

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

June 1, 2018

3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

Committee Members Present

Dave Barnhart
Lauren Bricker
Gina Collins
Eleanor Colombo
Mary Hughes
Rose Monge
Carol McDaniel
Steven Spiller
Nancy Takano
Dwight Tate
Chuck Wilson
Kathy Wright

City Staff Present

Robyn G. Peterson
Brenda B. Focht

Committee Members Absent

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

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 April 20, 2018 were approved as written.

Motion: Committee Member Wright

Second: Committee Member Barnhart

Ayes: All

STATE LANDMARK DESIGNATION (SLD) UPDATE

Committee Member Bricker reported that she met with Museum Director Peterson pertaining to the SLD for the Harada House. The application could be reviewed at one of the remaining 2018 meetings of the California State Historic Resources Committee. Committee Member Bricker expressed that the application for SLD should proceed smoothly as the Harada House is a National Historic Landmark (NHL) site.

MUSEUM BOARD REPORT

Committee Member Hughes reported that the Harada House Structural Report (Report) will be presented to the Metropolitan Museum Board (Board) at their June 2018 meeting. The HHPC Periodic Report will also be distributed with the June 2018 Board meeting materials.

HARADA HOUSE STRUCTURAL REPORT

Director Peterson reported that the Report stated that the Harada House condition is at least as severely deteriorated as was feared.

HARADA HOUSE FOUNDATION

The Harada House Foundation (HHF) Officers and Museum Director met with Committee Member Wayne Donaldson. Committee Member Donaldson had reviewed the Report and presented his interpretation of it to the Foundation Officers and Museum Director. Committee Member Donaldson noted that there are multiple approaches to the Harada House preservation. The Report addressed the Harada House preservation project from a safety and liability perspective, which emphasis on current building issues and code requirements. Preservation of the Harada House according to a conservation preservation directive would adhere to the California Historic Building Code.

According to Committee Member Donaldson, the National Trust ranks its sites based on site structural integrity. The highest rated sites are awarded six stars. Only two NHLs have a six-star rating. The Harada House has a five-star rating. In order to retain its five-star rating, Committee Member Donaldson suggested that the Harada House preservation project utilize as much of the original fabric of the structure as possible.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Peterson proposed that the Harada House Project Committee (HHPC) once again reexamine the two competing site ethical issues: preservation versus accessibility.

Committee Member Wright proposed that the HHPC not meet in July. Museum Director Peterson reported that any updates would be sent to Committee Members through email.

Motion: Committee Member Wright moved that the HHPC not meet in the month of July 2018.
Second: Committee Member _____
Ayes: All

The next HHPC meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Museum Conference room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Prepared by: Brenda Buller Focht, Ph.D., Museum Curator

Reviewed by: Robyn G. Peterson, Ph.D., Museum Director