

Historic Resources Board

Minutes January 21, 2021

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

1. Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM by Chair Schey via Zoom.
2. Roll call was taken: Duane Wentworth, David Wentworth, Sr., Chair Schey, Amory Hanson, Mark Zambrano, and Sue Nguyen present. Ronn Knowles had an excused absence. Joe Santiago was absent. Library liaisons Michelle Roesner and Steven Park also present.

II. **Welcome and Introduction**

III. **Public Comments**

1. No comments.

IV. **Consent Calendar**

1. **Approval of Minutes**

- i. Schey asked to have the October 2020 minutes redistributed so they can be reviewed and approved at the HRB's February 2021 meeting.

V. **Presentations:**

1. Park announced that Community Services and Library Services are now one department under Chris Slama. The Library is now looking for a new Community Service Manager. Jessica Framson will be representing the library in all management aspects. The library also filled the Senior Librarian position for youth services—Melissa Ronning received internal promotion. Mr. Park also addressed the library's first joint meeting with Community Services. There appears to be a lot of optimism going forward.
2. Schey added that it does seem like the HRB fits more in line with the Library, their programming and outreach, and is excited about what we might be able to do.
 - i. She noted the HRB was once under Arts Programming, then the Planning Department, and now Library/Community Services. Now the HRB is umbrellad with other committees like Parks Naming, Community Services, etc. Being umbrellad might help the HRB be heard better and be seen more as a team.
 - ii. Schey noted the HRB's liaisons are Erik Peterson and Mike Pose. The HRB will also likely have a new Planning Commission liaison, but we don't know who it is.
 - iii. Schey sent "welcome" packages to the new City Council members with copies of Ebb and Flow.
3. **Design Review Board Report** – Schey reported that DRB meetings keep getting canceled.
4. **Board Applicants** – There was nothing new to report. Roesner noted there were no new applicants. Nguyen asked about past applicants that we reviewed. Schey

thinks everything is a bit on hold because of Covid. She informed applicants that it may be a long process and to be patient.

VI. Administrative

1. **Fiduciary Commitments:** n/a
2. **Treasurer's Report:** Knowles' email report noted there's \$3,090.19 in the bank.
3. **Staff/Council Requests for Assistance:**
 - i. n/a. Schey noted nothing recently. Hanson and Schey went over to the City Gym and Pool to save some of the historic bleachers before they were removed for renovations.
4. **Historic Photographs – Use and Recovery:** n/a
5. **Request to Hold Board Meetings at City Hall:** Hanson revisited his request to make a motion proposing the HRB send a resolution to City Council informing them of the HRB's desire to meet in person at the Civic Center.
 - i. Hanson understands why we held virtual meetings in the past, but he also wants to prepare to move forward and hold in-person meetings. He wants to keep Zoom as supplement.
 - ii. He is concerned that if we don't take a position, we will remain on zoom longer. Hanson motioned to express these concerns to City Council.
 - iii. Further questions were asked:
 1. Wentworth, Sr. asked if meeting in person creates any logistical problems. Schey said yes; City Hall admins note that City Hall is closed. She noted the last City Council meeting went to Zoom. Schey believes it would require City approval, and it would be all boards and commissions returning to on-site, not just the HRB. Schey is not sure how well received Hanson's request would be at this time.
 2. Hanson wants to move forward with the resolution to express the HRB's desire to meet in person.
 3. Schey noted she would want to keep Zoom open regardless. Duane Wentworth sympathizes with Hanson on the situation, but under the current circumstances thinks a resolution is premature. He doesn't think it would do the Board any favors. Duane Wentworth suggested revisiting the proposed resolution each month. Wentworth, Sr. would like to follow Council's lead. Zambrano asked what the protocol is; if City Council meets, then could we? Zambrano thinks we should follow City Council's lead. Schey knows of senior staff that are adhering more and more to the 1 HB way and we shouldn't be worried about getting left behind. She agreed it is right to keep watching Covid's progression and its influence on the city so as not to get left behind; but she is sure the City will make sure doors open for all when they do open.

4. Schey doesn't want to be on new council's radar in that way right now and would like to defer any motion. She then asked if anyone wanted to 2nd Hanson's motion. Hanson wanted a 2nd to at least debate further but said he would defer for now and postpone the request until the February meeting. No one 2nd the motion. Hanson would like it to be put back on the agenda next month. Schey thanked Hanson for remaining vigilant on the topic.

VII. Committee Reports

1. **Plaques:** Nothing to report in Knowles' absence.
2. **Demolition Reports:** Schey had nothing to report. Santiago was not here to report. Schey had not received any requests.
3. **Research:** n/a
4. **Oral History Project:** n/a
5. **School Outreach:** Nguyen noted that she reached back out to Smith Elementary offering teachers the opportunity to have the HRB host a virtual presentation. Some teachers have written back showing interest. Knowles and Nguyen worked on reformatting their presentations (as well as creating new ones) for both synchronous and asynchronous meetings. So far, they have presentations for 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th grades that are tied into the curriculum. Wentworth, Sr. asked if the board could get copies. Nguyen noted that they are still in draft form and looked to Schey for feedback. She will send them out to teachers at the beginning of February, and they can decide if they would prefer synchronous or asynchronous presentations.
6. **Information and Outreach:**
 - i. Wentworth Sr. noted SCN is on hold. 1,725 Likes on Facebook.
7. **Future Programming:**
 - i. Hanson would like to suggest a film about Dion Neutra. He would like to maybe look into the film and screen it in the future at the Central Library. Hanson will forward Schey the information. Parl sent the link out to board members: (<http://neutrafilm.com>).

VIII. Member Comments:

1. Next meeting is Wednesday the 17th of February.
2. Schey mentioned the film on women mayors of Huntington Beach. After a suggestion from Nguyen, Schey reached out to the National Council on Public History and their "Nevertheless she Persisted;" they are interested in the film.
3. Schey noted the Wentworths are still on the state website with their oral interviews with California Listens. HB's submission for California Revealed was approved, and every film submission submitted this year was approved.
4. Wentworth, Sr. asked about Cherry Blossom Festival. Park hasn't heard anything about it.

5. Wentworth, Sr. noted he hasn't found what he's looking for in regard to portfolios to carry materials for Surf City Nights; he is still looking.
6. Hanson noted he sent an email to Schey stating he'd serve another term on the HRB (when it is up in June 2021). He did file to run for City Council in 2022 which could change his plans.
7. Zambrano would like to continue on the board as well. Zambrano noted his involvement in the Art Projects film; he spoke on the "Nude Dude" for the film. He indicated that the film focused on 5 art projects in town.
8. Hanson noted the meetings he'd attended and information he'd received. Mr. Paxton (former Scout master) passed away and a memorial service is planned.
9. Park noted that the Art Center is combined with Library Services now too, which offers even more of an opportunity for collaboration.

IX. Future Agenda Items:

1. Hanson's request to meet in person.

X. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm. Wentworth, Sr. motioned to adjourn and Hanson seconded. All present approved. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17th.