

# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

# HISTORIC LANDMARKS ADVISORY COMMISSION APPROVED MINUTES

Hearing of November 9, 2009 Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

The regular hearing of the Santa Barbara County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair John C. Woodward, at 10:07 a.m., in the Santa Barbara Engineering Building, Planning Commission Hearing Room, 123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, California.

## **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

JOHN C. WOODWARD, CHAIR	AT LARGE
SUE ADAMS	1 <sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT
DEBORAH L. SCHWARTZ, VICE-CHAIR	2 <sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT
RANDY MELCOMBE	3 <sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT
GERRY SHEPHERD	3 <sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT
EILEEN WYCKOFF	4 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

# **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

BARBARA LOWENTHAL	1 <sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT
ROGER C. WELT	4 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT
AUDREY MUSSELL	5 <sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Pat Barry, Deputy County Counsel David Villalobos, Board Assistant Supervising Dave Ward, Deputy Director, Development Review South Anne Almy, Supervising Planner, Development Review South Alex Tuttle, Planner, Development Review South

**REPORTERS:** Matt Bloise, Santa Barbara News-Press

NUMBER OF INTERESTED PERSONS: Approximately 60 people present.

# ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call: Commissioners Lowenthal, Welt, and Mussell were absent.
- 2. **Minutes of October 12, 2009** were considered as follows:

ACTION: Commissioner Wyckoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried 6 to 0 (Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to approve the Minutes of October 12, 2009 as revised.

3. **Public Comment**: None.

### **DECISION ITEM**

4. The Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission (HLAC) will further consider and discuss elements of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Vital Mission Plan over which HLAC has approval authority pursuant to the Resolution designating County Landmark #24 and take action as appropriate. The proposed project is to revise the existing CUP and approve a Development Plan to allow the development of approximately 25,884 square feet of net additional building area for administrative research, educational, and residential uses. The project also proposes to add a newly acquired 13.15 acre parcel to the CUP (approximately 78 acres total), improve internal circulation and parking, install fencing, expand its trail system, improve fire protection for all existing and proposed development, and extended municipal sewer and water service to serve the entire site. Increases in staff, visitors, classes, and special events are proposed and anticipated. Upon completion of the project, the Garden would include a total of 65,422 square feet of development, with a net increase of three residential units. Changes to features identified in the County Resolution (2003-059) for Landmark #24 include minor alteration to the existing Library, relocation of the Caretaker's Cottage, and various changes that may affect the historic landscape design concept. The property is zoned REC, AG-I-10 and 1-E-1 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 023-340-013, -014, -015; 023-052-001, -002, -003, -004, -008, -011, -012,; 023-060-018, -022, -023, -024, -025, -038,; 023-350-006; 021-030-001, located at 1212 Mission Canyon Road in the Mission Canyon area, First Supervisorial District. (Continued from 4/13/09, 6/8/09, 7/13/09, & 8/10/09)

### PRESENTATIONS:

- Staff presentation by Alex Tuttle.
- Applicant presentation by Rick Battles, John Singletary, and Ed Schneider.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

27. Janice Cloud

28. Alan Johnston

• Rebuttal by Rick Battles, Santa Barbara Botanic Garden.

#### **DELIBERATIONS:**

13. Susan Chamberlin

14. Susan Plumer

#### **Meadow Terrace**

• The Meadow with its surrounding naturalistic setting is the signature character-defining feature of the Botanic Garden and an integral part of its historic landscape design concept. HLAC concurs with the EIR's Historic Resources Group (HRG) report statement that "...the Meadow Terrace alteration represents a serious departure from the naturalistic and

informed intent of the Garden's original design. Extensive grading and pavement will introduce a more architectural and fabricated element, interrupting the naturalistic meadow to canyon transition. This will result in a significant impact to the historically informal and unaffected character of the Historic Garden." (p. 53)

- Action 1: Commissioner Wyckoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1 (Schwartz no; Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to find that the Meadow Terrace project is designed to accommodate intensification of use requiring structural additions, such as stone walls, that substantially deviate from the historic landscape design concept of the Garden. Therefore, approval of the Meadow Terrace component of the project is denied and the following are required:
  - a. The partially completed stonework shall be removed in its entirety;
  - b. The area shall be restored to its previous naturalistic condition, including replacement of an oak tree where a mature oak tree had been before its removal; and
  - c. A restoration plan for the area shall be prepared for review and approval by the HLAC before restoration is commenced.

