

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 28, 2014
202 C STREET, CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM, 12th FLOOR
SAN DIEGO, CA 92101**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lemmo at 1:06PM

Chairperson	John Lemmo	Present
Vice Chairperson	Gail Garbini	Present
2 nd Vice Chairperson	Linda Marrone	Absent
Boardmember	Michael Baksh	Present
Boardmember	Priscilla Berge	Present
Boardmember	Alex Bethke	Present
Boardmember	Maria Curry	Absent
Boardmember	Tom Larimer	Absent
Boardmember	Evelya Rivera	Present
Boardmember	Abel Silvas	Present
Boardmember	Ann Woods	Present

Staff to the Board in Attendance

Shannon Anthony, Board Secretary
Cathy Winterrowd, Deputy Director
Kelley Stanco, Senior Planner
Jodie Brown, Senior Planner
Camille Pekarek, Junior Planner

Legal Counsel in Attendance: Corrine Neuffer, Deputy City Attorney

ITEM 1 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES for July 31, 2014

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER BERGE TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JULY 31, 2014 AS WRITTEN

Seconded by Chair Lemmo

Vote: 6-0-2

Motion Passes

(Bethke and Rivera)

ITEM 2 - PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce Coons: AB 1999, the State Historic Tax Credit Bill is on its way to the Governor's desk for his signature.

ITEM 3 - ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

• **ABSENCES**

Boardmembers Larimer, Curry and Marrone notified Staff they would not be in attendance. Boardmember Silvas has to leave at 2:30pm.

- **OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION**

- ✓ Correspondence for Item 5 - 701 Genter Street
- ✓ La Playa Trail Association lecture flyer
- ✓ HRB Criteria Guidelines
- ✓ Motion and Findings Form for Historical Designation

- **GENERAL BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Boardmember Silvas commented on the La Playa Trail Association Lecture

B. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

- **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

None

- **EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS**

None

FAILURE TO VISIT DESIGNATION SITES (INCLUDING INTERIORS/PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION)/INVOCATION OF WAIVER

None

C. STAFF REPORT

- The La Playa Trail Association is hosting a special lecture entitled “Kumeyaay Along the La Playa Trail” on Tuesday, September 16th at 5:30pm at The Point Loma Assembly. Flyers with additional information can be found on the table by the entry.
- Archaeology Month is coming up in October and the San Diego County Archaeological Society will be celebrating California Archaeology Month and International Archaeology Day on Saturday, October 18th, 2014 as part of their annual *Arch in the Park* event.
- A tentative Council docket date of Tuesday, October 28th has been set for the appeal of the historic designation of the property at 579 San Elijo Street. Staff will report back at the September HRB hearing to confirm the date.

D. REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES

None

ITEM 4 - REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM 7 – EARLE AND HELEN BRUCKER/BENJAMIN TORGERSON HOUSE

ITEM 8 – AMENDMENT TO THE BURLINGAME HISTORIC DISTRICT: 2404 32nd STREET

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY CHAIR LEMMO TO APPROVE ITEMS 7 AND 8 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA PER STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

Seconded by Boardmember Berge

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion Passes

ACTION ITEMS

ITEM 5 – 701 GENTER STREET

Applicant: John and Karen Wiggins represented by Marie Burke Lia

Location: 701 Genter Street, 92037, La Jolla Community, Council District 1 (**1247 1-F**)

Description: Consider the designation of the property located at 701 Genter Street as a historical resource.

Today's Action: Designate the property as a historical resource under adopted designation criteria, or do not designate.

Staff Recommendation: Do not designate the property located at 701 Genter Street under any adopted HRB Criteria due to a lack of historical significance, a sufficient degree of integrity, or association with a master architect, builder or designer.

Report Number: HRB 14-049

Staff Report by Camille Pekarek

Testimony Received:

In Favor: None

In Opposition: Marie Lia, Tom Grunow

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER BERGE TO NOT DESIGNATE ITEM-5 PER STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Seconded by Boardmember Rivera

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion Passes

ITEM 6 – WIRT AND MAUD SMITH APARTMENT HOUSE

Applicant: Tiffiney Welles represented by Legacy 106, Inc.

Location: 4574-4576 North Avenue, 92116, Uptown Community, Council District 3 (**1269 4-C**)

Description: Consider the designation of the property located at 4574-4576 North Avenue as a historical resource.

Today's Action: Designate the property as a historical resource under adopted designation criteria, or do not designate.

Staff Recommendation: Designate the Wirt and Maud Smith Apartment House located at 4574-4576 North Avenue as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1913 under HRB Criterion C.

Report Number: HRB 14-050

Staff Report by Jodie Brown

Testimony Received:

In Favor: Ron May, Kiley Wallace, Tiffiney Welles

In Opposition: None

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY CHAIR LEMMO TO DESIGNATE ITEM 6 – WIRT AND MAUD SMITH APARTMENT HOUSE PER STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Seconded by Boardmember Berge

Vote: 7-1-0

Motion Passes

(Rivera)

ITEM 7 – EARLE AND HELEN BRUCKER/BENJAMIN TORGERSON HOUSE

Applicant: Vaughn Vargus and Regina Williams represented by Legacy 106, Inc.

