

(Cultural Heritage Board Minutes, cont'd)

DISCUSSION: Preservation of the Fairmont Park Band Shell as a potential site of preservation was further discussed. Mrs. Fouke and Mr. Paul reported having gone to the park to see the Band Shell, and Mrs. Klotz showed black and white photos of the band shell at various angles. She said she had checked out its history at the library, and that it was built Sept. 27, 1920, and that between 6000 and 7000 persons attended the first concert. One of the songs played was "Riverside, My Riverside", by Hilverka's Band.

ACTION: After discussion it was moved by Mr. Ruhnau and seconded by Mr. Paul that the Fairmont Park Band Shell be declared Cultural Heritage Landmark #10. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION: The old Y.W.C.A. (Riverside Art Association) Building was next on the agenda. Mrs. Klotz informed the Board that the building was erected in 1929 and was designed by Julia Morgan who also designed Hearst's Castle. The Board agreed that it was a good potential Cultural Heritage Landmark, but after discussion it was decided to table any decision until a later meeting. Meanwhile, Mr. Patterson offered to write an article about the building after further documentation is completed.

DISCUSSION: The present Museum Building (built as a Post Office in 1912 and later occupied by misc. Government offices and by the City Police Department), was discussed as a potential Cultural Heritage Landmark. Mr. Hice pointed out that there is good documentation of the building with many photos taken during construction. Mr. Ruhnau said he would inquire further about its early history.

It was pointed out that Mrs. Klotz had submitted some documentation for the museum files on February 3, 1969, and that construction of the building started July 22, 1912. The contractors were the Southwestern Construction Company of Los Angeles with James Knox Taylor, supervising architect. The new Post Office was dedicated January 20, 1914, and dedicated as a Museum Building, January 30, 1966.

ACTION: It was moved by Mr. Ruhnau and seconded by Mr. Paul that the Riverside Municipal Museum Building be designated as Cultural Heritage Landmark #11. Motion unanimously carried.

DISCUSSION: Mrs. Fouke pointed out that a great many letters had been sent to various city and county offices informing them of pertinent actions of the Cultural Heritage Board and listing designated Cultural Heritage Board Landmarks; It was suggested that a form letter might be made which would save much time and effort by the Cultural Heritage Board Secretary and the Museum Secretary. It was agreed that this should be done at an early date.

Mrs. Klotz reported that she had talked to Mrs. Lorraine Small, and that there were 4 Eucalyptus trees that had died from lack of water. It was her opinion that some action appeared necessary in order to preserve the trees. There are 2,647 trees on the Avenue of 25 varieties. Mrs. Klotz suggested that we ask the Chairman of the Park Board, Mr. Don Derr and Mrs. Lorraine Small to attend the next Cultural Heritage Board meeting in order to discuss policies of adequate maintenance and preservation of these trees. It was suggested that Citizen Groups and persons that are directly involved in City beautification should also be asked to attend the Board meeting. No definite action was taken.

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