Development Services Department

Historical Resources Board April 26, 2018

ITEM 8

Sonnier Francisco, Senior Planner





Thomas Shepherd House





Project Summary

Description:

Staff Recommendation: Consider the designation of the Thomas Shepherd House located at 345 Via Del Norte as a historical resource.

Designate the Thomas Shepherd House located at 345 Via Del Norte as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1940 under HRB Criteria C and D. The designation includes the following landscape features of the back yard: Mediterranean terra cotta tile pathways, a terra cotta wellhead at the center of the courtyard surrounded by four putti statues, wood pergolas supported by stucco-clad columns and garden walls, a wrought iron gate, a decorative wrought iron grille at an arched entryway, original stucco garden walls inset with glazed Middle Eastern and Mediterranean tiles, stone griffin statues perched on low stucco walls, a mounted terra cotta medallion with a relief depicting St. Martins, and a bronze putti statue framed by an arch inset into the south garden wall. The designation excludes the original loggia/sunporch toward the rear of the property, which was later enclosed, widened, and converted into a kitchen.





Property Information

- **Location:** 345 Via Del Norte
- **APN(S):** 357-030-02-00
- **Community:** La Jolla
- **Council District:** 1



Location Map





Aerial Photograph





Property Photos



View south toward primary façade of 345 Via Del Norte



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View southwest toward primary façade of 345 Via Del Norte



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View southeast toward primary façade of 345 Via Del Norte



Property Photos



Rear Courtyard, view west



Rear Courtyard, view south



Property Photos



Rear Courtyard, south views toward iron detailing



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Back side yard, view east

Back side yard, view west



Property Photos



Street Façade



Property Photos



Detail of west elevation of enclosed sun porch with newer French doors (1997) at rear courtyard





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View south along east elevation of addition to former sun porch (1997)





Criterion A

Staff is not recommending designation under HRB Criterion A.



Criterion B

Staff is not recommending designation under HRB Criterion B.



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Criterion C

Italian Renaissance style- Recommending Designation

- Symmetrical front façade
- Central entrance accented by classical pilasters
- Wide cornice and molding
- Low-pitched simple hipped roof of ceramic tile
- Stucco cladding
- Backyard landscape features:
 - wood pergolas, putti and griffin statues, decorative wrought iron details, and glazed tile mosaics



Criterion D

Thomas Shepherd, Master Architect-Recommending Designation

 The resource is representative of a notable work of Master Architect, Thomas Shepherd, and retains integrity as it relates to the original design.
Specifically, the resource is representative of a marked shift in Shepherd's residential work from the 1940s onward, inspired by travels to Europe.



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