

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION MINUTES

August 26, 2015

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEM

**2. CITY'S POTENTIAL HISTORIC STRUCTURES/SITES LIST
29-37 E VICTORIA ST**

C-2 Zone

(2:05) Assessor's Parcel Number: 039-133-009
Owner: Radius Group Commercial Real Estate
(Hold a Public Hearing to consider adding the Spanish Colonial Revival commercial building designed by noted architects Soule, Murphy and Hastings in 1922. The structure is eligible as a Structure of Merit.)

Actual time: 2:13 p.m.

Public comment opened at 2:15 p.m.

- 1) Roy Harthorn, historical consultant, commented that the building was associated with a historical figure, Franklin Pierce Knot, a world famous photographer, who published colored works in the National Geographic as early as 1916.
- A Staff Memo outlining the significance of the building from the Urban Historian was provided to the Commission.

A letter with expressed concerns from Virginia Rehling was acknowledged.

Public comment closed at 2:19 p.m.

Commissioner Drury mentioned the significance of Dana's Toy Town to the history of that structure.

Motion: To add the structure located at 29-37 East Victoria Street on the City's List of Potential Historic Resources as it was found to be eligible as a Structure of Merit.

Action:Shallenberger/La Voie, 7/0/0. (Mahan and Murray absent.) Motion carried.

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November 4, 2015

MISCELLANEOUS ACTION ITEM

2. CITY'S POTENTIAL HISTORIC STRUCTURES/SITES LIST
29-37 EAST VICTORIA ST **C-2 Zone**

(2:05) Assessor's Parcel Number: 039-133-009

Owner: Radius Group Commercial Real Estate

(Hold a Public Hearing to consider adding the Spanish Colonial Revival commercial building designed by noted architects Soule, Murphy and Hastings in 1922 based on the recommendation of the HLC Designation Subcommittee. The structure is eligible as a Structure of Merit.)

Actual time: 1:47 p.m.

Present: Nicole Hernández, Urban Historian, City of Santa Barbara

Staff comments:

1. Ms. Hernández stated that the item was reprocessed according to the Administrative Regulations. The Designation Subcommittee reviewed the item on October 21 and recommends, along with staff, that it be added to the City's Potential Historic Structures/Sites List, as it is eligible as a Structure of Merit under Criteria D and F.
2. Mr. Limón wished to clarify points raised by the appellant Virginia Rehling. The City follows a process that was created partly by the Demolition Review Ordinance, which requires staff to assess the historical significance of every structure that comes forward for review in the downtown Demolition Review area. On occasion, the Urban Historian makes a recommendation for a property to be added to the City's Potential Historic Structures/Sites List, and/or a property owner may request a review, as in this case. As this structure is eligible, it was placed on the list. The technicality raised by Ms. Rehling is that the ordinance does not specify that individual properties may be processed in this manner. Rather, the ordinance refers to Administrative Regulations that specify a method of group surveys, whereby the HLC receives a recommendation for inclusion from the Designation Subcommittee. To prevent placing an undue burden on the Designation Subcommittee, staff believes it is prudent that the HLC review single properties based on the Urban Historian's recommendation. Staff intends to change the Administrative Regulations to clarify this process. Mr. Limón expressed the hope that the HLC will act today to confirm its understanding of this process going forward.

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November 18, 2015

GENERAL BUSINESS:

A. Public Comment:

Chair Suding acknowledged e-mailed comments from Virginia Rehling regarding the motion from Item 2 of the November 4, 2015 Historic Landmarks Commission meeting. Ms. Rehling supports the designation of 29-37 East Victoria Street as a Structure of Merit.

Mr. Limón stated that the applicant is not interested in seeking Structure of Merit designation, and the HLC will need to determine if it will move forward on the designation over the owner's objection.

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December 16, 2015

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

1. Ms. Kaufman announced that today is Commissioner Winick's last meeting with the HLC.
2. Ms. Hernández announced the appointment of Anthony Grumbine as a new Commissioner to the HLC.
3. Mr. Limón responded to a public comment letter for Item 4 from Virginia Rehling about the process of listing an item on the Potential Historic Resources List. There is a pending appeal of such an item from Ms. Rehling. Ms. Rehling argues that the City is not following the three methods of adding a potential historic resource to the list as described in the ordinance. Mr. Limón explained that there is a fourth method in the ordinance related to demolition applications. The Urban Historian has the authority to assess such applications to identify potential historic significance. The HLC has agreed that the Urban Historian is qualified to make those assessments and offer recommendations to the HLC. The HLC has also agreed that it has the authority to refer designations to the Designation Subcommittee. Lastly, the HLC has the ability to request a full Historic Structures/Sites Report be prepared. Mr. Limón emphasized that these mechanisms are in place to ensure that recommendations are given proper consideration. He assured the HLC that staff has sufficient ordinance basis on which to proceed with the current practice of listing properties and will respond accordingly on the pending appeal.