## **Paving of Trails**

- ADA requirements need to be balanced with historic preservation. HLAC expressed concern regarding appropriate material.
- As defined in Resolution No. 2003-59, the historic landscape design concept of the Garden is "characterized by a system of trails through and around plant communities, displays, exhibits and structures." Except for heavy traffic areas at the entrance and around buildings, these naturalistic trails have been left unpaved with smooth compacted-earth surfacing and have functioned well as such for the past 80+ years.
- HLAC agrees with the HRG conclusion that "The proposed new paving will compromise the naturalistic design of the Historic Garden which has been historically characterized by the subtle variations found in nature. Paving of the trails will result in a significant loss of naturalistic landscape features and will formalize and make uniform what was originally designed as an informal and unaffected landscape, resulting in a potentially significant impact." (p. 52).
- Action 2: Commissioner Adams moved, seconded by Commission Shepherd, and carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to find that paving of the trails with concrete interlocking pavers is completely incompatible with the naturalistic trails that have been an important character-defining feature of the Garden throughout its history and, as such, is a substantial deviation from the historic landscape design concept of the Garden. However, limited paving within the Landmark is approved, subject to the following:
  - a. The HLAC has substantial objection to the existing concrete pavers and strongly recommends that existing concrete interlocking pavers be removed entirely and the trails restored with smooth, compacted earth surfacing or naturalistic materials, except as provided in b., below;
  - b. Heavy traffic areas at entrances, around buildings that have traditionally been paved, and around new buildings, shall be paved with naturalistic material (such as flagstone);
  - c. Paving and hardscape plans shall be reviewed and approved by HLAC prior to construction; and

d. With the exception of b., above, no new concrete pavers, synthetic or otherwise, shall be installed.

### Historic Main Entrance

- The historic main entrance to the Garden was designed to open onto a spectacular sweeping view of the Meadow and the mountain peaks beyond. It is one of the seven features identified in the Landmark resolution for special protection. This entrance has been closed and the VMP proposed to create a new entrance some distance to the south where much of the dramatic views of the Meadow and mountains will be blocked or diminished upon entering.
- Action 3: Commissioner Wyckoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to find that the new entrance represents a substantial deviation of the historic landscape design concept as it greatly detracts from an important character-defining feature of the Garden. However, the HLAC approves the new entrance, subject to the reopening of the historic main entrance on occasion, where practical, to be utilized in concert with the new entrance.

### New Education/Library Buildings and Entrance Kiosk

- HLAC expressed concern about the upper level offices.
- Under the landmark resolution, HLAC must determine whether the construction of any new structures within the Landmark "substantially deviate from, or substantially conflict with, the historic landscape design concept or historic use" of the Garden.
- Action 4: Commissioner Adams moved, seconded by Commissioner Schwartz, and carried by a vote of 5 to 1 (Wyckoff no; Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to find that the new Education and Library buildings and new Entrance Kiosk do not substantially deviate from or substantially conflict with the historic landscape design concept or historic use of the landmark and that these buildings do not adversely affect the seven identified historic features and structures identified in Landmark Resolution 2003-059. Therefore, the HLAC finds that these buildings are not subject to their jurisdiction.

### **Demolition of Herbarium**

• The existing Herbarium building is not one of the historic structures specified in the Landmark resolution for special protection, and therefore HLAC does not have jurisdiction to approve or deny its proposed demolition and takes no action with respect to it. HLAC finds, however, that the proposed removal of the Herbarium, which is not historically significant, would be a significant improvement to the Landmark.

#### Relocation of Caretaker's Cottage

 Moving of the Caretaker's Cottage was envisioned when the Landmark was designated in 2003, and Resolution No. 2003-59 specifically allows for its relocation. However, since it is one of the seven structures identified in the Landmark resolution for special protection, HLAC has jurisdiction to approve or deny any proposed exterior alterations or additions. When the Caretaker's Cottage is moved, any exterior changes to the structure shall be subject to review and approval by HLAC.

### Addition/remodel of North Wing and Exterior Alterations to Blaksley Library

- As an existing nonhistoric structure, HLAC does not have jurisdiction under the Landmark resolution to approve or deny the proposed changes to the North Wing and therefore takes no action with respect to the proposed changes.
- Although also an existing structure, the Blaksley Library is one of the seven structures identified in the Landmark resolution for special protection and therefore HLAC has jurisdiction to approve or deny the proposed exterior alterations.
- Action 5: Commissioner Wyckoff moved, seconded by Commissioner Adams and carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to approve the exterior alterations to the Blaksley Library.

# Fencing and Lighting

- HLAC must determine whether the construction of new fencing and lighting within the Landmark substantially deviate from, or substantially conflict with, the historic landscape design concept of the Garden.
- HLAC does not currently have enough information on the fencing plan to make a determination regarding substantial deviation from the historic landscape design concept.
- Action 6: Commissioner Shepherd moved, seconded by Commissioner Wyckoff and carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to find that:
  - a. The proposed fencing has the potential to substantially deviate from the historic landscape design concept based on its potential visual impacts on the landmark and therefore the HLAC has jurisdiction over this element of the project; and
  - b. The final fencing plan shall be brought back to the HLAC at their next meeting for review and approval.

