

**Metropolitan Museum Board  
HARADA HOUSE PROJECT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**April 20, 2018**

3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

**Committee Members Present**

Dave Barnhart  
Lauren Bricker  
Gina Collins  
Naomi Harada (by phone)  
Mary Hughes  
Rose Monge  
Steven Spiller  
Nancy Takano  
Dwight Tate  
Chuck Wilson  
Kathy Wright  
Michiko Yoshimura

**City Staff Present**

Robyn G. Peterson  
Toni Kinsman

**Committee Members Absent**

Larry Burgess  
Todd Carpenter  
Eleanor Colombo  
Wayne Donaldson  
Jim Ferguson  
Councilmember Mike Gardner  
Erin Gettis  
Peyton Hall  
Anthea Hartig  
Lane Hirabayashi  
Meiko Inaba  
Hillary Jenks  
Daniel Kido  
Elissa Kido  
Carol McDoniel  
Knox Mellon  
Yolanda Moses  
Sarah Mundy  
Irene Ogata  
Mark Rawitsch  
Bonnie Small

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Wilson at 10:00 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting held on March 16, 2018 were approved as written.

Motion: Committee Member Wright

Second: Committee Member Tate

Ayes: All

**HARADA HOUSE PROJECT COMMITTEE (HHPC) REPORT TO MUSEUM BOARD**

Chuck Wilson submitted a periodic report for review.

Corrections were made to Recommendations title, item 4, and item 5.

It was important to the Committee that the landmark status and historic integrity of the house be preserved to allow it to be used for interpretation of the Harada Family story. The goal of safe accessibility to the public is a requirement, which may not be full structural access.

Draft with edits is listed on page 3 of the minutes.

**STATE LANDMARK DESIGNATION UPDATE**

Committee Member Bricker reported that the language for the application needs to be finalized with Director Peterson. The quarterly meeting of the California State Historic Resources Committee will be in May 2018.

### **ROBINSON HOUSE UPDATE**

On March 14, 2018 the Metropolitan Museum Board reviewed and approved applying for the Community Development Block Grant that will allow the Robinson House to be occupied by a low-income client as a residence for a period of 2-3+ years after which the Museum will more likely be ready to proceed to development of the Interpretive Center.

### **MUSEUM BOARD REPORT**

Committee Member Hughes was present but the items from the Board meeting were discussed above.

### **DONOR RECOGNITION**

Director Peterson passed around three (3) draft versions of a donor recognition sign that will be placed in the front yard of either Harada House or Robinson House and viewable by pedestrians.

### **HARADA HOUSE STRUCTURAL REPORT**

Director Peterson said the structural report is expected to be received for Museum staff review by the end of April 2018. The funding to retain an architect must be secured before an RFQ process can begin. The report will be available for the HHPC to review at their next meeting.

### **HARADA HOUSE FOUNDATION**

The Harada House Foundation is now able to accept donations and is working on a campaign with marketing materials to fund Phase I, an RFQ for the architect.

### **CALIFORNIA CIVIL LIBERTIES GRANT UPDATE**

Due to the application deadline (April 20, 2018) and grant application requirements for the City, the Museum did not submit for funds from the California Civil Liberties Public Education Program (California Civil Liberties [CCL] Program), administered by the California State Library. The program is expected to be funded for at least two additional cycles.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

A discussion was held to change the meeting dates to allow for action items from the HHPC to appear in a timely manner to the Metropolitan Museum Board, meeting the Museum staff timeline for Metropolitan Museum Board agenda publication. A motion was made to move the meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month at 10:00 a.m. effective June 1, 2018.

Motion: Committee Member Barnhart

Second: Committee Member Bricker

Ayes: All

The next regularly scheduled meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Museum Conference room pending availability of the Harada House structural report for HHPC review.

The next HHPC agenda will discuss the Harada House structural assessment report, Museum Board updates, Harada House Foundation update, and State of CA landmark designation update.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Prepared by:

Toni Kinsman, Museum Senior Office Specialist

Reviewed by:

Brenda Buller Focht, Ph.D., Museum Curator

## REVISED

### Harada House Project Committee

#### Periodic Report

April 20, 2018

Recommendations for ~~Museum Board Support~~ National Historic Landmark Harada House:

1. The Harada House and the Robinson House be treated as part of a single project and no visible barrier be maintained between the two buildings.
2. The Robinson House be developed as a visitor center for the Harada House.
3. A full-time caretaker be employed to reside on the project.
4. Prioritize feasible access to the entire Harada House is available to the public.
5. A restoration architect be employed before additional work is begun on the restoration of the Harada House within 60 days of Metropolitan Museum Board approval.

#### Additional Recommendations

1. A caretaker be assigned to the project during the restoration work on the Harada House.
2. The Robinson House be modified to accommodate small conference groups during the work on the Harada House.

The recent cooperation with the city's department of housing which would modify the Robinson House to provide living quarters for a caretaker for a three-year period serves the same purpose as the above recommendations. There will be somebody on site during the restoration project.