

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD
POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA**

Monday, October 9, 2023, 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

HYBRID HEARING

**3rd Floor Conference Room
Development Services Department - City Operations Building
1222 First Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101**

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The Policy 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 interested in policy matters. In general, the Subcommittee is not a voting entity, but rather a forum for discussing issues and policy matters related to historic resources and their preservation. Comments at the meeting do not predispose future positions on any matter by the Historical Resources Board.

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 an agenda item. 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. Non- Agenda Public Comment (on matters not on the agenda)
3. Subcommittee Comment (on matters not on the agenda)
4. Historical Resources Board Naming of Historical Sites: Final review of the Historical Resources Board's current naming policy. Modifications can be made by the Policy Subcommittee and adopted by the full Historical Resources Board. See attached draft document which incorporates comments from the May 2023 and August 2023 Policy Subcommittee meetings.
5. Adjourn

Next Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be on Monday, November 13, at 3:00 PM.

For more information, please contact Suzanne Segur by phone at (619) 236-6139 or email at ssegur@sandiego.gov

Historical Resources Board

Naming of Historical Sites

Adopted By the Historical Resources Board – XXXXXX

BACKGROUND

From time to time questions arise regarding the proper naming of historical sites. In the past the HRB has used the National Standards for the naming of sites, but recent questions have been raised regarding local naming policies specifically the addition to the name, of current owners. For this purpose, the HRB has developed the Historical Site Naming Policy.

For the purposes of this document, a Historical Report shall mean the Historical Resources Research Report or historical Resources Technical Report submitted to the HRB with the designation nomination.

NAMING PROCESS

A historical site shall be named per the guidelines below when it comes up for designation before the Board.

POLICY

The naming of INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNATED historical sites shall follow the priority listing set below with discretion by the Board in the event that a particular property meets the criteria for multiple designation:

1. Sites may be named for the HISTORIC PERSON associated with the site as established by the Historical Report submitted for the site.
2. Sites may be named after the HISTORICAL NAME as it may have been established by the original owner, subsequent owners, or community. Such name shall be substantiated by a Historical Report, as the site's known name since its period of significance or for the past 50 years.
3. If a building, the site may be named for the SPECIFIC NAME PLACED ON THE BUILDING UPON CONSTRUCTION.
4. The name of a Cultural Landscape Site shall include the CULTURAL GROUP associated with it as established by the Historical Report submitted for the site. If the CULTURAL GROUP has assigned a place name to the site, the place name shall be added to the name.
5. If the site is a commercial site it may be named for its HISTORICAL USE OR TENANT based on the Historical Report submitted for the site.
6. If the site is a building, the site may be named after the FIRST OWNER WHO COMMISSIONED THE BUILDING. If the site is a house, the commissioning owner has to have lived in the premises in order for the house to be named for this owner. The spouse of the first owner may also be included in the name if they lived on the premises and absent any specific information for their exclusion. The names would be presented as the order on the Chain of Title.
7. If the site is a commercial building or an income producing building (apartment house) the site may be named after the OWNER WHO HAD IT BUILT.

8. If the site is a house that was built for speculation and the owner who had it built never lived in it, the house may be NAMED FOR ITS OWNER, provided it is also identified in the name as a SPECULATIVE HOUSE.
9. If the site is associated with a master architect, builder or craftsman, the name of the MASTER ARCHITECT, BUILDER, OR CRAFTSMAN shall be ADDED to the other site name designator. This procedure is suggested since often master architects, builder and craftsman are associated with several sites.
10. A site that has been designed by a master architect, builder or craftsman who also resided in and/or owned the site shall have the single designator of the MASTER ARCHITECT, BUILDER OR CRAFTSMAN. Example: Irving Gill House
11. The current owner's name shall not be used in the naming of a site.

The naming of CONTRIBUTING SITES within a Historical District shall be identified by the address of the site. Except, where there is the case of an Individually Designated Site which is also a contributor to the District, the Individual Site Designation naming procedures shall be followed.

RENAMING HISTORICAL SITES

There are cases where a designated historical site comes up for re-naming based on additional information submitted as part of a new Historical Report. In those cases, the site may be renamed as follows:

RENAMING PROCESS

A historical site may be renamed per the above guidelines provided however, that the Board shall take this action at an appropriately noticed public hearing.

1. If the site was previously designated as a contributing site to a historical district with an address name designator and new information is provided as part of a Historical Report that identifies the site's association with historical persons, master architect, historical use, tenancy, or ownership, then the site's name may be modified to reflect the new information available.
2. If the site has a prior descriptive name, but a new name is identified that has a clear historical pedigree based on a Historical Report submitted, then the site should be renamed to reflect the new descriptive historical name, as well as, the earlier designator.
3. If the site has a prior name that was its clear identifier during its period of significance or for more than 50 years, then the name shall not be changed.
4. If the site has a prior name that is derogatory, then it should be changed to a more appropriate historical name based on the policy above.