

HARADA HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 15, 2017

MINUTES

Attendance: Mary Hughes, Rose Monge, Chuck Wilson, Dave Barnhart, Lauren Bricker, Eleanor Colombo, Jim Ferguson, Councilman Mike Gardner, Meiko Inaba, Nancy Takano, Michiko Yoshimura

Conference Call ins: Todd Carpenter, Naomi Harada

City Staff: Brenda Focht

Guests: Teresa Hanley, Luz Negrón, Katherine Wilson

1. Meeting called to order by Chuck Wilson
2. Status of Harada House Progress to Date  
Chuck Wilson provided an update on the Harada House reporting that the structural assessment is proceeding.
3. Reeder Citrus Ranch: A local historic house project  
Teresa Hanley, Executive Director of the Reeder Citrus Ranch Foundation gave a presentation on how this historic site approached its structural preservation. The foundation project was completed in early 2016 and funded by City of Montclair CDBG funds and financial support from the Reeder Citrus Ranch Foundation.
4. Three levels of Harada House use  
Chuck Wilson opened to floor to what level of use is desired for the Harada House. Discussion followed including how the Robinson House was being incorporated into the Harada House project. Its future as an interpretative center has not been moving forward. Following discussion Jim Ferguson made the following motion:  
  
Have Robinson House open as an Interpretive Center for the Harada House by March 2018.  
Motion seconded: Eleanor Colombo  
The motion passed with one abstention and one no vote.
5. RMA Multi-cultural Committee 2017 Day of Inclusion  
Rose Monge HH Committee member and Day Of Inclusion (DOI) co-chair and guests DOI committee member Luz Negrón and DOI co-chair Katherine Wilson shared the program for the December 17, 2017 Day of Inclusion. The DOI will be held from 1-4 at "The Box". Naomi Harada, granddaughter of Jukichi and Ken

Harada will be one of the speakers. Seventh Annual Day of Inclusion is dedicated to Harada House and the Japanese Culture.

Next meeting Friday, October 20, 2017

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