



City of Arts & Innovation

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT Planning Division

Minutes – Cultural Heritage Board

June 20, 2012, 3:30 pm,
MAYOR'S CEREMONIAL ROOM, CITY HALL
3900 MAIN STREET

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Altamirano, Field, Gilleece, Leach, Murrieta, Treen, Van
Wart

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Garafalo, Preston-Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Gettis, Historic Preservation Officer
Smith, Supervising Deputy City Attorney
Delcamp, Historic Preservation Planner
Randel, Associate Planner
Andrade, Stenographer

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED:

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

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A. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There was no one requesting to speak.

B. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **PLANNING CASE P11-0214:** Proposal by Kirk Bowlus on behalf of Preferred Bank for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish four single-family residences at 3144 Fairmount Boulevard, 3130 Fairmount Boulevard, 3867 Second Street, 3189 Market Street, generally bound by First, Second and Market Streets and Fairmount Boulevard in Ward #1. Contact Planner: Travis Randel (951) 826-5932 trandel@riversideca.gov

Travis Randel, Associate Planner, presented the staff report.

Board Member Murrieta arrived at this time.

Board Member Altamirano inquired if a relocation site has been presented for the structures staff has recommended to preserve and move?

Mr. Randell explained that at this time there isn't a plan as to where to relocate the structures. There have been various locations discussed in concept but nothing formal has been submitted. One of the conditions for the relocation is that the applicant submit a separate administrative Certificate of Appropriateness to evaluate the potential impacts of relocating the properties, not necessarily on the individual structures but upon the district and relocation site to make sure it is compatible.

Board Member Murrieta asked who would pay for relocating them?

Mr. Randel stated that generally staff does not regulate who pays for the relocation and rehabilitation. The applicant is ultimately responsible for the properties and homes. It could be a private or public/private venture.

Chair Field called for the applicant to come forward.

Kirk Bowlus, Bowlus Pacific, representing the applicant addressed the Board. He stated that they are in agreement with staff's recommendations. They have had inquiries from several different entities who are interested in restoring the homes, possibly moving them to another site. It really is their goal to get these homes off the property so that the corner can be developed to everyone's benefit. There are a couple parties interested in possibly relocating the homes within the Mile Square District.

Chair Field noted that it appears that the structures are unfenced and unprotected at this point.

Mr. Bowlus clarified that the entire property is fenced. The bank has had it fenced for quite awhile. They have been in the process of demolishing the commercial structures and old industrial buildings next door. When that work is completed there will be a new fence put up along the areas where the buildings were so the entire block will be fenced. On behalf of the bank they have been taking care of them over the last six months or so. They have been

working with Code Enforcement. They have painted the buildings several times and they respond on a weekly basis anytime something comes up.

MOTION MADE by Board Member Leach, **SECONDED** by Board Member Gilleece **TO DETERMINE** that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment, **TO ADOPT** a Mitigated Negative Declaration, and **TO APPROVE** Planning Case P11-0214 subject to staff's findings and recommendations set forth in the case record.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

AYES: Altamirano, Field, Gilleece, Leach, Murrieta, Treen, Van Wart
NOES: None
DISQUALIFIED: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Garafalo, Preston-Chavez

C. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

2. PSP12-0080 – Relocation of Riverside's History Walk

Erin Gettis, Historic Preservation Officer, presented the informational item regarding the Soroptimist Riverside's History Walk. She stated that the outpour of support for this project at the time it was constructed was outstanding. Since this project was clearly borne out of a lot of effort and input by many, the Mayor's office took on this project as an opportunity with the redesign of the Convention Center. It will be relocated to Riverside's most prominent historical street which is Mission Inn Avenue in front of the Museum so that it can be integrated into their educational history program. As of the writing of this report, staff had not seen a potential design. Presented to the Board Members today is a revised information item which shows a proposed design. This shows how it will be arranged in the sidewalks outside the library and the Metropolitan Museum, located at the street corners across from the Mission Inn and the original City Hall.

MOTION MADE by Board Member Van Wart, **SECONDED** by Board Member Leach **TO RECOMMEND** support for the Mayor's recommendation of reinstalling the Soroptimist History Walk on Mission Inn Avenue, and recommend to the City Council the stones be placed in the sidewalk and front plaza outside the Library and the Metropolitan Museum which would allow for incorporation in the Museum's Educational History Program; and **TO RECOMMEND** to the City Council that a Certificate of Appropriateness for the final design of the History Walk stone reinstallation return to the CHB staff for Administrative approval in the next 90 days.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

AYES: Altamirano, Field, Gilleece, Leach, Murrieta, Treen, Van Wart
NOES: None
DISQUALIFIED: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Garafalo, Preston-Chavez

3. Brief report from the Historic Preservation Officer on recent City Council actions.

None to report.

4. Items for future agendas.

None to report.

5. Update on status of major development projects.

Ms. Gettis announced that Al Zalinka has been appointed Community Development Director and will begin July 2, 2012. The Department will now be comprised of Code, Building Safety, Planning and Development.

D. MINUTES:

6. The minutes of May 16, 2012 were approved as presented.

E. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to the Wednesday, July 18, 2012 meeting at 3:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Ceremonial Room.