

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO
HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JULY 27, 2023
HYBRID HEARING**

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

Chairperson Tim Hutter called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Chairperson Tim Hutter adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Tim Hutter – present
Vice-Chairperson Kristi Byers – present
2nd Vice-Chairperson Michael Taylor – absent
Boardmember Ann Woods – present
Boardmember Bruce Abrams – present – *Left at 3:42 pm*
Boardmember Carla Farley – absent
Boardmember Courtney Ann Coyle – present
Boardmember David McCullough – present
Boardmember Dr. Li-Rong Lilly Cheng – present – *Left at 2:59pm*
Boardmember Mathew Winter – present
Boardmember Rammy Cortez – present

City Staff

Jeanne MacKinnon, Deputy City Attorney – present
Kelley Stanco, Planning Department - present
Bernie Turgeon, Planning Department - present
Suzanne Segur, Development Services Department – present
Alvin Lin, Development Services Department – present
Megan Walker, Development Services Department – present
Caroline Garcia, Legislative Recorder – present

Note: All decision makers attended the meeting in person. Staff and members of the public attended both in person and virtually.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Paul Chace expressed concern over the ADA parking project at Presidio Park.

Chuck Kaminski inquired about the status of designation appeals from the April, May, and June HRB meetings. Also, he expressed his concern about the appeal process, and it being abused. He is hoping that City Staff, City Attorney and HRB will look at this process, and what needs to be done for the process not to be abused.

Bruce Coons, Executive Director of Save Our Heritage Organisation (SOHO), would like to echo Paul Chace about the Presidio Park project. He also would like the City Staff and HRB to look into the painting of the Balboa Theatre, to see what can be done about the color.

Boardmember Coyle responded to the Presidio and would like staff to do a memo on that issue and agenize the item for the next Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee.

BOARDMEMBERS COMMENT

Boardmember Coyle introduced her daughter Lexi, who was in the audience. She is interning in her office for the summer and one of the items she needed was to come to a public hearing today and learn about the public hearing process in the City of San Diego.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

None

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

Boardmembers Winter and McCullough were unable to do a site visit for item 1 - Helmhurst Cottage, located at 1570 Virginia Way.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY CHAIR HUTTER TO INVOKE THE WAIVER FOR THE SITE VISIT REQUIRMENT PURSUANT TO FACTOR 2 FOR BOARDMEMBERS WINTER AND MCCULLOUGH FOR ITEM 1 - HELMHURST COTTAGE. Seconded by Boardmember Byers. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0 with Boardmembers McCullough, Woods, Cortez, Byers, Coyle, Abrams, Winter, Cheng, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmembers Taylor and Farley absent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR JUNE 22, 2023

Suzanne Segur and Boardmember Coyle made some minor corrections on the minutes. No other comments.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER BYERS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH CORRECTION FOR JUNE 22, 2023. Seconded by Boardmember McCullough. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0 with Boardmembers McCullough, Woods, Cortez, Byers, Coyle, Abrams, Winter, Cheng, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with and with Boardmembers Taylor and Farley absent.

STAFF REPORT

Kelley Stanco, Deputy Director from the Planning Department introduced herself and shared information on the merger of the two Historic Preservation Sections into a single section of the City Planning Department.

Suzanne Segur, Senior Planner from the Development Services Department reported that there were no appeals on the properties that were designated at the June Historical Resources Board meeting. The appeals for the designations of the Lloyd and Raymona Swortwood Spec House located 7390 Via Capri and the John and Kathryn Osborn/Henry H. Preibisius House located 3485 Hawk Street were withdrawn by the appellant. The properties that were designated at the April Historical Resources Board meeting are still currently on appeal.

A meeting of the Policy Subcommittee was held on July 10th and a discussion was had regarding the composition of the subcommittees. The next Policy Subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, August 14th at 3pm. For information regarding the Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee, please visit the City's website.

The next Design Assistance Subcommittee (DAS) meeting on August 2nd has been canceled.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Item 3 – La Jolla Coastal Historic District National Register Nomination was pulled from the consent agenda and was heard as the first discussion item.

Item 5 – University Community Plan Update Historic Preservation Component was heard as the last discussion item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY CHAIR HUTTER TO HEAR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA IN NUMERICAL ORDER. Seconded by Boardmember Byers. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0 with Boardmembers McCullough, Woods, Cortez, Byers, Coyle, Abrams, Winter, Cheng, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmembers Taylor and Farley absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-1

HELMHURST COTTAGE (Continued from June 22, 2023)

City Council District: 1

Plan Area: La Jolla

Staff: Suzanne Segur

No public testimony in support.

