

MAIN MUSEUM STATUS

Community & Economic Development Department

Cultural Heritage Board

Agenda Item: 4

May 17, 2023

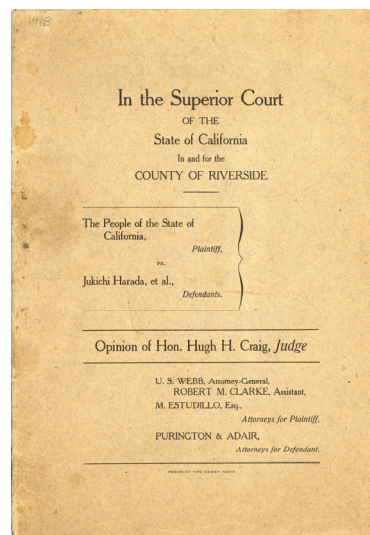
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BACKGROUND/HISTORY

First test in the U.S. of the constitutionality of exclusionary and racist property and immigration laws.

A National Historic Landmark since 1990.



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BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Notable dates so far:

- Historic Register, 1977
- National History Landmark, 1990
- House donated to City, 2003
- Historic structures report, 2007
- Mark Rawitsch publishes *The House on Lemon Street*, 2012
- Robinson House acquired, 2014
- "Save America's Treasures" grant awarded, 2020
- \$7 million state allocation, 2021



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CURRENT ANALYSIS

Harada House, Phase I

- Structural
- Life safety
- Mechanical, electrical, plumbing
- Accessibility
- Aesthetics



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CURRENT ANALYSIS

- Multiple technical investigations
- Data-gathering to ensure success
- No “do-overs”



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CURRENT ANALYSIS



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CURRENT ANALYSIS

- Detailed analyses prepared for both Harada House and Robinson House

Harada House – Site Analysis Report
3356 Lemon Street, Riverside, CA 92501



Report by:
IS ARCHITECTURE

December 2022
Revised March 2023



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CURRENT PLANNING

- Investigative demolition
- Laser scanning
- Planning for eventual utilities and site work.



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CURRENT ANALYSIS

- Specialists consulting on wallpaper and the inscription on plaster



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CURRENT ANALYSIS



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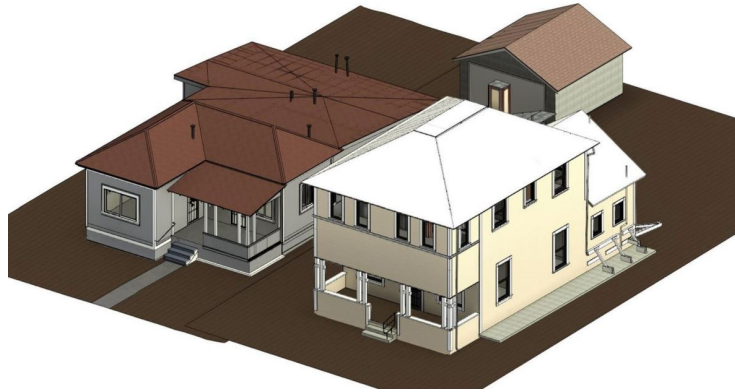


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CONCEPTUAL PLAN

- Site plans for both parcels developed in tandem
- Maneuvering space to do the work is very limited



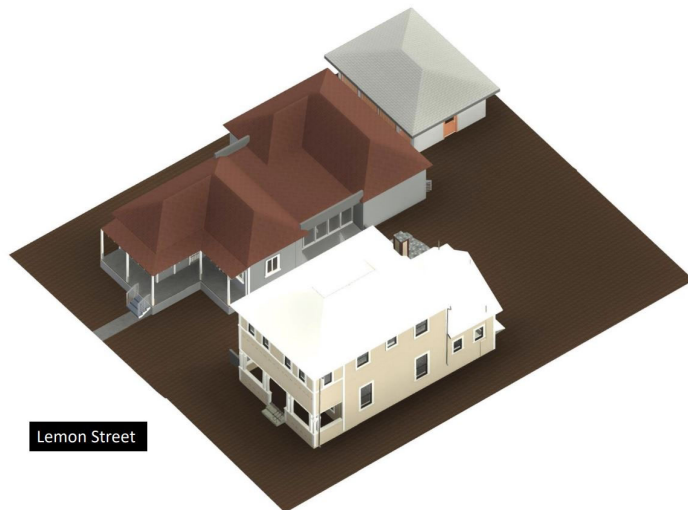
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CONCEPTUAL PLAN

- Interpretive Center will occupy Robinson House footprint
- Street-level appearance similar



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CONCEPTUAL PLAN

- Meeting contemporary needs in a historic reconstruction
- ADA needs
- Artifact preservation in gallery



