

**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**November 30, 2011**

**CONCEPT REVIEW - NEW ITEM: PUBLIC HEARING**

3. **40 E ANAPAMU ST** C-2 Zone  
 (1:55) Assessor's Parcel Number: 039-232-002  
 Application Number: MST2011-00428  
 Owner: City of Santa Barbara  
 Applicant: Irene Macias, Library Director  
 Agent: City of Santa Barbara Redevelopment Agency  
 Architect: Campbell & Campbell  
 Business Name: Central Library

(Proposal to upgrade both landscape and hardscape areas in front of the Santa Barbara Public Library and the Faulkner Gallery along portions of E. Anapamu and Anacapa Streets. The improvements would include approximately 3,200 square feet of additional hardscape, 500 cubic yards of imported fill, a reduction in turf area and in total trees from 49 to 30, a new fountain, seating, artwork display areas, lighting, and an approximately 4,500 square foot activity space. No changes to the building are proposed.)

**(Comments only; project requires Environmental Assessment.)**

Present: Irene Macías, Library Services Manager  
 Peggy Burbank, Redevelopment Specialist  
 Douglas Campbell and Regula Campbell, Architects, Campbell & Campbell

Public comment opened at 2:11 p.m. and reopened at 2:43 p.m.

The following people spoke in favor of the project in general, not necessarily the proposal before the Commission:

Eric Kelley, local business owner.

Larry Feinberg, Santa Barbara Museum of Art Director.

Eik Kahng, Santa Barbara Museum of Art Chief Curator.

Ginny Brush, (City Arts Advisory Committee's) Visual Arts in Public Spaces Committee, provided a letter as well.

Steve Cushman, Chamber of Commerce President.

Lynne Tahmisian, La Arcada Representative.

The following people expressed concerns:

Robert Burke, local resident – financing source for the project, purview of Commission on legality of funding for the project, and people issues versus plans/concrete.

Mary Louise Days, local historian – removal of existing Eucalyptus trees and cluttering of permanent objects obscuring the space.

Kellam de Forest, local resident – celebration of historic Faulkner Gallery building, use of a water feature, and preservation of existing trees.

Eric Friedman, City Library Advisory Board Chair – return to historic design, and Eucalyptus tree removal to maximize and make space more usable.

W. Scott Burns, local resident – left a note commenting on the need for better lighting.

Frank Goss, local resident – large Eucalyptus trees as fire hazards and safety issues.

Public comment closed at 2:27 p.m. and reclosed at 2:44 p.m.

**Motion: Continued indefinitely with the following comments:**

1. Renovation of the Library Plaza is long overdue.
2. The lack of formality to the Faulkner Gallery is perplexing.
3. The Faulkner Gallery should be celebrated.
4. Original library entrance should not have any added art placed in front of it.
5. Better visibility of the original library entrance is paramount.
6. Pay attention to the balance of opening up the visibility of the original library entrance and the blank walls.
7. Explore visibility of the whole library building.
8. Keep planted and built items in the space low and sight-lines open.
9. Provide a demolition and tree removal plan.
10. Proposed landscape plan is not compliant with El Pueblo Viejo Guidelines and is too contemporary.
11. The majority of the Commission would like the applicant to continue to study the retention of the Eucalyptus trees. Skyline trees are important in the downtown area.
12. Lighting fixture style should be exemplary for this space.
13. Original Faulkner fountains should be looked at as an element to be reimplemented.
14. Safety of the pool or fountain needs to be considered.

Action: Boucher/La Voie, 8/0/0. Motion carried.

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**August 29, 2012**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**3. 40 E ANAPAMU ST**

(2:00) Assessor's Parcel Number: 039-232-002

Staff Member: Nicole Hernández, Urban Historian

(Review of Staff Report and Public Hearing to consider adoption of a resolution to recommend to City Council that the Central Library, Faulkner Gallery, and *Corymbia (Eucalyptus) citriodora* trees be designated as City Landmarks.)

Actual time: 2:03

Present: Nicole Hernández, Urban Historian

Mr. Limón acknowledged receipt of letters expressing opposition to landmarking the Eucalyptus trees from Irene Macías, Central Library Director; and Nancy Rapp, Parks and Recreation Director.

Written comments were also received from Kellam de Forest and Carol Bornstein expressing support for designating the Eucalyptus trees.

Public comment opened at 2:17 p.m.

1. Mary Louise Days, local historian, spoke in support of the building designation.
2. Eric Friedman, local resident, spoke in opposition to designating the three Eucalyptus trees located at the center bay of the west elevation at this time.
3. Fred Sweeney, local artist, spoke in support of designating the three Eucalyptus trees.
4. Alexandra Cole, local historian, spoke in support of the Eucalyptus trees and building designations.
5. Bob Cunningham, landscape architect, spoke in support of designating the three Eucalyptus trees.
6. W. Scott Burns, former Parks and Recreation Commission member, spoke in opposition to designating the three Eucalyptus trees and spoke in support of the building designation.
7. Irene Macías, Library Director, spoke in opposition to designating the three Eucalyptus trees and spoke in support of the building designation.
8. Susan Chamberlin, landscape historian, spoke in support of designating the Eucalyptus trees and suggested that a brief biography of licensed landscape architect Ralph Tallant Stevens be included.

Public comment closed at 2:31 p.m.

**Motion:**        **To adopt Resolution 2012-01 and forward the Landmark designation request of the Central Library, Faulkner Gallery, and all thirteen *Corymbia (Eucalyptus) citriodora* trees located at 40 East Anapamu Street to City Council for consideration; with the recommendation that the Council also place the trees on the City Parks Department Landmark, Historic, and Specimen Trees list.**

**Action:**        La Voie/Orías, 7/0/0. Motion carried. (Drury/Shallanberger absent).