

HARADA HOUSE PROJECT COMMITTEE MEETING
November 17, 2017

MINUTES

Attendance: Mary Hughes, Chuck Wilson, Dave Barnhart, Lauren Bricker, Eleanor Colombo, Jim Ferguson, Nancy Takano, Dwight Tate, Kathy Wright

Conference Call-ins: Peyton Hall, Naomi Harada

City Staff: Brenda Focht

Guest: Luz Negrón

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Chuck Wilson.
2. Approval of Minutes of October 20, 2017 as amended.
3. Report from the Metropolitan Museum Board November Meeting: The Board meeting was rescheduled for November 30, 2017. A Museum Board Report will be presented at the Harada House Project Committee's December meeting.
4. Follow up on Harada House structural assessment: Work is in progress for Harada House structural assessment. The structural assessment is following the preservation plan as specified in the project Scope of Work with preservation protocols being followed.
5. Cal Poly presentations: Review of Cal Poly Presentations for the Harada House Cal Poly Professor/Committee Member Bricker presented six projects created by Cal Poly architecture and landscape students. The students envisioned a unifying landscape for the Harada House and Robinson House campus. Committee Member Harada requested that the projects be made available to all committee members.
6. "Dream" Suggestions for Harada House Project Development:
 - (a) Discussion: Robinson House for caretaker housing.
Following discussion Committee Member Ferguson made the motion: Robinson House to be used for an interpretative center not for a caretaker house. Committee Member Bricker seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.
 - (b) Discussion: Landscape to provide compatibility and unification for the Harada House and Robinson House campus.
The houses need to be treated as a single unit. The Cal Poly projects illustrated the use of the landscape to achieve this goal.

Following discussion Committee Member Hughes made the motion:
Harada House Project site landscape to be treated as a single project.
Committee Member Ferguson seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

(c) Discussion: Creation of a public space between the Harada House and the Robinson House.

The properties have grade changes. These changes need to be considered in the development of the public space.

Following discussion Committee Member Wright made the motion:
Public space between the two structures be incorporated into the spatial design.
Committee Member Hughes seconded the motion.
The motion passed unanimously.

(d) Discussion: Need for Accessibility of visitors to the Harada House second floor.

This topic was introduced by Chairperson Wilson. Committee Member concerns were: (i) visitor accessibility to view Harold Harada's inscription; (ii) keeping structural integrity; (iii) structural feasibility of accessibility; (iv) cost of accessibility options.

Following discussion Committee Member Barnhart made the motion:
Need an Architect of Record to provide an assessment for visitor accessibility to the Harada House second floor.
Committee Member Colombo seconded the motion.
The motion passed with one abstention and one no vote

7. Other Issues:

Day of Inclusion: Guest Negron mentioned the Riverside Museum Associates' Multi-Cultural Committee's 2017 "Day of Inclusion" will be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017 from 1-4 pm at the Box. Naomi Harada will be a speaker.

Foundation Status: Chairperson Wilson reported that the Harada House Foundation has not received its nonprofit 501 (c) 3 status as of 11/17/2017, however, it is expected to be received by 12/30/2017.

Next meeting: Friday, December 15, 2017 at 10:00am in Museum Conference room

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