

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

**September 7, 2018**

3580 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501

**Committee Members Present**

Dave Barnhart  
Eleanor Colombo  
Councilman Mike Gardner  
Gina Collins  
Naomi Harada (by phone)  
Mary Hughes  
Meiko Inaba  
Rose Monge  
Carol McDoniel  
Steve Spiller  
Nancy Takano  
Chuck Wilson  
Michiko Yoshimura

**Committee Members Absent**

Lauren Bricker  
Todd Carpenter  
Jim Ferguson  
Peyton Hall  
Anthea Hartig  
Hillary Jenks  
Elissa Kido  
Sarah Mundy  
Bonnie Small  
Dwight Tate  
Kathy Wright

**City Staff Present**

Robyn G. Peterson  
Toni Kinsman

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Wilson at 10:02 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

The minutes for the meeting held on August 3, 2018 were approved as written.

Motion: Committee Member Barnhart  
Second: Committee Member Yoshimura  
Ayes: All

**STATE LANDMARK DESIGNATION UPDATE**

Museum Director Peterson reported there is no update on the State Landmark Designation application for the NHL Harada House other than it submitted and is under review. Staff expect to conduct additional research to support the application.

**MUSEUM BOARD REPORT**

Committee Member Hughes reported that the Metropolitan Museum Board (Board) will not meet in September. The Heritage House re-opens for tours starting today. The RFP was released for Museum architects- so far 40 vendors were reached. The Board is looking to expand by 2 additional members.

**100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF HARADA HOUSE LEGAL CASE**

The centenary celebration will take place on September 17, 2018 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Harada House and Robinson House. RSVPs were requested from those who plan on attending. The Museum is expecting a representative from the Los Angeles Japanese consulate to attend as a guest during the event. There is a possibility for local weather anchor Kimi Evans from

Channel 7 News to MC the event. It was also suggested to invite David Ono, co-anchor from Channel 7 News to the event as well.

### **ROBINSON HOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT**

A copy of the proposed plans for the rehabilitation of the Robinson House were distributed for review. The plans will swap the caretaker residency side and the proposed interpretive center. Funding for this project is possible thanks for the Office of Homeless Solutions applying for CDBG funding. An interior door will be installed to allow for ease of access between the two spaces.

### **HARADA HOUSE FOUNDATION (HHF)**

Committee Member Wilson reported that the HHF applied for a \$9,000 grant from the Metabolic Studio, an affiliate of the Annenberg Foundation, which was awarded AND increased to \$15,000. The funds will be used to hire three preservation architect-cost estimator teams via RFP to provide ballpark figures for the cost and primary thresholds for Harada House preservation stages. Funding is expected to be received in 1-2 months. Spiller suggested someone contact the California Preservation Foundation to get on the agenda for their upcoming Palm Springs conference for a tour related to Harada House. Museum staff created a logo for the HHF, which will be featured on stickers distributed at the Centenary event to increase visibility for the HHF efforts.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Committee Member Monge reported the RMA Multicultural Council Day of Inclusion is scheduled for Saturday December 8, 2018 from 2-4:30pm at the Cesar Chavez Community Center with the theme of *Memories of Migration*; to collect stories of the migrants in the Inland Empire.

A request was made to obtain a copy for the Museum archives of the recent PBS documentary *Silent Sacrifice* about Japanese Americans before and after WWII.

The next HHPC meeting is scheduled for Friday October 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Museum Conference room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Reviewed by:

Robyn G. Peterson, Ph.D., Museum Director