



*City of Arts & Innovation*

## CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020, 9:00 A.M.

VIRTUAL MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT VIA TELEPHONE

3900 MAIN STREET

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### COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: M. Carter, J. Cuevas, P. Falcone, N. Ferguson, J. Gamble, S. Lech, N. Parrish, C. Tobin

ABSENT: J. Brown

STAFF: M. Kopaskie-Brown, D. Murray, S. Watson, A. Beaumon, F. Andrade

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

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There were no calls received for this item.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

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

### MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings of July 15, 2020, were approved as presented.

A motion was made by Board Member Lech and Seconded by Vice-Chair Parrish to approve the consent calendar.

Motion Carried: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Carter, Cuevas, Falcone, Ferguson, Gamble, Lech, Parrish, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brown

ABSTENTION: None



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### WORKSHOP

Workshop – Update on Robinson House at 3342 Lemon Street – Robyn Peterson, Museum Director

Ms. Peterson, Museum Director, stated the Robinson House had been acquired to be repurposed as the interpretive center for the Harada House, which is next door. On August 25, 2020, the Robinson House was red-tagged by the City Building Department as unsafe for occupancy due to its hazardous conditions. The structural stability and integrity of the house was assessed by Critical Structures of Long Beach. A soil assessment by John R. Byerly Incorporated, was also completed as recommended by the structural engineer. She stated that the Museum staff are initiating plans to demolish and then reconstruct Robinson House in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The reconstruction will be designed to the earliest period for which the Museum possesses photo-documentation of street-level appearance, which is circa 1930. Documentation that must occur prior to demolition is under way, including preparation of as-builts and HABS-level photo-documentation. A salvage plan is prepared, which identifies a small percentage of siding and skirting that is in acceptable condition for treatment and reinstallation.

Functionally, the interior space will be apportioned approximately two-thirds to exhibition space (an estimated 800 square feet) and one-third to support space (an estimated 400 square feet). The current detached garage, built much later than the house, will be the site of a small residence space, to be suitable for a caretaker, visiting scholars, or similar uses. The secondary structure will be part of a subsequent phase of site development.

There were no callers for this item.

Following discussion, the Cultural Heritage Board thanked Ms. Robinson for the presentation and motioned to receive and file the report. Motion by Board Member Cuevas and Seconded by Board Member Carter.

Motion Carried: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Carter, Cuevas, Falcone, Ferguson, Gamble, Lech, Parrish, Tobin

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### DISCUSSION CALENDAR

PLANNING CASE P18-0949 - CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS – 1393 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, WARD 2

Proposal by Beverly Bailey of Bailey California Properties, LLC, for the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of the Farmhouse Motel, City Landmark #140. Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer, notified the Board that due to unforeseen fire damage, the applicant has submitted a letter requesting continuance off-calendar. Public Comment: There were no callers for this item. Following discussion, it was moved by Board Member Lech and Seconded by Board Member Ferguson to continue this item off-calendar as requested by the applicant.

Motion Carried: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, 0 Abstention

AYES: Carter, Cuevas, Falcone, Ferguson, Gamble, Lech, Parrish, Tobin

NOES: None

ABSENT: Brown

ABSTENTION: None

### COMMUNICATIONS

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

Ms. Kopaskie-Brown stated that there are a couple of items needing CHB action in November or December. Staff will work closely with Bailey family

Chair Falcone stated that someone reached out to him regarding the light standards in Palm Heights Historic District. He asked staff for an update regarding this.

Mr. Watson replied that he reached out to Riverside Public Utilities and they will be painting them black. The light standards will be painted within the next week.

Board Member Lech announced that a special journal to commemorate Riverside's 150 anniversary is out now.



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Chair Falcone inquired into the status of the Mission Revival style house across from County administrative center home. Some construction was going on there and the City put stop work on it.

Mr. Watson stated that they did submit for a Certificate of Appropriateness and the last round of comments were provided in May. He has not heard back from them and will reach out to property owner for status.

Vice Chair Parrish, asked staff if there was an update on the committee working on the historic property survey?

Mr. Watson responded that it was staff's understanding that the database was in process. He will follow-up on this and find out where we are on this.

Ms. Kopaskie-Brown stated the GIS project is expected to be rolled out at the end of December. The database was to be scheduled after the GIS project was completed. The GIS system needs to be in place before the database.

Mr. Taylor added that we are very close to the City's new GIS system rolling out which will pave the way for updating the database.

Chair Falcone noted that the development at corner of Mission Inn and Chestnut, while modern fit in well. This shows the great things that come from the involvement of our board. Good strides do happen.

Board Member Cuevas inquired what the final result was on Beacon Way project.

Mr. Watson stated the CHB denial was appealed to City Council and the project was approved. Councilmember Edwards added a requirement for Cultural Sensitivity training to occur prior to the issuance of a grading permit and that has occurred at this point.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

*Minutes approved as presented at the December 16, 2020 meeting.*



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