Location: 2555 Plum Street, 92106, Peninsula Community, Council District 2 (**1268 7-C**)

Description: Consider the designation of the property located at 2555 Plum Street as a historical resource.

Today's Action: Designate the property as a historical resource under adopted designation criteria, or do not designate.

Staff Recommendation: Designate the Earle and Helen Brucker/Benjamin Torgerson House located at 2555 Plum Street as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1940 under HRB Criteria C and D. The designation excludes the 1967 two-story rear addition.

Report Number: HRB 14-051

ITEM PASSED ON CONSENT

ITEM 8 – AMENDMENT TO THE BURLINGAME HISTORIC DISTRICT: 2404 32nd STREET

Applicant: Jerri Gray

Location: 2404 32nd Street, 92104, Greater North Park Community, Council District 3 (**1289 1-E**)

Description: Consider the reclassification of the property located at 2404 32nd Street in the Burlingame Historic District from a Non-Contributing (6L) to a Contributing (5D1) resource and designation of the property under HRB Criterion F.

Today's Action: Reclassify the property as a Contributing resource and designate under HRB Criterion F, or do not reclassify and designate.

Staff Recommendation: Reclassify the property located at 2404 32nd Street in the Burlingame Historic District from a Non-Contributing (6L) to a Contributing (5D1) resource and designate the property under HRB Criterion F.

Report Number: HRB 14-052

ITEM PASSED ON CONSENT

ITEM 9 – ABRAHAM AND ANNE RATNER HOUSE

Applicant: Joshua Gruenberg represented by Scott A. Moomjian

Location: 541 Silvergate Avenue, 92106, Peninsula Community, Council District 2 (**1288 3-A**)

Description: Consider the designation of the property located at 541 Silvergate Avenue as a historical resource.

Today's Action: Designate the property as a historical resource under adopted designation criteria, or do not designate.

Staff Recommendation: Designate the Abraham and Anne Ratner House located at 541 Silvergate Avenue as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1959 under HRB Criterion C.

Report Number: HRB 14-053

Staff Report by Kelley Stanco

Testimony Received:

In Favor: Scott Moomjian

In Opposition: None

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY CHAIR LEMMO TO DESIGNATE ITEM 9 – ABRAHAM AND ANNE RATNER HOUSE PER STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Seconded by Boardmember Berge

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion Passes

ITEM 10 – JAMES AND DORIS BYERLY/RUSSELL FORESTER HOUSE

Applicant: Michael and Keri Rinley Family Trust represented by Jennifer Luce

Location: 1949 Paseo Dorado, 92037, La Jolla Community, Council District 1 (1227 5-G)

Description: Consider the designation of the property located at 1949 Paseo Dorado as a historical resource.

Today's Action: Designate the property as a historical resource under adopted designation criteria, or do not designate.

Staff Recommendation: Designate the James and Doris Byerly/Russell Forester House located at 1949 Paseo Dorado as a historical resource with a period of significance of 1968 under HRB Criterion D. The designation excludes the 230 square foot rear addition constructed in 1990.

Report Number: HRB 14-054

Staff Report by Kelley Stanco

Testimony Received:

In Favor: Jennifer Luce

In Opposition: None

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER BETHKE TO DESIGNATE ITEM 10 – JAMES AND DORIS BYERLY/RUSSELL FORESTER HOUSE UNDER CRITERION C BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS: THE RESOURCE EMBODIES THE DISTINCTIVE CHARACTERISTICS THROUGH THE RETENTION OF CHARACTER DEFINING FEATURES OF MODERNIST ARCHITECTURE AND RETAINS A GOOD LEVEL OF ARCHITECTURAL INTEGRITY FROM ITS 1968 PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE. SPECIFICALLY, THE RESOURCE REFLECTS A UNIQUE ATTEMPT TO BLEND TRADITIONAL, REGIONAL DESIGN ELEMENTS – THOSE OF SPANISH REVIVAL ARCHITECTURE – WITH MODERN AESTHETIC AND CONTEMPORARY MATERIALS. THE RESULTING BUILDING, WHILE NOT STYLISTICALLY PURE OR EASILY DESCRIBED, REFLECTS A UNIQUE, EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN. IN ADDITION THE HEAVY USE OF ARCHES, INTERIOR ARCADES, TILE ROOFING AND STUCCO ALL REFERENCE THE SPANISH REVIVAL ARCHITECTURE OF THE REGION IN AN UNCONVENTIONAL MODERNIST MANNER. THIS FINDING IS FURTHER SUPPORTED BY THE STAFF REPORT, THE HISTORICAL RESEARCH REPORT, AND WRITTEN AND ORAL EVIDENCE PRESENTED AT THE DESIGNATION HEARING.

Seconded by Chair Lemmo

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion Passes

MOTION BY CHAIR LEMMO TO DESIGNATE TO DESIGNATE ITEM 10 – JAMES AND DORIS BYERLY/RUSSELL FORESTER HOUSE UNDER CRITERION D PER STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Seconded by Boardmember Bethke

Vote: 8-0-0

Motion Passes

REMINDER: NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: Thursday, September 25, 2014

LOCATION:

City Administration Building
12th Floor, Council Committee Room

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 2:42PM