

CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD

DESIGN ASSISTANCE SUBCOMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at 3:00 PM

Please Note: This meeting is anticipated to last 1½ hours
12th Floor Conference Room B
City Administration Building
202 C Street, San Diego, CA

The Design Assistance Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the City of San Diego's Historical Resources Board. It is primarily composed of Historical Resources Board members who are design professionals with expertise in historic preservation. The Subcommittee provides an informal atmosphere in which presenters can discuss issues related to historic resources. The Subcommittee is not a voting entity, but rather a forum for discussing issues and solutions related to historic resources and their preservation. Comments on a project concept at the meeting do not predispose future positions on the project by the Historical Resources Board. After a brief staff introduction to a project, applicants will be allowed up to 10 minutes for their presentation, which should be focused on the issues affecting the integrity of the historic resource. Applicants are encouraged to engage in an open dialogue regarding the changes that they propose to make to the historic resource and to seriously consider the Subcommittee members' comments before finalizing their project plans.

The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties shall be used as guidelines in evaluating alterations, changes or potential relocation or demolition of historic resources.

Members of the public will be allowed an opportunity to speak, for up to one minute each, at the end of the Subcommittee's discussion on a project. Each member of the public is required to state their name and the organization (if any) that they represent prior to their one minute presentation.

MEETING AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Public Comment (on matters not on the agenda)
3. 777 Beech Street Proposed Project:

Peter Janopaul would like to discuss the proposed revised project for the 20,000 sq. ft. parcel on the south side of Beech Street between 7th and 8th Avenues (adjacent to the El Cortez Hotel), and the new structure's relationship to the historically-designated El Cortez Hotel. The proposed project has been changed in order to address comments from the Real Estate Committee of the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) Board and the Centre City Advisory Committee. The Real Estate Committee recommended the exploration of alternative designs for the project and has directed the applicant to pursue a project consisting of an 18 story, 180 foot tall exhibiting contemporary architecture. The proposed project is now approximately one story less in height than the El Cortez Hotel structure (not including the El Cortez sign). The distance between the tower of the El Cortez Hotel and the new mid-rise tower is approximately 40 feet (to be confirmed at

the DAS meeting). The Design Assistance Subcommittee will address the issue of consistency of the proposed new project with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards regarding its relationship to the adjacent historically-designated El Cortez Hotel. The DAS recommendation will be presented to the HRB at their next available meeting so that the full HRB can address the issue of consistency with the Standards. (90 minutes)

4. Adjourn

Next Subcommittee Meeting will be on April 4, 2007 at 3:00 PM.

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