



City of Arts & Innovation

CULTURAL HERITAGE BOARD **DRAFT MINUTES**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 2025, 3:30 P.M.
PUBLIC COMMENT IN PERSON/TELEPHONE
ART PICK COUNCIL CHAMBER
3900 MAIN STREET

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PLANNING CASE – DP-2025-00302 (HD) – 3697-3747 MONROE ST – WARD 5

Proposal by Brenda Flores, Director of Facilities Auxiliary Service of California Baptist University, to consider a request to consider a Historic Designation Modification to the Hawthorne House City Landmark designation (#123) and remove the Eucalyptus Tree as contributing feature. Scott Watson, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report. Mark Howe representing California Baptist University, stated they were in agreement with the recommended conditions of approval. There were no public comments. The public hearing was closed. Following discussion it was moved by Vice-Chair Sisson and seconded by Board Member Gamble to 1) Determine that Planning Case DP-2025-00302 (Historic Designation) for the designation of the Boyd Residence as a City Landmark is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Rule) and 21084.1 (Historical Resource), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment; 2) Approve Planning Case DP-2025-00302 (Historic Designation), based on the facts of findings, and removing the eucalyptus tree from the Hawthorne House City Landmark Designation, and 3) add condition **Within one-year of removal and subject to verification by the City Historic Preservation Officer, the eucalyptus tree shall be repurposed as furniture, to the maximum extent feasible, around the Hawthorne House.** Chair McDoniel advised of the appeal period.

Vice-Chair Sisson advised that a condition be added that the tree be repurposed to the maximum extent feasible with furniture around the Hawthorne House and within one-year from the tree removal, subject to verification by the Historic Preservation Officer and merely a report back to the body for a non-voting item.

The Cultural Heritage Board's decision is final unless appealed to City Council.

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

AYES: Brown, Castellanos, Gamble, Herrera, Hudson, McDoniel, Sisson
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTENTION: NONE