

Robinson House Project Update

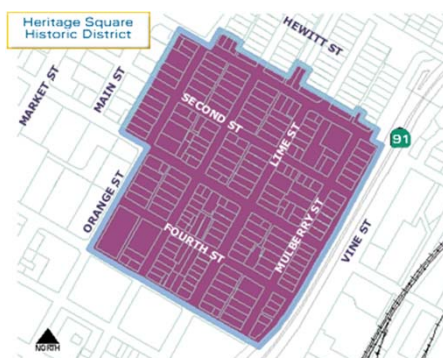
MUSEUM DEPARTMENT

Cultural Heritage Board
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BACKGROUND

- Robinson House - located at 3342 Lemon Street
- Acquired following a private fundraising campaign in 2014 to serve as the interpretive center for Harada House
- Contributor to the City's Heritage Square Historic District



BACKGROUND

- October 9, 2018 - City Council approved an allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$340,028
- Eligibility was based on:
 - Low-income area
 - Project addressing the needs of a qualified historic property
 - Project to result in a property for public benefit



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BACKGROUND

- Negotiations with a potential developer were abandoned in 2019
- Structural assessment was contracted in 2019 and delivered on May 15, 2020
- Soils assessment report received on August 19, 2020, is also applicable to Harada House



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BACKGROUND

- Due to structural condition - house deemed a public safety hazard - August 25, 2020 and red-tagged



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ASSESSMENT

- Foundations severely degraded
- Structural collapse accelerating
- Extensive termite damage throughout
- Structure has been altered significantly many times in the past and does not retain its integrity



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PATH FORWARD

- Proceed with demolition and reconstruction in accordance with Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties
- Reconstruction the most cost-effective course of action
- CDBG allocation may not be sufficient



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PROJECT STAGES

- Demolition
 - Since red-tagged, demolition must occur in a timely manner
- Salvage and documentation
 - Salvage plan prepared
 - Preparation of laser as-builts is being scheduled
 - HABS-level photo-documentation
- Reconstruct to ca. 1930
 - Earliest photo-documentation
 - Midway in Harada House's period of significance



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TIMELINE

- Remainder of 2020
 - Demolition
 - Issue architectural RFP
- 2021
 - Receive architectural plan
 - Issue general contractor RFP
 - Begin construction
 - Develop interpretive exhibition
- 2022
 - Complete construction
 - Install interpretive exhibition
 - Open to the public



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Cultural Heritage Board receive and file a presentation providing an update on plans pertaining to the Museum of Riverside's Robinson House site.



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THANK YOU

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