

Save Our Heritage Organisation

Protecting San Diego's architectural and cultural heritage since 1969

September 19, 2022

Historical Resources Board City of San Diego 1222 First Avenue, MS 501 San Diego, CA 92101

Re: September 22, 2022 HRB Agenda

Chairman Hutter, board members, and staff,

Item #01 - Arklow Cottage

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the Arklow Cottage located at 7425 Fay Avenue as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1923 under HRB Criterion A.

I do not need to speak if this item remains on the consent agenda.

Item #02 - Joseph and Elizabeth Yamada House

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the Joseph and Elizabeth Yamada House located at 1676 El Camino Del Teatro as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1973-2020 under HRB Criteria B and C.

I do not need to speak on this item if it remains on the consent agenda.

Item #03 El Cantorral Court

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the El Cantorral Court located at 2454-2474 Adams Avenue as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1928 under HRB Criteria A, C, and D.

I do not need to speak on this item if it remains on the consent agenda. I do want to speak if it is removed from the consent agenda.

Item #04 Mut Kula Xuy/Mut Lah Hoya Site #11

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the Mut kula xuy/Mut lah hoya Site #11 as a historical resource under HRB Criterion A.

I do not need to speak on this item if it remains on the consent agenda.

Item #05 - 4865 Canterbury Drive, 92116

Save Our Heritage Organisation, (SOHO) disagrees with the staff report and supports the designation of 4865 Canterbury Drive as a historic resource under criterion C.

This important historic home is prominently situated on a corner lot surrounded by historic homes. This home is a historic anchor for the neighborhood. The owners have gone to great efforts and expense to remove the inappropriate vinyl and replace them with original style wood windows. The three-light casement windows match the previously removed windows in the historic photo exactly on the front and side. The assertion that these windows may not match the windows that originally were on the northeast and southeast facade due to lack of photos of these facades is highly unlikely. In fact, it would be extremely unusual that they were not the same when in the same shape openings and would represent a condition I have not seen on this style home. I, therefore, believe that the windows on the southeast and northeast are highly appropriate and represent an accurate restoration. As for the doors on the back and side of the house, the back door is a replication of an existing door in the house which is an appropriate treatment in the absence of other information. The door on the side is a common form of service door for the period and style of house. Both of these doors are not visible to the public and are also easily reversible, being in their original unaltered openings, should more information become available in the future and should not affect the designation.

The front door does not stand out or detract or distract. It is also in its unaltered opening and is differentiated in style. It is easily reversible when better information becomes available.

Due to the importance of its high style Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and its setting being essential to the historic essence of the neighborhood, we recommend that 4865 Canterbury Drive be designated under criterion C.

I would like to speak on this item.

Item #06 - W.C. and Irene Everett Building

Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO) agrees with the staff report and supports the designation of the W.C. and Irene Everett Building located at 3093-3095 El Cajon Blvd as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1937 under HRB Criterion C.

I would like to speak on this item.

Bruce Coons
Executive Director