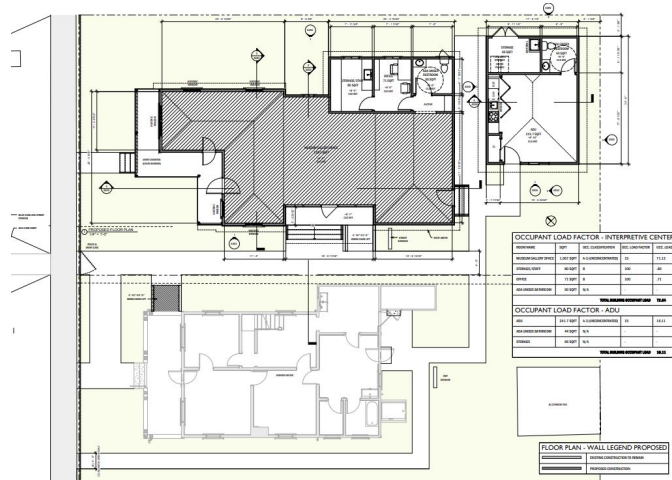
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CONCEPTUAL PLAN

- Interpretive Center uses
- Likely audience size and tour size
- Exhibitions and in-person programs

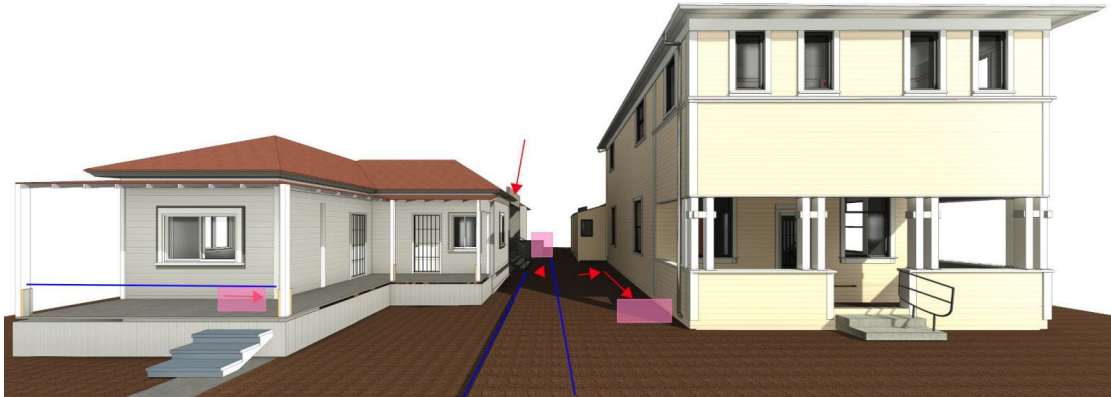


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CONCEPTUAL PLAN



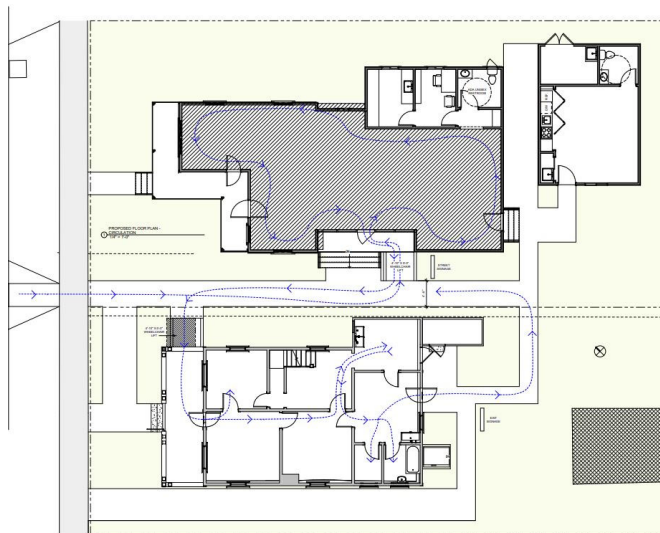
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CONCEPTUAL PLAN

- Site circulation incorporating self-guided and docent-guided portions of the experience



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YOUR INPUT

- Accessibility
- Programs
- Neighborhood impacts
- What have we overlooked?



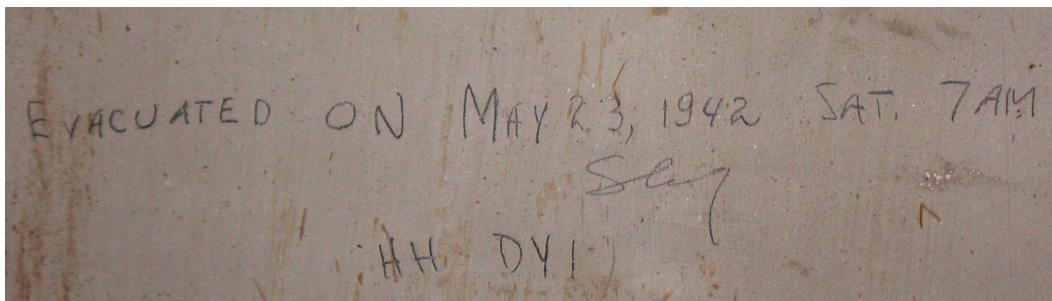
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THANK YOU

- Share ideas
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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Strategic Priority No. 1 – *Arts, Culture and Recreation*

Goal 1.1 – Strengthen Riverside’s portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs and amenities through expended community partnerships, shared use opportunities and fund development.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust



Fiscal Responsibility



Sustainability & Resiliency



Equity



Innovation



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RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Cultural Heritage Board:

1. Receive, provide input, and file a presentation on the current status of planning on the rehabilitation of Harada House, Phase I, and the demolition and reconstruction of Robinson House to become the Harada House Interpretive Center.



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