

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

CHRONOLOGY OF THE MEETING

Vice-Chairperson Kristi Byers called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Kristi Byers adjourned the meeting at 2:22 p.m.

ATTENDANCE DURING THE MEETING:

Chairperson Tim Hutter – absent
Vice-Chairperson Kristi Byers – present
2nd Vice-Chairperson Michael Taylor – present
Boardmember Ann Woods – present
Boardmember Bruce Abrams – present
Boardmember Carla Farley – present
Boardmember Courtney Ann Coyle – present
Boardmember David McCullough – present
Boardmember Dr. Li-Rong Lilly Cheng – absent
Boardmember Mathew Winter – present *–arrived at 1:25 pm*

City Staff

Jeanne MacKinnon, Deputy City Attorney – present
Renee Mezo, Development Services Department – present
Suzanne Segur, Development Services Department – present
Shannon Anthony, 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

Chuck Kaminski invited the staff, the board, and any members of the public to attend the San Diego History Center's opening reception for their new Sim Bruce Richards, Master Architect exhibit on May 11th, from 6:00-8:00 pm.

BOARDMEMBERS COMMENT

Boardmember Coyle made a comment regarding general comments from the public that are being submitted on specific items and was hopeful that the board might be able to get some guidance from the City Attorney's office on how to address that issue moving forward.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Boardmembers Woods, Coyle, Vice-Chair Bryers stated that they met the homeowner of Item #1 – Donald and Gladys Clitsome/Lloyd Ruocco House located at 2228 33rd Street, but that will not influence their decision.

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

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 23, 2023

Suzanne Segur made some corrections on the minutes. No comments from boardmembers.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER FARLEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES WITH STAFF CORRECTIONS FOR MARCH 23, 2023. Seconded by Boardmember Abrams. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0 with Boardmembers Coyle, Abrams, McCullough, Taylor, Woods, Farley, and Vice-Chair Byers voting yea, and Chair Hutter and Boardmember Cheng and Winter absent.

STAFF REPORT

Elizabeth Shearer-Nguyen, Program Manager, Development Services Department reported out that April is National volunteer month, and she wanted to recognize the HRB board for their hard work designating individual historical sites, establishing historical districts, and reviewing development projects that may affect historical resources. The City of San Diego wouldn't be able to preserve San Diego history such as the sites the cultural landscapes or archaeological sites without the commitment and generosity of volunteers like the HRB Boardmembers.

Suzanne Segur, Senior Planner from the Development Services Department reported a few administrative issues. Appeals were filed after March's meeting for the designation of the Kathryn Osborn/Henry H. Preibisius House located at 3485 Hawk Street and the Lloyd and Raymona Swortwood Speculation House located at 7390 Via Capri. Additionally, the appeal of the historic designation of the Mission Hills Branch Public Library, HRB #1384 located at 925 West Washington Street is scheduled to be heard by the City Council on May 22nd. Boardmembers are encouraged to attend the appeal hearing to speak on behalf of the board's action.

Suzanne Segur, Senior Planner from the Development Services Department reported that the next Policy Subcommittee meeting will be held on Monday, May 8th at 3pm. For information regarding the Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee, please visit the Development Services website.

Shannon Anthony, Senior Planner from the Development Services Department reported that the Design Assistance Subcommittee (DAS) met on April 5th and were presented with proposed alternatives for the Site Development Permit for the Herbert York/ Herbert Palmer House/ Casa de Los Amigos located at 6110 Camino De La Costa, HRB Site #1481. The subcommittee requested that the applicant include an alternative that addresses retaining portions of the historic building. The next Design Assistant Subcommittee (DAS) will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd at 4pm, Conference Room 3B on the 3rd Floor Development Services Building.

REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE CONTINUED AND/OR WITHDRAWN

None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Item 1 – Donald and Gladys Clitsome/Lloyd Ruocco House located at 2228 33rd Street was pulled from the consent Agenda and was heard as the first discussion item.

Item 2 – Fred Rohr/Ralph L. Frank House located at 555 San Fernando Street was pulled from the consent Agenda and was heard as the second discussion item.

Item 3 - Mamie and Oliver Evans/William Templeton Johnson House located at 4388 Ampudia Street was pulled from the consent Agenda and was heard as the third discussion item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBERS MCCULLOUGH TO HEAR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA IN NUMERICAL ORDER. Seconded by Boardmember Coyle. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-0 with Boardmembers Coyle, Abrams, McCullough, Taylor, Woods, Farley, and Vice-Chair Byers voting yea, and Chair Hutter and Boardmember Cheng and Winter absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ITEM-1 DONALD AND GLADYS CLITSOME/LLOYD RUOCCO HOUSE

City Council District: 3

Plan Area: North Park

Staff: Megan Walker

No public testimony in support of the designation received.

