

Development Services Department

Historical Resources Board

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ITEM 5

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Alan LeMay/William Wahrenberger Spec House



Project Summary

Description:

Consider the designation of the Alan LeMay/William Wahrenberger Spec House located at 2166 Pine Street as a historical resource.

Staff**Recommendation:**

Designate the Alan LeMay/William Wahrenberger Spec House located at 2166 Pine Street as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1929-1936 under HRB Criterion B, and a period of significance of 1927 under HRB Criteria C and D.

Property Information

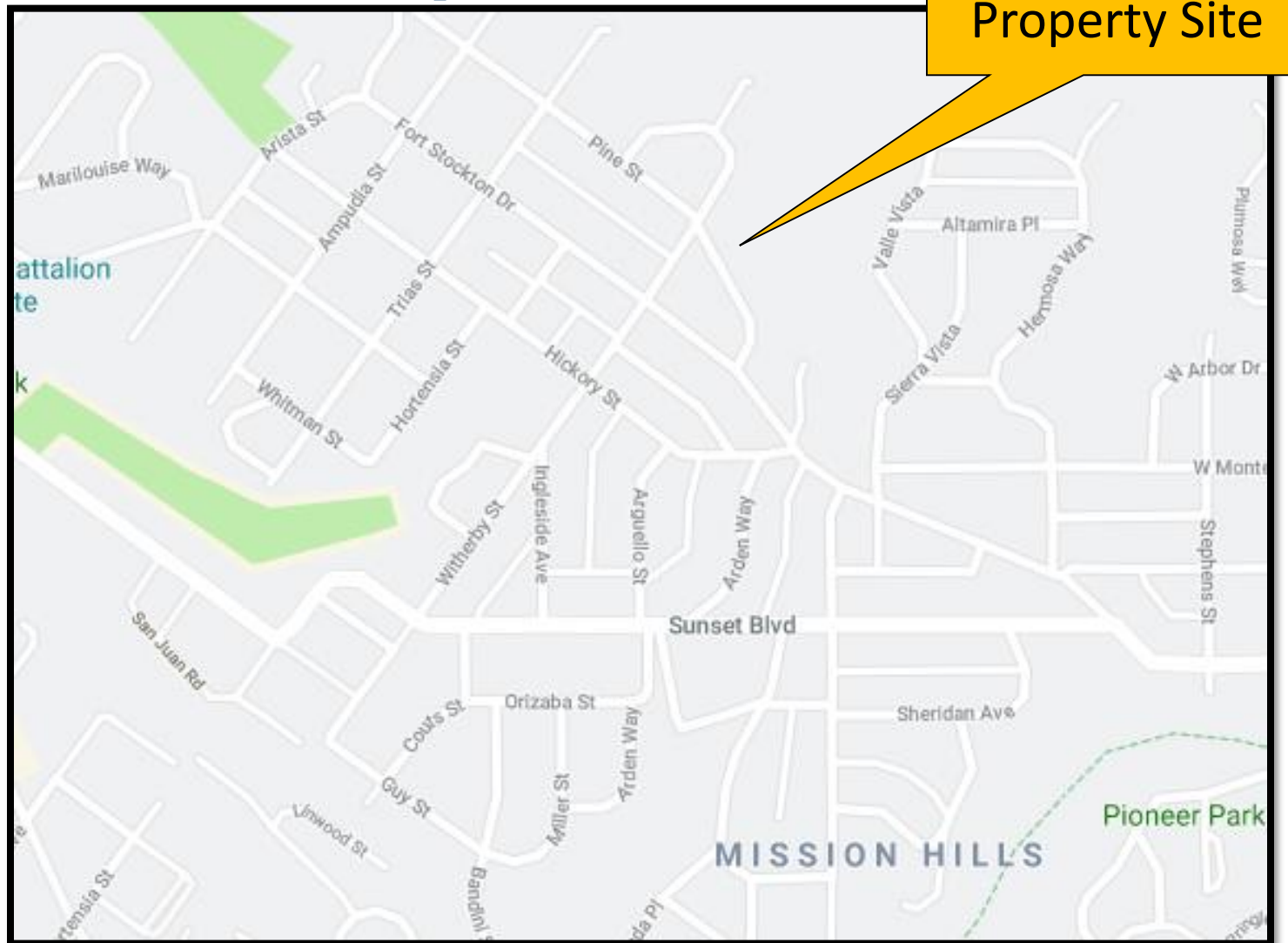
Location: 2166 Pine Street

APN(S): 443-250-29-00

Community: Uptown

Council District: 3

Location Map



Aerial Photograph



Property Photos



Southwest (front) façade

Property Photos



Southeast façade featuring attached garage

Property Photos



Transitional photo of southwest (front) façade, 2017

Property Photos



Southwest (front) façade

Property Photos



Writer's Cabin

Property Photos



Southwest (front) façade

Criterion A

Staff is not recommending
designation under HRB
Criterion A.

Criterion B

Alan LeMay – Recommending Designation

- Author, novelist, and screenwriter.
- Highly influential in the Western genre.
- Detached writer's cabin commissioned by LeMay still extant on property.
- Published nine novels and over ninety short stories while living at 2166 Pine Street.
- Only extant residence in San Diego with significant association with LeMay.
- Only extant residence in Southern California with significant association with LeMay.

Criterion C

Spanish Eclectic Style – Recommending Designation

- Asymmetrical façade
- Low-pitched gabled roof with a slight eave overhang
- Mission-style roof tiles
- Focal windows on the gable
- Arched doorway
- Wood windows
- Stucco chimney
- Clay tile vents
- Decorative stucco finish

Criterion D

Master Builder William Wahrenberger– Recommending Designation

- Retains integrity from its 1927 design
- Representative of a notable work of established Master Builder William F. Wahrenberger
 - *Specifically, the house is a notable example of Wahrenberger's work in the Spanish Eclectic style and helps to illustrate the breadth of his work over the fifty-year span of his career.*

Staff Recommendation

Designate the Alan LeMay/William Wahrenberger Spec House located at 2166 Pine Street as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1929 to 1936 under HRB Criterion B as a resource that is identified with historically significant author, novelist, and screenwriter Alan LeMay; under HRB Criterion C with a period of significance of 1927 as a resource that exhibits the distinctive characteristics of the Spanish Eclectic style; and under HRB Criterion D as a resource that is a notable work of Master Builder William F. Wahrenberger.

The designation includes the detached writer's cabin closely associated with Alan LeMay's professional career. The designation excludes the detached storage shed, site-wall, rear deck, and rear addition constructed outside of the period of significance.

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