City of Huntington Beach Historic Resources Board February 15, 2023

## **CALL TO ORDER**

1. Chair Schey called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.

## **ROLL CALL**

- 1. **Present:** Schey, Hanson, Santiago, Duane Wentworth, David Wentworth, Sr., Nguyen, and Zambrano [arrived at 5:34 pm]
- 2. Excused:
- 3. Absent:

No liaisons currently present

# **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

none

## INTRODUCTIONS

none

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the January 2023 minutes as amended moved by Hanson, Wentworth, Sr. seconded the motion to approve. All present approved.

- 1. Ayes: Schey, Hanson, Santiago, Duane Wentworth, David Wentworth, Sr., Nguyen
- 2. Nays:
- 3. Excused:
- 4. **Absent:** Zambrano [arrived later]

# **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## 1. Review of Historic Resources

a. Schey provided a handout to those present. She wanted to share what she knows with the board in regard to local historic resources—where to look for information if needed. Web links included: National Register of Historic Places, NP Gallery Digital Asset Search, Library of Congress Online Records Search, City of HB Public Records Search, Clio, and websites of board members on film.

- **b.** Santiago has knowledge on state historic building codes for anyone in need or interested.
- **c.** Hanson appreciates the handout. He noted that he is on film at the City Council Meetings. Zambrano is also online (YouTube) for his Orange County Historical Society presentation)
- **d.** Santiago asked why Huntington Beach High School isn't on the National Register. Schey noted that this is what online in the database. Dwayne Wentworth and Santiago said they would take a look into it.
- **e.** Santiago asked who would be able to put the high school on the Register. Schey noted as a public building anyone could submit the report but suggested reaching out to the Board of Supervisors.

# 2. Potential Guest Speakers

- a. Hanson would like to recommend the three authors of *A People's Guide to Orange County* as guest speakers.
- b. Schey shared her knowledge on the authors and raised concerns. She is a bit troubled with the Huntington Beach sites/sources listed. The authors' focus is on sites of conflict. The sites are legitimate and often overlooked, however, she is concerned about their subjectivity. She would like to balance their approach.
- c. Hanson didn't interpret their presentation in the way the book might have come across.
- d. Schey passed around the book and would like the board to weigh in.
- e. Hanson requested that we put this item on the next agenda.

# 3. Design Review Board Report

a. Schey did not attend the last meeting but noted it was the first meeting led by the new Chair. Nothing of historic relevance or related to history was addressed.

# 4. Planning Commission Report

- a. We do not have a Planning Liaison yet
- b. Hanson went to the last Planning Commission meeting. There is not a plan to have a meeting in March as of yet.
- c. Schey is concerned that we will not be informed from Planning as necessary until a liaison is in place.

## AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

# 1. Plaques and Signage

a. Nothing new to report

# 2. Research and Demolition Report Review

- a. Schey noted that demo permit requests are only being sent to her right now (not Santiago). Of note was one request for 421/423 8<sup>th</sup> Street (received recently).
- b. Santiago noted 308 6<sup>th</sup> Street is slowly demolishing under the radar. Schey reminder the board that our biggest concern is the ability to research and archive the structures, but the HRB cannot do that if a demo permit isn't shared with the Board.

#### 3. Education

**a.** Nguyen noted there are no firm dates set, but she plans to give a few presentations at Smith Elementary again this Spring.

# 4. Outreach and Marketing

a. According to Wentworth, Sr., the HRB has 2,200 likes on its Facebook page. He has a call out to Surf City Nights, indicating that the 200 Block is filling up again (which is promising). Wentworth still has concerns in regard to our booth specifically. Hanson shared his thoughts on what was presented at the reopening of Main Street meeting and long-term planning. Wentworth, Sr. noted if he gets the Green Light for March, he'll be calling people for support.

## **MEMBER COMMENTS**

- 1. Hanson noted the City of HB will be featured in a version of the classic game of Monopoly. It is not a city project. They are requesting place-names to be included. Schey stated that if you choose to make place-name suggestions, it would not be through an official capacity as a member of the HRB.
- 2. Schey is getting involved in a lot of other projects and wants to share her knowledge as she will increasingly lose time to work on this board.
- 3. Santiago asked if he could shadow Schey at the DRB to which she agreed.
- 4. Schey shared information on the Love Your Library event and walking tour. Future advertising is in the works.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. n/a

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

- 1. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the HRB will be held Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 2. Dwayne Wentworth motioned to adjourn the HRB meeting. Wentworth, Sr. seconded the motion. All present approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.
  - **a. Ayes:** Schey, Hanson, Santiago, Duane Wentworth, David Wentworth, Sr., Nguyen, and Zambrano
  - b. Navs:
  - c. Excused:
  - d. Absent: