



City of Santa Barbara
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 17, 2021

1:30 P.M.

This Meeting was Conducted Electronically
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COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Anthony Grumbine, *Chair*
Steve Hausz, *Vice Chair*
Dennis Doordan
Michael Drury
Wendy Edmunds
Ed Lenvik
Bill Mahan
Justin Manuel
Robert Ooley

ADVISORY MEMBER: Dr. Michael Glassow

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Kristen Sneddon

PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON: Sheila Lodge

STAFF:

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Irma Unzueta, Design Review Supervisor
Nicole Hernandez, Architectural Historian
Ted Hamilton, Assistant Planner
Heidi Reidel, Planning Technician I

CALL TO ORDER

The Full Commission meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m. by Chair Grumbine.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present: Grumbine, Hausz, Doordan, Drury, Edmunds, Lenvik (at 1:35 p.m.), Manuel (until 2:16 p.m.), and Ooley

Commissioners absent: Mahan

Staff present: Unzueta; Hernandez; Timmy Bolton, Associate Planner; Tony Ruggieri, City TV Production Supervisor; Hamilton; and Reidel

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Public Comment:

The following individual spoke:

1. Sheila Lodge

Written correspondence from Lanny Ebenstein and Paulina Conn was acknowledged.

B. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Historic Landmarks Commission meeting of **February 3, 2021**, as submitted.

Action: Drury/Edmunds, 7/0/1. (Manuel abstained. Mahan absent.) Motion carried.

C. Approval of the Consent Calendar:

Motion: Ratify the Consent Calendar of **February 17, 2021**, as reviewed by Commissioners Grumbine and Manuel.

Action: Ooley/Doordan, 7/0/1. (Manuel abstained. Mahan absent.) Motion carried.

D. Announcements, requests by applicants for continuances and withdrawals, future agenda items, and appeals:

1. Mr. Hamilton announced that the HLC's denial of the Westside Paseos Project was appealed to City Council. A date has not yet been set for that hearing.

2. Commissioner Grumbine announced that he will be stepping away at 4:00 p.m. and Vice Chair Hausz will take over as Chair during that time.

3. Commissioner Drury announced that he will need to leave the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

E. Subcommittee Reports:

No subcommittee reports.

(1:50PM) HISTORIC STRUCTURES REPORT1. **1631 PATERNA RD**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 019-185-003

Zone: RS-15

Reference Number: PLN2021-00039

Owner: Dave and Anne Brosnan

Staff: Nicole Hernandez, Architectural Historian

(Requesting acceptance of a Phase I Historic Structures/Sites Report, prepared by Post/Hazeltine Associates. The report concluded that the house built in 1919 in the Tudor Revival style is eligible for listing as a City of Santa Barbara Structure of Merit and for listing as a historic resource at the state and national level.)

Actual time: 1:44 p.m.

Present: Tim Hazeltine, Post/Hazeltine Associates; Pamela Post, Post/Hazeltine Associates; and Nicole Hernandez, Architectural Historian, City of Santa Barbara

Public comment opened at 1:50 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

Motion: Accept the report as submitted.

Action: Hausz/Drury, 7/1/0. (Ooley opposed. Mahan absent.) Motion carried.

(2:05PM) MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEM: RESOLUTION OF INTENTION**2. 1631 PATERNA RD**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 019-185-003
Zone: RS-15
Reference Number: PLN2021-00039
Owner: Dave and Anne Brosnan

(Pursuant to SBMC 22.22.030.D, the Commission is requested to adopt a Resolution of Intention to hold a Public Hearing on May 12, 2021 to consider designating the 1919 Tudor Revival style residence located at 1631 Paterna Street as a Structure of Merit.)

Actual time: 2:01 p.m.

Present: Nicole Hernandez, Architectural Historian, City of Santa Barbara

Public comment opened at 2:02 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

Public comment re-opened at 2:04 p.m.

The following individual spoke:

1. Tom Henson

Public comment closed at 2:06 p.m.

Motion: To adopt Resolution of Intention 2021-5 to hold a Public Hearing on May 12, 2021 to consider Structure of Merit designation of the 1919 Tudor Revival style residence located at 1631 Paterna Street.

Action: Hausz/Edmunds. Motion substituted.

The motion was substituted as follows:

Motion: To adopt Resolution of Intention 2021-5 to hold a Public Hearing on May 12, 2021 to consider adding to the City's Potential Historic Resources List the 1919 Tudor Revival style residence located at 1631 Paterna Street.

Action: Hausz/Edmunds, 7/1/0. (Ooley opposed. Mahan absent.) Motion carried.

(2:10PM) MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING**3. 429 GARDEN ST**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 031-272-005
Zone: M-C
Reference Number: PLN2021-00039
Owner: Drew, Reginald E Living Trust 10/24/08

(Public Hearing to consider staff report and owner's request for removal from the Potential Historic Resources List as the building no longer retains historic integrity to meet the criteria to qualify as historic resource due to alterations of character-defining features.)

Actual time: 2:11 p.m.

Present: Nicole Hernandez, Architectural Historian, City of Santa Barbara

Public comment opened at 2:12 p.m., and as no one wished to speak, it closed.

Motion: To remove the property from the City's Potential Historic Resources List.
Action: Hausz/Ooley, 8/0/0. (Mahan absent.) Motion carried.

(2:25PM) NEW ITEM: CONCEPT REVIEW

4. **20 E DE LA GUERRA ST (PLAZA DE LA GUERRA)**
Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-092-037
Zone: C-G/P-R
Application Number: PLN2019-00576
Owner: City of Santa Barbara
Applicant: Brad Hess, Public Works Dept.

(The Plaza De La Guerra Revitalization Project involves raising the entire Plaza, as well as De La Guerra Street between Anacapa Street and State Street, to be level with the existing sidewalk. Proposed improvements include new landscaping, splash pad, restrooms, kiosk, arcade, stage, art nodes, lighting, and trash/ recycling. The [2011 Historic Structures/Sites Report](#) accepted by the HLC found that Plaza De La Guerra is eligible for listing as a City of Santa Barbara Landmark, eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, and eligible for listing as a significant Cultural Landscape in the National Register of Historic Places. Surrounding Plaza De La Guerra are City Hall and the California Pepper Tree, The News Press Building, Casa De La Guerra, and El Paseo, all designated City Landmarks; and the La Placita Building a.k.a. McKay-Bothin Building that is a designated Structure of Merit.)

Concept Review. No final appealable action will be taken at this hearing.

RECUSAL: To avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest, Commissioner Manuel recused himself from hearing this item.

Actual time: 2:16 p.m.

Present: Kathleen Kennedy, Project Planner, City of Santa Barbara; Brad Hess, Applicant, City of Santa Barbara; Jill Zachary, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Santa Barbara; Sara Iza, Senior Planner, City of Santa Barbara; Lief McKay, Landscape Architect, RRM Design Group; Debbie Rudd, Planner, RRM Design Group; Detlev Peikert, Architect, RRM Design Group

Public comment opened at 2:40 p.m.

The following individuals spoke:

1. Anne Petersen
2. John Doordan
3. Mary Louise Days

Written correspondence from Anne Petersen, Bob Cunningham, the Citizen's Planning Association, Mary Louise Days, Nancy Burgner, Pamela Boehr, and Rob Ramirez was acknowledged.

Public comment closed at 2:46 p.m.

Motion: Continue indefinitely with comments:

1. The period of significance should be used as a design guide.
2. The splash pad is not appropriate, however some Commissioners felt it might be appropriate if visually obscured.
3. The trees, art nodes, and geometry of the pavement pattern should be reduced in number and more random.
4. The current paving pattern is decreasing the connection to Casa De La Guerra and should be reworked.
5. The trees should be more a more traditional type, such as oak or olive, and should be more traditional and not cause long term upheaval.
6. The Commission does not support grass in the plaza design.
7. Change the curved paving of the plaza.
8. Incorporate historic elements, such as a compass rose, using footprints of the original City Hall for inspiration.
9. The Commission is generally in favor of raising the elevation of the road to meet the plaza.
10. The stage placement is appropriate but the design needs to be reworked and the applicant should study the original adobe.
11. The Commission feels that a fountain would be appropriate, but the applicant should consider the aesthetics during a drought.
12. Low maintenance landscape palettes are preferred, and the Commission suggests that the applicant study Bob Cunningham's recommendations in his public comment letter.
13. Study amenities, connections, and infrastructure for spontaneous life throughout the year.
14. The Commission is in favor of closing off De La Guerra Street to regular traffic.
15. The tree pattern should not be too dense and allow for easy viewing of the architecture and plaza.
16. Show the lighting strategy on the plans.
17. Show pedestrian views on the plans.

Action: Hausz/Ooley, 7/0/0. (Mahan and Manuel absent.) Motion carried.

*** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 4:02 P.M. ***