

CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, December 12, 2016, 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

Staff: Elyse Lowe, Camille Pekarek, Myra Herrmann

Guests: Marie Burke Lia, David Goldberg (JLHS/SOHO), Amie Hayes (SOHO), Diane Kane (LJHS), Sharon Gehl (AIA Preservation Subcommittee)

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

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

Chair Coyle inquired about making Policy Subcommittee meeting record or notes available. Staff indicated that staff notes taken at Policy Subcommittee meetings will be made available on the City website for the Policy Subcommittee and also distributed with future Policy Subcommittee agendas. Boardmember Berge would like to see a reporting of policy issues brought to the full HRB, and expressed concern over issues that are brought to the Policy Subcommittee and not discussed by the full HRB before being brought to the Planning Commission. Chair Coyle noted that Boardmember Hutter had inquired at a previous meeting about a 2008 or 2009 Grand Jury case relating to the Mills Act.

4. Issues – Work Program Discussion

Background

Following the September 12, 2016 Policy Subcommittee meeting staff has drafted an issues matrix with responses by staff as to the status or feasibility of certain issues. The subcommittee will openly discuss the issues matrix presented by staff.

General Boardmember Comment

Chair Coyle questioned whether the list of issues presented in the work program is complete; wants to discuss each one and carry the item over to the January and following Policy Subcommittee meetings; would like to add a prioritization column. Chair Coyle would like to see revisions to the Historic Resource Regulations in the Land Development Code added as an item in the work program matrix, and indicated this would be a high priority item. Boardmember Berge expressed interest in the Policy Subcommittee providing early input as the revisions are being drafted.

Work Program Issue 1 – HRB training by City Attorney

Boardmember Berge indicated this is a priority, expressed interest in conducting these trainings during a lunch session to encourage attendance. Chair Coyle indicated this is a priority.

Ms. Kane suggested conducting these trainings on Saturdays. Mr. May expressed interest in new members to the HRB receiving training on the determinations of the HRB and CEQA.

Ms. Herrmann noted that Saturday trainings in the past have been for CLG training.

Work Program Issue 2 – HRB training by Staff

Chair Coyle and Boardmember Berge indicated this item is a priority. Boardmember Berge noted this issue should be ongoing, and that the San Diego Modernism Historic Context Statement is also a good source for reference in addition to McAlester. Chair Coyle noted that Boardmember Hutter was interested in the training on architectural styles. Boardmember Berge would like to see training for the full HRB on the background to historic district designations and the difference between district contributors and individually significant properties, and that this training topic should be addressed before the next district nomination is brought to the Policy Subcommittee.

Mr. May stated that one cannot rely on McAlester only, and expressed concern about the new members of the HRB. Ms. Kane seconded Mr. May's comments and noted she is working on a style guide for the Uptown plan and an extensive course on architectural styles tailored to San Diego; noted there are many hybrid styles. Mr. Goldberg agreed with Ms. Kane's comments. Ms. Gehl expressed concern with Ms. Kane's comment on hybrid styles and its effect of making all buildings significant; expressed interest in quality over quantity of significant buildings.

Work Program Issue 3 – Outside training

Boardmembers and public attendees expressed general interest in outside training opportunities. It was noted that the City is partnering with the OHP to bring additional training. Ms. Kane noted that CPF training opportunities are approaching.

Work Program Issues 4 – 7 (skipped)

Work Program Issue 8 – Historic Preservation Fund

Chair Coyle noted this issue has come up previously and is of interest; would like to make this a 2nd priority. Boardmember Berge expressed interest in providing a mechanism for the mitigation process; noted this has been done in the past. Chair Coyle would like to know more about how the fund is regulated/restricted, how it is used, how the fund can be built up, and its general status.

Ms. Kane noted she has a list of CEQA approved items relating to this topic. Ms. Gehl stated there should be two separate funds – one for architecture and one for archaeology. Ms. Hayes noted the existence of similar funds in San Juan Capistrano and Ontario to look to as examples. Mr. Goldberg expressed interest in knowing what other jurisdictions have done with similar funds. Mr. May would like to see an itemization of what the existing money in the fund has come from – whether from architectural or archaeological issues.

Work Program Issues 9 – 11 (skipped)

Work Program Issue 12 – Update from City's Tribal Liaison

Chair Coyle noted this as a high priority item and that the full HRB should understand AB52. Boardmember Berge would like to see this type of training brought forward on the same day as a standard HRB meeting.

Ms. Lowe noted that this item could be scheduled as a training item. Ms. Herrmann agreed this could be done and would like to understand more about what the Boardmembers want to know. Ms. Herrmann noted she could look into bringing in a tribal consultant for the training as well, and could provide more high level background on AB52 and SB18.

Work Program Issue 13 – Renaming the Archaeology Subcommittee

Chair Coyle would like to make this a priority. Boardmember Berge wants to make this an agenda item for the next Policy Subcommittee meeting in January. Chair Coyle noted she would like to have a tribal representative on the HRB, and would like the Archaeology Subcommittee renamed to the Archaeological and Tribal Resources Subcommittee.

Mr. May noted there is a difference between the tribal views and the scientific views.

Work Program Issues 14 – 16 (skipped)

General Boardmember Comment

Chair Coyle would like to know more about the roles of other, different departments or sections within the City, what these other departments do relative to historical resources; would like to know more about the City's collections. Boardmember Berge noted the Brewery collection recently discussed at the HRB. Chair Coyle noted the presidio golf course; would like to know more about the city's historical resources in general.

Ms. Herrmann suggested this could be included among the staff trainings.

Ms. Kane expressed interest in seeing an organizational chart available from the City website.

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

Adjourned at 4:15 PM

The next Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

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