

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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1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Chuck Wilson
2. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 2017. Minutes were approved as amended
3. Progress on work on the Harada House:
Harada House structural work was discussed with the general consensus that the objective was to make the house structurally sound. The recently completed preliminary assessment was necessary as it determined the scope of the structural assessment.

Committee Member Barnhart stressed the importance of bringing an Architect of Record onto the project as soon as possible. Committee Member Bricker stated the importance of this individual being a preservation architect. Committee Member/Councilman Gardner commented that the City is unlikely to provide, as a budgeted item, funds to complete the long-range work on Harada.

Following the discussion Committee Members Barnhart and Hughes made the motion:

Have an Architect of Record/Project Manager on board by the time the structural engineering assessment report is completed.

Committee Member Bricker seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Member Hughes and Committee Member/Councilman Gardner requested a copy of the contract for the assessment work be made available.

Following discussion Committee Members Hughes and Barnhart made the motion:

Have a copy of the contract for the structural assessment made available.
Committee Member Bricker seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

4. Museum Board Report:
Chairman Wilson reported a Harada House Committee report would be on the Metropolitan Museum Board November Board Agenda.
5. "Dreams" for levels of activity at the house:
Harada House Committee Members were requested to send to Museum staff member Brenda Focht their "Dreams" for level of activity for the Harada House. The "Dreams" will be presented at the Friday, November 17, 2017 Harada House Committee Meeting.
6. Other:
Committee Member Bricker voiced concern at the lack of a caretaker for the Harada House.

Next meeting:
Friday, November 17, 2017 at 10:00 am at RMM Conference Room.

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