



City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023, 3:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: J. Brown, M. Carter (L), N. Ferguson, J. Gamble, A. Hudson (L), C. McDoniel,
J. Sisson, C. Tobin

STAFF: M. Tinio, S. Watson, Dave Murray, A. Beaumon, F. Andrade

Chair Gamble called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the audience.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of April 19, 2023, were approved as presented.

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD ATTENDANCE

The Board excused the April 19th absence of Board Member Hudson due to personal matters. Board Member Carter arrived late and Board Member Sisson left the April 19th meeting early.

Motion by Board Member Brown and Seconded by Board Member Sisson, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried: Unanimously

AYES: Brown, Ferguson, Gamble, McDoniel, Sisson, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Carter, Hudson

ABSTENTION: None



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WORKSHOP

PRESENTATION BY ROBYN PETERSON, MUSEUM DIRECTOR, ON THE STATUS OF THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN FOR HARADA HOUSE, PHASE I, AND THE HARADA HOUSE INTERPRETIVE CENTER (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE ROBINSON HOUSE)

Mr. Watson introduced Robyn Peterson, Museum Director.

Ms. Peterson updated the Board on the status of the Harada House, Phase I and Harada House interpretive Center. She asked for the Board's input and stated she was available to answer any questions.

Board Member Carter arrived at this time.

There were no comments from the public.

Chair Gamble thanked Ms. Peterson for her presentation.

WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL AMENDMENTS TO TITLE 20 OF THE RIVERSIDE MUNICIPAL CODE AND PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON REVISED AMENDMENTS (Continued from October 19, 2022)

Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report. Mr. Watson went over the concerns expressed previously by the Board regarding Title 20.

Board Member Hudson arrived at this time.

Mr. Watson stated that after the September 21, 2022 CHB meeting, the Title 20 subcommittee was reconvened to discuss additional concerns raised at the CHB meeting. At the Subcommittee meeting staff was presented with additional redlines provided by Board Members Sisson and McDoniel. With the goal of balancing the property owners' needs and expectations, best practices for historic preservation and addressing CHB concerns, staff has provided additional revisions to the update. He conducted an overview of these concerns and how they have been addressed. He noted that staff did receive several public comments regarding the desire to maintain the existing historic designation types. For clarification, this proposal will not eliminate any of the existing designation types. All City Structures of Merit, Landmarks, Historic Districts



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and Neighborhood Conservation Areas will remain in place. Staff has also received a letter from the Old Riverside Foundation expressing support for certain portions of the update.

Mr. Watson added that staff received a comment regarding SB9 and Neighborhood Conservation Areas. Neighborhood Conservation Areas are considered Historic Districts under State law and therefore they would be exempt under SB 9: therefore, SB 9 lot splits would not apply to properties in Neighborhood Conservation Areas.

Public Comment:

Paula Horychuk and Dave Stolte spoke in support of the Title 20 amendments with additional redlines by Board Members Sisson and McDoniel. Kathy Wesley spoke regarding the 300' radius notification and suggested expanding the notification. The public comment period was closed.

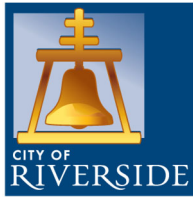
Board Member Brown added that a placard requirement helps enlarge the mail notice requirement.

Mr. Watson went through the changes item by item.

Among comments on other sections of Title 20, Board Member Sisson provided comments on the CEQA section and suggested that the approval authority should not be dictated by the CEQA clearance type.

In response to some of the comments, Ms. Tinio explained the process followed by staff with regard to other entitlements in the City. She noted that a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is reviewed by Planning Commission and stops there. If there is a CEQA document such as an EIR that is required attached to that CUP, it would be reviewed by the City Council with the Planning Commission becoming the recommending body. The CUP and CEQA document would go before the City Council for final approval. In this instance, staff has structured this to follow a similar path and if it were to change for CHB, it would be different than what is done with other boards and commissions.

Mr. Watson clarified that there is no CLG requirement that the Board is the final approval authority on Certificates of Appropriateness. The CLG does require that a historic preservation commission review it but they can be a recommending body to another body. This is not unheard of in other CLGs across the state.



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Board Member Sisson asked if staff could consider for the next meeting, a compromise/consensus regarding staff's policy and logistical concerns and the Board's concerns regarding demolitions.

Ms. Tinio stated that staff recognizes that the Board would like to move Title 20 forward. This is where staff sees the happy medium and staff is amenable to review things again. Staff feels that we have tightened this and have reached a balance. It is our intent to bring it forward to the Board for your recommendation and recognize that there are sections, as discussed, where it may be board recommended or staff recommended.

Chair Gamble stated that the reason the Board is reviewing this Title is an illegal demolition. City Council was faced with this problem and they did not have an answer to it. She stressed that the Board review these changes, this is what City Council asked the Board to do.

Chair Gamble asked that when this item returns, that the version Board Member Sisson provided be included. This version shows where he pulled language from and what cities that he used to show which language he was using. She also asked that the Certified Local Government requirements also be included.

The Board did not take any formal action.

COMMUNICATIONS

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND UPDATE FROM CITY PLANNER AND BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Tinio introduced Dave Murray, former Riverside employee, who has returned to the city. He will be working closely with CHB along with Mr. Watson.

Mr. Watson announced that two CLG Grant applications were submitted this year. One was for the resurveying of historic districts. The other was an application for ADU design guidelines.

Chair Gamble announced that the Mills Act applications are due by May 31, 2023 at 4:00 pm.



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Mr. Watson announced the Historic Resources Inventory is now available online. He stated that staff has identified various errors in the Historic Resources Inventory and will be working on getting those cleaned up.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m. to the meeting of June 21, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes were approved as presented at the June 21, 2023, meeting.