



City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023, 3:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

Board Members

PRESENT: M. Carter (L), N. Ferguson, J. Gamble, A. Hudson, C. McDoniel, J. Sisson, C. Tobin

ABSENT: J. Brown

STAFF: M. Taylor, S. Watson, A. Beaumon, F. Andrade

Chair Gamble called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments from the public.

PRESENTATION

Presentation by Donesia Gause, City Clerk, on the Reshape Riverside Redistricting process

Ms. Donesia Gause, City Clerk, presented a brief overview of the redistricting process. She encouraged the public and the Board to participate in this process. She noted that since the publishing of the agenda the Reshape Riverside Redistricting committee has met and will be referring four maps for City Council consideration. She stated that the Board and public can obtain further information on the City's website and see those maps on-line at reshaperiverside.com.

Board Member Carter arrived at this time.

Chair Gamble thanked Ms. Gause for her presentation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The Consent Calendar was unanimously approved as presented below affirming the actions appropriate to each item.

MINUTES

The minutes of November 16, 2022 were approved as presented.



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CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD ATTENDANCE

The Board excused the November 16, 2022 absence of Board Member Ferguson due to business, and Board Member Carter's late arrival to the meeting due to business.

2022 – 4th Quarter Report on Historic Preservation Activity

A motion was made by Board Member McDoniel, Seconded by Board Member Sisson, to Approve the Consent Calendar as presented.

Motion Carried: 6 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 1 Abstention

AYES: Carter, Gamble, Hudson, McDoniel, Sisson, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brown

ABSTENTION: Ferguson

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLANNING CASE DP-2022-01109 – Historic Designation - 6268 PALM AVENUE, WARD 3
Proposal by Shawn Stevens to consider a Historic Designation request for designation of the Verly House as a City Landmark. Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer presented the staff report. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed. Following discussion it was moved by Board Member Sisson and seconded by Board Member Ferguson to recommend that the City Council: 1) Determine that Planning Case DP-2022-01109 (Historic Designation) for the designation of the Walter Verly House as a City Landmark is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Rule) and 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment), as the proposal will have no significant effect on the environment, identifies the structure as a cultural resource, and preserves the historic character of a cultural resource; and 2) Approve Planning Case DP-2022-01109 (Historic Designation), based on the findings outlined in the staff report and designate the Walter Verly House as a City Landmark.

A City Council Public Hearing required for final approval.



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Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Carter, Ferguson, Gamble, Hudson, McDoniel, Sisson, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brown

ABSTENTION: None

COMMUNICATIONS

APPOINT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND COMMITTEE

Board Member Tobin nominated Chair Gamble to represent the Cultural Heritage Board on the Historic Preservation Fund Committee. Chair Gamble accepted the nomination.

A motion was made by Board Member Tobin, Seconded by Board Member Carter, to appoint Chair Gamble to the Historic Preservation Fund Committee.

Motion Carried: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Carter, Ferguson, Gamble, Hudson, McDoniel, Sisson, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brown

ABSTENTION: None

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS AND UPDATE FROM CITY PLANNER AND BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Watson announced that he was working on a designation for the meeting of February but wasn't sure if it would be ready.

Board Member Tobin asked if an entire meeting could be dedicated to the Title 20 discussion when the item came back to the Board. He also asked when the historic district item could be brought back to the Board.

Mr. Watson replied that once the Historic District subcommittee meets, they can report back to the full Board at that time.



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Board Member Sisson expressed his concerns related to redistricting. Some of the historic surveys were split up on the maps. The maps going forward seem to keep some of the districts intact but there are concerns with the potential Ninth Street District which is broken up. There may be an opportunity for the Board to take a position from an historic perspective on the maps. He requested this item be agendaized for February.

Board Member Ferguson asked if there would be an opportunity for members to participate at the Preservation Conference this year.

Mr. Watson stated he did not have the dates yet for this year's conference. The conference will be held San Francisco this year. Board members are encouraged to attend, unfortunately the City does not have a budget to send board members.

Board Member McDoniel agreed that she would also like to see the historic district maps overlayed with the proposed ward maps. She noted that at the Title 20 subcommittee there was a discussion about education of City processes for building permits. She asked if it was possible to include this at the February meeting; how things go to permit, how they are flagged and sent to Mr. Watson, and the processes for reviewing modifications and demolitions.

Mr. Taylor stated that staff would be amenable to this.

Board Member Sisson noted that it would also be helpful if the focus could also include details regarding noticing and how extensive it is; what opportunities for design review, formal and informal, are currently being employed. He asked what the timelines or discussions between Planning and Building & Safety Divisions are regarding potential historic resources.

Mr. Watson stated that the requests sounds like a discussion not only of the permit process but also the Certificate Appropriateness process.

Chair Gamble announced that February first is the Mission Inn Foundation's birthday. She has requested that a representative of the Foundation attend the February meeting to present what the foundation is and how it is different than the Mission Inn. She also stated that Mr. Watson will be giving a presentation on the Modernist Riverside Architecture of Clinton Marr at the Riverside Medical Clinic on Brockton, February 5, for the Riverside Historical Society. She will provide the full details for the presentation at a later date.



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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 p.m. to the meeting of February 15, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes were approved as presented at the February 15, 2023 meeting.