### **Temporary Art Exhibits**

- HLAC must determine whether future proposals for temporary art exhibits deemed to be structures deviate from the historic landscape design concept of the Garden. Proposals for such exhibits shall be subject to review and approval by HLAC.
- HLAC requests that staff make a report to the Commission at their next meeting on the pathway extending through the Meadow to the Herb Parker exhibit, as documented in photographs presented at today's hearing.

# Cultural Landscape Master Plan

- Action 7: Commissioner Woodward moved, seconded by Commissioner Wyckoff and carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Lowenthal, Welt, Mussell absent) to require that a Cultural Landscape Master Plan be prepared and submitted to HLAC for review and approval prior to construction of any alterations to the Landmark.
- 5. HLAC Monthly Budget Report and Decisions: Continued to the meeting of December 14, 2009.
  - Budget Report
  - Staff Support and Office Expense
  - Travel
  - Historic Surveys & Contracts

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- **6. District Reports**: Continued to the meeting of December 14, 2009.
- 7. Next Meeting of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission

Date:

December 14, 2009

Location:

Administration Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Board of Supervisors Conference Room 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

Respectfully submitted by,

David Villalobos

Secretary for HLAC

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Hearing of December 14, 2009 Meeting Time: 10:00 a.m.

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# **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

JOHN C. WOODWARD, CHAIR	AT LARGE
BARBARA LOWENTHAL	1 <sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT
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#### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

**AUDREY MUSSELL** 

5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

## **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary McMaster, Deputy County Counsel Anita Hodosy-McFaul, HLAC Secretary Julie Harris, Planner, Development Review South Alex Tuttle, Planner, Development Review South Errin Briggs, Planner, Development Review South

**REPORTERS:** Matt Bloise, Santa Barbara News-Press

**NUMBER OF INTERESTED PERSONS:** Approximately 30 people present.

### SITE VISIT

1. The County Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission (HLAC) conducted a site visit to the Juarez-Hosmer Adobe, County Historic Landmark #34, at 461 San Ysidro Road, in the Montecito area, First Supervisorial District.

# **ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA**

**2. Roll Call:** Commissioner Mussell was absent.

3. **Minutes of November 9, 2009** were considered as follows:

ACTION: Commissioner Shepherd moved, seconded by Commissioner Wyckoff and carried 5 to 0 (Mussell absent; Lowenthal, Welt and Melcombe abstain) to

approve the minutes of November 9, 2009.

#### 4. Public Comments:

Roy W. Hawthorn, Consulting Building Official and Plans Examiner, authored and presented a publication on *Temporary Shoring & Stabilization of Earthquake Damaged Historic Buildings*.

Bob Field gave a short informational presentation on the historic importance of Mattei's Tavern and distributed copies of *Mattei's Tavern, Where Road Met Rail in Stagecoach Days, Excerpts from a Pamphlet by Walker A. Tompkins.* 

### **DISCUSSION ITEM**

5. Conceptual review of work affecting the Juarez-Hosmer Adobe, County Historic Landmark #34, including the rehabilitation of the adobe/redwood addition, tower, leanto, and cottage, as well as proposed additions to the existing tower, adobe, and cottage, and reconstruction of historic barn. The property is a 0.42 acre parcel zoned 2-E-1 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Number 009-710-019, located at 461 San Ysidro Road, in the Montecito area, First Supervisorial District.

#### PRESENTATIONS:

Staff presentation by Julie Harris.

Applicant presentation by architects Clay Aurell and Christopher Thibodeau, of AB Design Studio, Inc..

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

WillardThompson Kellam de Forest

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- Commissioners appreciate and thank the new owners for taking on a labor of love and for proposing a sensitive restoration of the landmark. Applicant was urged to take special care in the treatment of the adobe finish material.
- Documentation consisting of measured drawings, photographs and written data will be needed to provide a detailed, accessible record reflecting the property's surviving original elements.
- Commissioners expressed dismay over the present deteriorated condition of the landmark and the lack of proper monitoring of the historic property in the past.
- Appreciate the light touch in the restoration of the adobe and making the landmark more livable with minimal proposed alterations will enhance its chance of survival.
- The proposed authentic reconstruction of the barn will add greatly to the historic integrity of the entire property and is an important improvement.
- Suggest relocating the plaque designating the property as an historic landmark, presently attached to the front of the adobe, and placing it on a boulder in the garden.

#### STAFF BRIEFING

6. Presentation from Planning and Development regarding Condition #32 of the Board of Supervisor's December 9, 2008 approval of the Miramar project, which requires Planning and Development and the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission to confirm that the required historic documentation measures are implemented prior to issuance of follow-on Land Use Permits. The property consists of 15.99 total acres (15.77 net acres) zoned C-V and shown as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 009-371-004, -003, 009-372-001, and 009-333-010, located at 1555 S. Jameson Lane in the Montecito area, First Supervisorial District.

