

CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, January 9, 2017, at 3:00 PM

Conference Room 4C

Development Services Building

1222 First Avenue, 4th Floor, San Diego, CA 92101

MEETING NOTES

1. Attendance

Boardmembers: Courtney Coyle, Priscilla Ann Berge, Amy Harleman, Ann Woods, Tim Hutter

Staff: Elyse Lowe, Camille Pekarek, Suzanne Segur

Guests: Abel Silvas, Amie Hayes (SOHO), Sharon Gehl (AIA Preservation Subcommittee), Rebecca McManus (ISA)

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

Mr. Silvas announced upcoming community events relating to Native American issues and El Camino Real.

3. Subcommittee Comment (on matters not on the agenda)

Boardmember Berge inquired about the City's Code Monitoring Team and the 11th code update coming to the Policy Subcommittee prior to going to HRB. Staff noted that the Code Monitoring Team now with the Planning Department and no longer a part of Development Services, and that the 11th Code update should come before Policy Subcommittee before going to HRB.

4. Meeting Notes

Staff announced that Policy Subcommittee meeting notes will now be posted along with meeting agendas on the City website.

5. Issues – Work Program Discussion (continued)

Staff provided an update on Work Program Issue 1 (training by City Attorney), noting that HRB staff will poll the Boardmembers to determine interest for Site Development Permit training starting at noon at the February HRB meeting.

Work Program Issue 4 – Revisions to HRB Naming Policy

Boardmember Berge assigned a medium priority to this issue and expressed interest in providing clarification to the Naming Policy relating to resource names reflecting both the husband and wife in cases where the building was occupied by married couples.

Staff reminded boardmembers of the heavy workload and staffing constraints on HRB staff and announced that the City is working on bringing in additional staff possibly in the next few months. Staff asked that in continuing the work program discussion, the subcommittee members provide feedback concerning priority or interest level in each of the issues.

Chair Coyle asked if Boardmember Berge could provide a draft clarification on this matter and Boardmember Berge agreed. Boardmember Hutter pointed out that it appears that although modifications have not been formally made to the Naming Policy, the Board is still making changes to proposed resources names as needed.

Work Program Issue 5 – establishing Master Architects, Builders, etc. outside of the designation process

Boardmember Berge expressed concern over capturing the more modern architects whose works are not yet very well known. She noted that research is needed to develop a policy to establish them as masters and asked if perhaps SOHO could look into this. Boardmember Berge continued, noting that staff had previously not supported developing such a policy, but would like to continue looking into it. Boardmember Berge noted that there are some more important issues that this and assigned a medium priority to this issue.

Work Program Issue 6 – revising/updating Established Masters List

Boardmember Berge mentioned the confusion concerning the Dennstedt Company and who is identified as the master, and noted that it is in fact only A.L. and A.E. Dennstedt who have been established as Masters. Boardmember Berge expressed interest in updating the Established Master List to clarify this and any others, as well as to add all the other Masters that have been established since the creation of that document. Boardmember Hutter suggested that an updated list of names only (without biographical background information) would be helpful, and that putting together the updated, more comprehensive list with background information would be of lower priority.

Staff noted that all newly established Masters are constantly updated as properties are added to CHRID and that users may search for names of Masters using CHRID.

Boardmember Woods suggested that putting together an updated comprehensive list may be a good task for a staff intern.

Work Program Issue 7 – Criteria Guidelines revision

Boardmember Berge noted that her main concern with this issue is Criterion C – particularly with regard to architectural styles and comparative analysis which should be provided to draw greater distinctions between individually eligible properties and district contributor-level buildings. Boardmember Berge indicated she would like to see greater refinement in the Board’s interpretation under Criterion C and noted that staff has already been demonstrating efforts to provide comparative analysis. Boardmember Berge also noted previous discussions relating to Criterion B and the previously compiled list of names.

Staff noted that it had located this document mentioned by Boardmember Berge, and has since provided to all Boardmembers via email as well as Amie Hayes of SOHO.

Chair Coyle suggested the styles issue relating to Criterion C would be a low/medium priority, and the listing of names for Criterion B could be good work for an intern and should be a higher priority.

Chair Coyle would like to continue discussion on the work program at the next Policy Subcommittee meeting.

6. Renaming the Archaeology Subcommittee

Background

Boardmembers will consider renaming the Archaeology Subcommittee to the Archaeological and Tribal Resources Subcommittee. The Policy Subcommittee will provide a recommendation to the HRB on an amendment to the Board’s procedures to rename the Archaeology Subcommittee.

Discussion

Boardmember Berge is in favor of changing the name to differentiate between these different fields and for consistency with AB52. Boardmember Hutter and Chair Coyle agreed with Boardmember Berge’s comments.

Mr. Silvas expressed his support for renaming the subcommittee but asked that the Boardmembers consider adding the word “cultural.” Mr. Silvas went on to discuss the importance of sacred sites, pre-contact vs. post-contact, cadaver dogs, and artifact displays.

Chair Coyle and Boardmembers Berge, Woods, Harleman, and Hutter reached a general consensus in favor of changing the name of the Archaeology Subcommittee to the

Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee. This item will be brought forward to the HRB at the next available meeting.

Adjourned at 4:15 PM

The next Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

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