No public testimony in opposition of the designation received.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Todd Pitman.

Speaker slips received in opposition on this item from Clint Daniels.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER COYLE APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADDING THE BUILD-IN PLYWOOD SHELVES AT THE LIVING ROOM AND HALLWAY TO THE DESIGNATED INTERIOR FEATURES TO DESIGNATE THE DONALD AND GLADYS CLITSOME/LLOYD RUOCCO HOUSE LOCATED AT 2228 33RD STREET AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE WITH A PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF 1938 UNDER HRB CRITERIA C AND D. THE DESIGNATION INCLUDES THE INTERIOR WOOD PANELING, RAFTER BEAMS, AND PLYWOOD DETAILING OF THE LIVING ROOM CEILING AND THE STONE AND BRICK FIREPLACE.

Seconded by Boardmember Taylor. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0 with Boardmembers Coyle, Abrams, McCullough, Winter, Taylor, Woods, Farley, and Vice-Chair Byers voting yea, and Chair Hutter and Boardmember Cheng absent.

ITEM-2 FRED ROHR/ RALPH L. FRANK HOUSE

City Council District: 2

Plan Area: Peninsula

Staff: Suzanne Segur

Public testimony in support of the designation received Kiley Wallace, Kim Earnshaw, and Jim Olson.

No public testimony in opposition of the designation.

Speaker slips in favor received on this item from Kiley Wallace, Alexandra Wallace, Kimberly Earnshaw, Patrick Earnshaw, and Jim Olson.

Speaker slips received in opposition on this item from Clint Daniels.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER COYLE APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION WITH THE ADDITION THAT ORIGINAL FENCE CARRY OVER ONTO OWEN STREET AND THE CLARIFICATION REGARDING THE PERIODS OF SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHING TO THE SPECIFIC CRITERIA TO DESIGNATE THE FRED ROHR/RALPH L. FRANK HOUSE LOCATED AT 555 SAN FERNANDO STREET AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE WITH A PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF 1940 AND 1942-1965 UNDER HRB CRITERIA B, C AND D. THE DESIGNATION EXCLUDES THE 2022 BASEMENT LEVEL ENCLOSURE. THE DESIGNATION INCLUDES THE COBBLESTONE WALL AND FENCE ON SAN FERNANDO STREET, THE GRANITE SITE WALLS AT THE DRIVEWAY, AND THE S-SHAPED STONE SITE WALL IN THE FRONT YARD. Seconded by Boardmember Taylor. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0 with Boardmembers Coyle, Abrams, McCullough, Winter, Taylor, Woods, Farley, and Vice-Chair Byers voting yea, and Chair Hutter and Boardmember Cheng absent.

ITEM-3 MAMIE AND OLIVER EVANS/WILLIAM TEMPLETON JOHNSON HOUSE

City Council District: 3

Plan Area: Uptown

Staff: Alvin Lin

Public testimony in support of the designation received from Ron May, Pamela Molohon, and Kirk Burgany.

No public testimony in opposition of the designation.

No speaker slips in favor received on this item.

Speaker slips received in opposition on this item from Clint Daniels.

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER MCCULLOUGH APPROVING STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADDING THE INCLUSION OF THE TRUNK ROOM TO DESIGNATE THE MAMIE AND OLIVER EVANS/WILLIAM TEMPLETON JOHNSON HOUSE LOCATED AT 4388 AMPUDIA STREET AS A HISTORICAL RESOURCE

WITH A PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE OF 1924 UNDER HRB CRITERIA C AND D. THE DESIGNATION INCLUDES THE SOUTHEAST ELEVATION BRICK TERRACE AND WALKWAY. THE DESIGNATION EXCLUDES THE PRE-1935 ADDITION ATOP THE GARAGE, THE 1994 PATIO, AND THE 2019 SECOND-STORY ADDITION, ALL BUILT OUTSIDE THE PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANCE. Seconded by Boardmember Farley. The motion passed by a vote of 8-0-0 with Boardmembers Coyle, Abrams, McCullough, Winter, Taylor, Woods, Farley, and Vice-Chair Byers voting yea, and Chair Hutter and Boardmember Cheng absent.

ITEM-4 SELECTION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD CHAIR

No public testimony in support.

No public testimony received in opposition.

No speaker slips in favor received on this item.

No speaker slips received in opposition on this item.

BOARD ACTION:

MOTION BY BOARDMEMBER MCCULLOUGH TO RENOMINATE TIM HUTTER AS CHAIR OF THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD. Seconded by Boardmember Winter. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0-1 with Boardmembers Abrams, McCullough, Winter, Taylor, Woods, Farley, and Vice-Chair Byers voting yea, with Boardmember Coyle abstaining, and Chair Hutter and Boardmember Cheng absent.