



Save Our Heritage Organisation

Saving San Diego's Past for the Future

Monday, September 17, 2018

City of San Diego
Historical Resources Board (HRB)
Chair David McCullough
202 C Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: September 27 HRB agenda – Items 5 & 10

Chair McCullough and Board Members,

Item 5: 4166 – 4170 Oregon St - Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) concurs with the staff report that the Arts and Crafts era bungalow at 4170 Oregon Street is historically significant under Criterion C as an excellent example of the style and worthy of historical designation.

Constructed in 1922 and eligible under Criterion C, this resource continues to retain a high degree of architectural integrity through the exterior shiplap siding, exposed rafter tails and roof members, vertical gable venting, wood transom and sash windows, tapered square porch columns on masonry piers, and chimney. The consultant's report claims integrity is lost by minimal alterations such as the porch tile, stuccoed porch columns and chimney, as well as the enclosed rear porch and small projecting side bay, which are both over 50 years in age, composed of period materials (such as wood sash windows and shiplap siding), and illustrate how the building has evolved over time. While there is no evidence that suggests the porch columns were not originally stuccoed, the minimal stucco and porch tile alteration do not impact the strong material integrity of this resource, nor do the rear addition and projecting side bay. However, these two features are also significant as they are over 50 years in age, comprised of period materials, and speak to the adaptation of this resource.

Item 10: Melhorn & Son Historic District - Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) very strongly supports the Melhorn & Son Historic District, including the proposed District Boundary, the Historical Context, Statement of Significance, and Period of Significance (1924-1948) under Criteria A and D. SOHO also predominantly supports the contributing and non-contributing resources as identified, but advocates that 4515 and 4541 Louisiana should both have a contributing status due to remaining integrity. Further, SOHO acknowledges that 17 out of 29 property owners have responded to the poll, with 13 owners in support of the district.

4515 Louisiana:

http://sandiego.cfwebtools.com/search.cfm?display=records&res_id=17898&recordnum=1&dpr_id=25024

4541 Louisiana:

http://sandiego.cfwebtools.com/search.cfm?display=records&res_id=17902&recordnum=1&dpr_id=25028

Thank you for your careful consideration of these important historical resources,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Coons", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the left of a vertical line that extends downwards from the text above.

Bruce Coons
Executive Director
Save Our Heritage Organisation