

Historic Resources Board

Draft of Minutes November 17, 2021

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

1. Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by Chair Schey.
2. Roll call was taken: David Wentworth, Sr., Duane Wentworth, Chair Schey, Amory Hanson, Sue Nguyen (via Zoom), and Joe Santiago present. Mark Zambrano excused absence. Library liaison Michelle Roesner present. John Scandura present.

II. Welcome and Introduction

III. Public Comments

1. n/a

IV. Consent Calendar

1. Approval of Minutes

- i. The October 2021 HRB minutes were not emailed out to the board and thus, not approved. They will be reviewed for approval at the next HRB meeting.

V. Presentations:

1. Planning Commission Update

- i. Scandura shared that he was appointed to a 4-year term of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board. He represents the Inland Empire and parts of Orange County. Scandura noted the Planning Commission has been rather quiet but that Ian Adam was appointed Planning Commissioner.
- ii. The Draft Housing Element (13,000 units) is out and available for Public Review and Comments. There are concerns over building in industrial areas, because industrial = jobs. If industrial areas are lost to housing, jobs may be lost. Schey asked if Scandura will be able to continue as our HRB representative. He said he has not heard if he'd have to resign from the Planning Commission but he doesn't think so.
- iii. Other: USC v. UCLA Planning Competition chose a Beach Blvd property. Informed the board about a show titled *Elvis and the USS Arizona* on television (concert to help raise money for the USS Arizona memorial). Letters read throughout the show were addressed to 317 9th Street (no longer standing). 228 10th Street addressed as well (still standing). The letters were from Bill Woodward to his wife and daughter here in HB. Woodward died during the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Hanson provided update on the 228 10th street house.
- iv. Woodward added to the HB Veterans Memorial (city historian noted he was not on the memorial). 3 additional WWI veterans will be added as well.

v. Schey noted she still hears about the Gisler field issue. The City never owned it – it belonged to the School District.

2. **Design Review Board Report** – Schey indicated the DRB meeting was cancelled this month.

3. **Board Applicants** – n/a

VI. Administrative

1. **Policies and Procedures:** Schey noted that all board members have a manual, and going forward, we need to be familiar with the manual and what we are tasked with doing (and what we should be tasked with doing moving forward). This will be a big focus of our next meeting. We need to have a plan moving forward. Hanson said a problem is that the City isn't referring things to us (for action); and the City hasn't done that this year for a number of reasons (including Covid). Schey indicated that we are asked to advise council, but we have to argue for the opportunity to do so. She would like to be proactive and make sure our council is aware of our skillsets and what we are able to do. Santiago noted the recent hubbub about the Corner Market – a commercial, historic landmark property. He said no one came to the HRB to ask us about it. Santiago noted they did ask him specifically, but it shouldn't just be his purview. They should be coming to the HRB to ask if it's historic and weigh in. He notes Code Enforcement doesn't want to hear "yes," it is historic. Hanson asked for clarification – how is patio historic? Historic Code states that any historic property or landscape can resurrect past elements to help the property. The structure was given the historic status (and resurrected as a market), but the City isn't willing to do it for the patio.

2. **Treasurer's Report:** n/a

3. **Staff/Council Requests for Assistance:**

i. n/a

4. **Historic Photographs – Use and Recovery:** n/a

VII. Policies and Procedures

1. See above.

VIII. Committee Reports

1. **Plaques:**

i. n/a

2. **Demolition Reports:** Schey articulated that the City/HRB has a procedure in place to handle demolition reports, but it is now broken. For example, Schey got a call within the last week from a woman with a Sunset Beach house. She wants to knock it down, because it's too small. Santiago noted 710 Orange and 614 Orange are under demo but they haven't requested demo reports.

3. **Planning:**

i. See above.

Nguyen left meeting via Zoom at 5:45 pm – screen needed in another meeting. Roesner will take minutes on the rest of the meeting.

4. **Research:** Santiago continues to work on the History of the Corner Market.
5. **Oral History Project:** n/a.
6. **School Outreach:**
 - i. n/a
7. **Information and Outreach:**
 - i. Surf City Nights: Hanson shared City Council has approved extending the Downtown restaurants permits to have outdoor seating to the parking spots until the end of the year. This will impact the options available to set up a booth at the Surf City Nights. The Board discussed waiting to return in the spring, when the weather is better.
 - ii. There are 1870 Facebook likes
8. **Future Programming:**
 - i. N/A
- IX. **Member Comments:**
 1. Schey is working with Matt Liffreing to produce month Heritage month pieces for the City’s social media page.
- X. **Future Agenda Items:**
 1. N/A
- XI. **Meeting adjourned** at 6:39 pm. Hanson motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Duane Wentworth seconded. All present approved. The next meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2022.