No public testimony received in opposition.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Jennifer Ayala.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER COYLE TO DESIGNATE THE HELMHURST COTTAGE LOCATED AT 1570 VIRGINIA WAY AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE WITH A PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF CIRCA 1911 UNDER HRB CRITERION A. THE DESIGNATION EXCLUDES THE MODIFIED GARAGE AND 1957 SECOND STORY ADDITION CONSTRUCTED OUTSIDE OF THE PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE. THE DESIGNATION INCLUDES THE COBBLESTONE RETAINING WALLS FLANKING THE DRIVEWAY. Seconded by Boardmember Cheng. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0 with Boardmembers Cheng, Winter, Abrams, Coyle, Byers, Cortez, Woods, McCullough, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmembers Taylor and Farley absent.

ITEM-2 ERNEST AND IDA CUSHMAN SPECULATION HOUSE

City Council District: 2

Plan Area: Peninsula

Staff: Alvin Lin

No public testimony in support.

No public testimony received in opposition.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Alexandra Wallace, Kiley Wallace, and Max Senescall.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER COYLE TO DESIGNATE THE ERNEST AND IDA CUSHMAN SPECULATION HOUSE LOCATED AT 2304 PLUM STREET AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE WITH A PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF 1928 UNDER HRB CRITERION C. THE DESIGNATION INCLUDES THE ORIGINAL GARAGE. THE DESIGNATION EXCLUDES THE 2019 PERGOLA STRUCTURE IN THE REAR YARD. Seconded by Boardmember Cheng. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0 with Boardmembers Cheng, Winter, Abrams, Coyle, Byers, Cortez, Woods, McCullough, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmembers Taylor and Farley absent.

ITEM-3 LA JOLLA PARK COASTAL HISTORIC DISTRICT NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION

City Council District: 1

Plan Area: La Jolla

Staff: Kelley Stanco

Public testimony in support of the designation received from Molly McClain, Seonaid McArthur, Brenda Fake, Martin Armstrong, Lauren Lockhart, Paul Johnson, Diane Kane, and Bruce Coons.

Public testimony in opposition of the designation from Scott Moomjian.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Molly McClain, David Goldberg, Seonaid McArthur, Erin McConkey, Susan Comden, Barry Bielinski, Brenda Fake, Martin Armstrong, Lauren Lockhart, Paul Johnson, Diane Kane and Anthony Ciani.

Speaker slips received in opposition on this item from Scott Moomjian.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER COYLE TO RECOMMEND LISTING OF THE LA JOLLA PARK COASTAL HISTORIC DISTRICT PER THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION, AND DIRECTED STAFF TO FORWARD TO THE STATE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION (OHP) AND THE STATE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION (SHRC) THE PUBLIC COMMENT LETTERS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION BY OHP STAFF AND THE SHRC. Seconded by Boardmember Woods. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0 with Boardmembers Cheng, Winter, Abrams, Coyle, Byers, Cortez, Woods, McCullough, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmembers Taylor and Farley absent.

Note: *This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda and was heard as the first discussion item.*

BREAK: 2:59 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

ITEM-4 COMPOSITION OF THE HRB SUBCOMMITTEES

Staff: Suzanne Segur

No public testimony in support of the designation.

No public testimony in opposition of the designation.

No speaker slips in favor received on this item.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER COYLE TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE POLICY, DESIGN ASSISTANCE, AND ARCHEOLOGICAL AND TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES SUBCOMMITTEES CONSISTENT WITH THE ASSISGNMENTS MADE BY THE POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE. Seconded by Boardmember Cheng. The motion passed by a vote of 9-0-0 with Boardmembers Cheng, Winter, Abrams, Coyle, Byers, Cortez, Woods, McCullough, and Chair Hutter voting yea, and with Boardmembers Taylor and Farley absent.

ITEM-5 UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMPONENT

Staff: Bernie Turgeon

No public testimony in support of the designation.

No public testimony in opposition of the designation.

No speaker slips in favor received on this item.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

NO ACTION TAKEN, INFORMATION ITEM ONLY.

Note: This item was heard as the last discussion item.