 4154 Lark Street

**APN(S):** 443-311-03-00

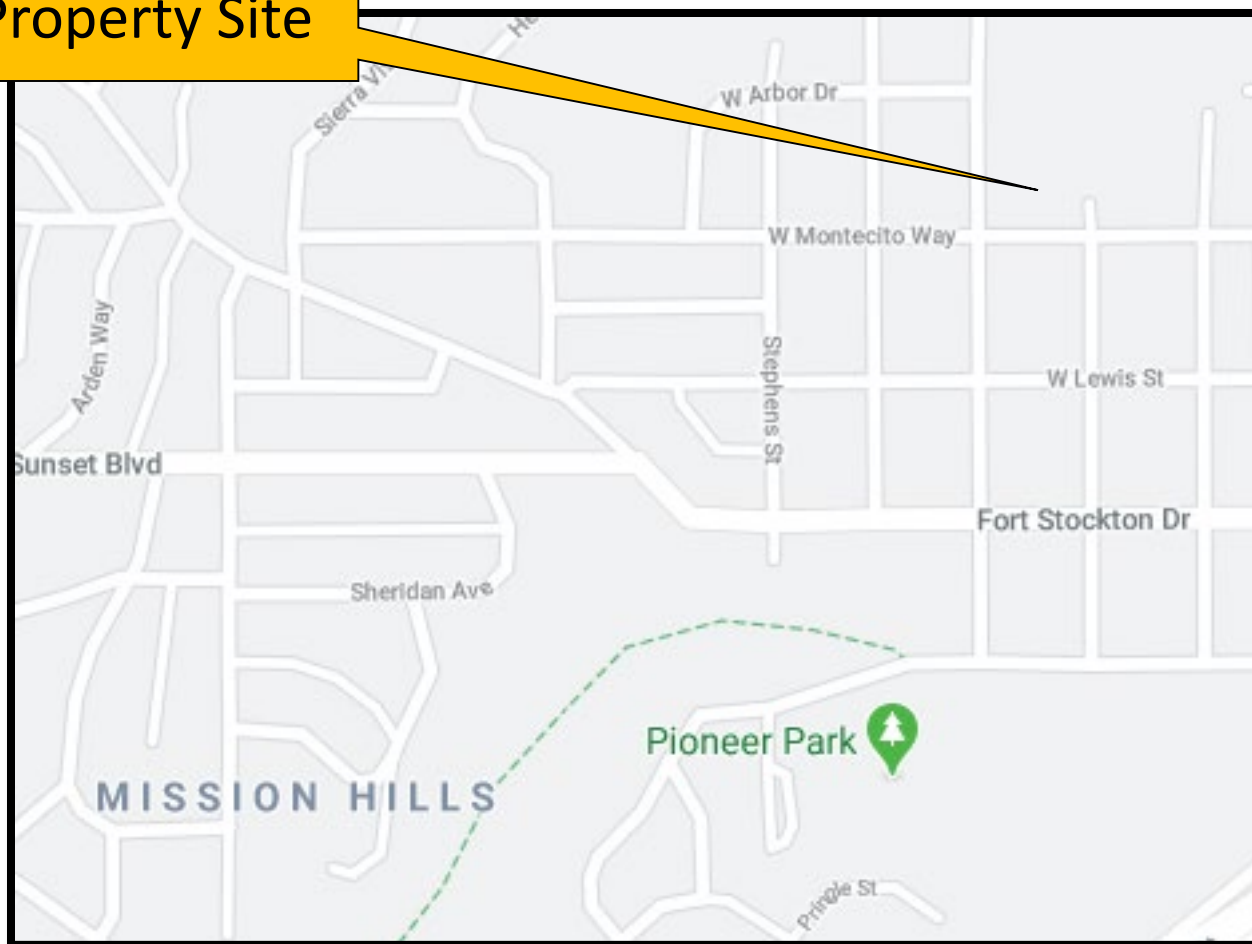
**Community:** Uptown

**Council District:** 3



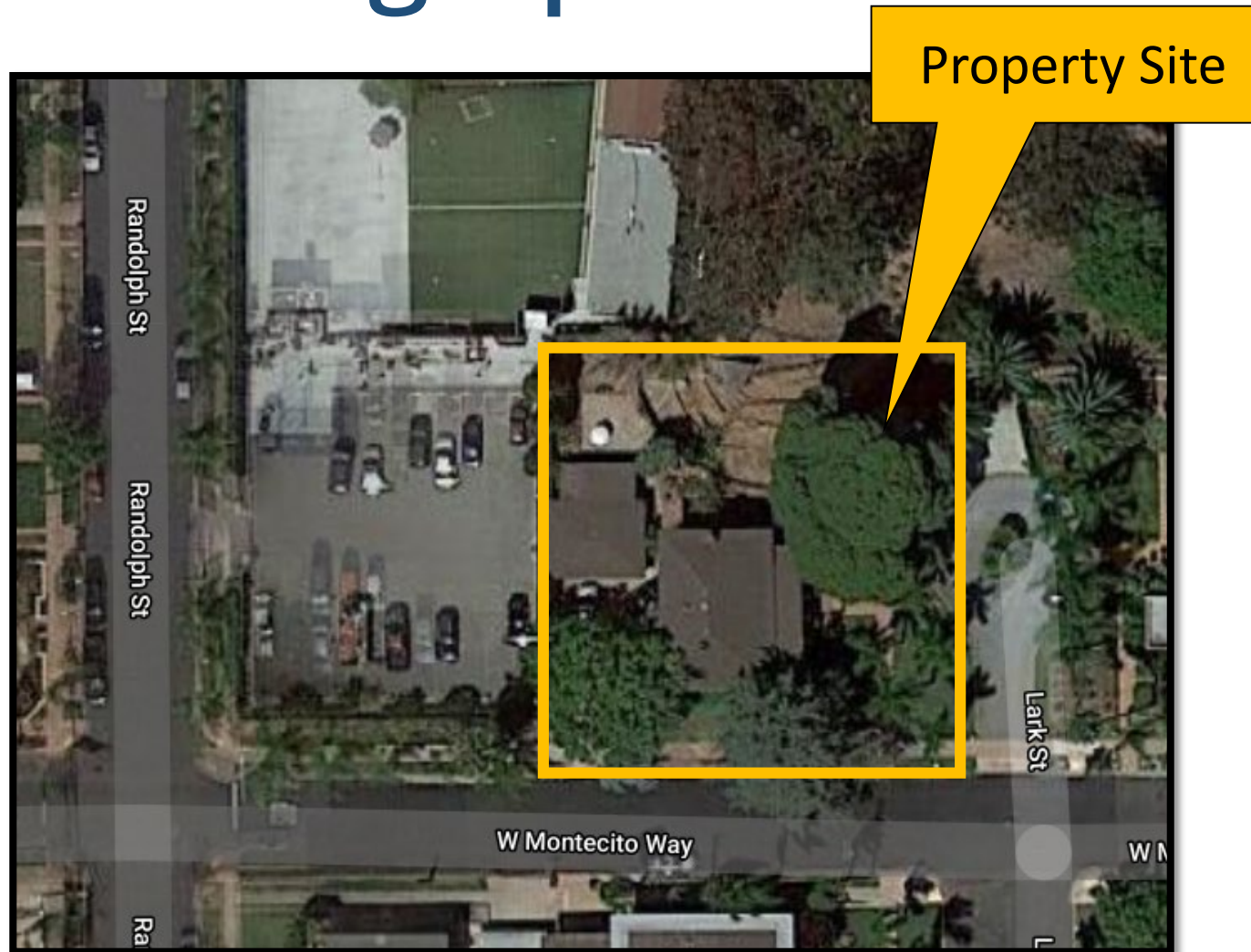
# Location Map

Property Site





# Aerial Photograph



# Property Photos



East elevation



# Property Photos



East and north elevations



# Property Photos



West elevation with enclosed porch



# Property Photos



Wire mesh behind current stucco



# Property Photos



Portions of cobblestone wall



## Criterion A

### **Association with Kate O. Sessions' Mission Hills Nursery – Not Recommending**

- Cannot confirm that stone wall and mature trees were part of nursery
- Most of Queen Palms are not located on parcel

## Criterion B

Staff is not recommending  
designation under HRB  
Criterion B.



# Criterion C

## **Italian Renaissance Revival style – Recommending Designation**

- Low-pitched hip roof
- Symmetrical façade
- Columns and pillars around entryway
- Arches around first-floor windows and door
- Simpler second-floor windows





## Criterion D

### **Master Architect William Templeton Johnson- Recommending Designation**

- Example of Johnson's early work in San Diego and his work on a single-family speculation residence using one of his preferred styles, Italian Renaissance Revival.

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