### PRESENTATION:

Staff presentation by Errin Briggs.

Applicant (representative) Matt Middlebrook from Caruso BSC Miramar LLC

Historic documentation measures for the Miramar project have been implemented and will be archived and accessible at the Gledhill Library, 136 De La Guerra Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kellam de Forest

#### Discussion:

- Miramar neon signs are in storage and are functional.
- Sandstone entrance caps will be incorporated in design.
- There are five parties interested in acquiring and relocating the Miramar cottages.

ACTION: Commissioner Lowenthal moved, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0 (Mussel absent, Welt abstains) to accept the Historic documentation measures for the Miramar project regarding Condition #32.

## **DECISION ITEMS**

7. Presentation from Planning and Development on the new pathway extending through the Meadow to the Herb Parker exhibit within the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden pursuant to the Resolution designating County Landmark #24. The HLAC shall review and consider the information and take action as appropriate. The property is zoned REC, AG-I-10 and 1-E-1 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 023-340-013, -014, -015; 023-052-001, -002, -003, -004, -008, -011, -012,; 023-060-018, -022, -023, -024, -025, -038, 023-350-006; 021-030-001, located at 1212 Mission Canyon Road in the Mission Canyon area, First Supervisorial District.

#### PRESENTATION:

Staff presentation by Alex Tuttle.

Applicant representative: Rick Battles, attorney for the Garden.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kellam de Forest
Marc Chytilo
Anna Campbell
Stephen Sherrill
Paulina Conn
Dorothy Perkins Sewell
Fran Galt
Jeanette W. Iwatsuki
Shirley B. Dunbar
Nancy Robrer

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- Pathway was intended to provide a "to and from" for exhibit without walking over the Meadow and for ADA requirements. Paving was removed from the pathway prior to this discussion. One Commissioner stated that it was a good call to remove the paving as the pathway without the paving is now much more naturalistic.
- The Meadow is an open naturalistic space with a view and a very important part of the historic landscape design concept. The pathway is a scar on the Meadow and has the cumulative effect of causing a substantial deviation from the Garden's historic landscape concept which is prohibited by the Landmark resolution.
- HLAC was not informed in advance of the construction of the pathway. It was not
  included in plans for the art exhibit previously presented to the commission and
  approved. More open communications between the Garden and HLAC has been
  repeatedly requested in the past to avoid such conflicts.
- There is great displeasure by HLAC for the Garden's lack of communication in advance of such alterations to the Landmark. Suggest the removal of the pathway and recommend utilizing the northern portion of the Meadow for entering the exhibit.

ACTION: Commissioner Shepherd moved, seconded by Commissioner Wyckoff and carried by a vote of 7 to 0 (Mussell and Lowenthal absent) to send a letter to the Botanic Garden expressing HLAC's strong concern over the pathway's negative impact on the Landmark and the Garden's continued failure to communicate with HLAC when such changes are contemplated.

8. Landmarks Advisory Commission (HLAC) will further consider and discuss the fencing plan of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Vital Mission Plan pursuant to the Resolution designating County Landmark #24 and take action as appropriate. The property is zoned REC, AG-I-10 and 1-E-1 and shown as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 023-340-013, -014, -015; 023-052-001, -002, -003, -004, -008, -011, -012,; 023-060-018, -022, -023, -024, -025, -038, 023-350-006; 021-030-001, located at 1212 Mission Canyon Road in the Mission Canyon area, First Supervisorial District. (Continued from 4/13/09, 6/8/09, 7/13/09, 8/10/09 and 11/09/09)

#### PRESENTATION:

Staff presentation by Alex Tuttle.

Applicant representative: Rick Battles, attorney for the Garden.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Marc Chytilo
Ann Campbell
Fran Galt
Paulina Conn
Kellam de Forest
Stephen Sherrill
Dorothy Perkins Sewell
Shirley Dunbar
Nancy Robrer

#### **DISCUSSION:**

- Chain link fencing is inhospitable and offensive to the neighborhood, and should be entirely removed.
- Suggest utilizing thorny bushes or chaparral for historic edges of Garden. The Garden could provide good examples of natural barriers for the public to use elsewhere.

- The naturalistic stonework shown in the slide presentation is beautiful and should be used.
- Suggest using the post and wire fencing with nominal visual impact to mark boundaries and to replace chain link fencing.
- ACTION: Commissioner Adams moved, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd and carried by a vote of 6 to 0 (Welt abstained; Lowenthal and Mussell absent) to find the proposed fencing has the potential to substantially deviate from the historic landscape design concept and is approved subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The stonework on the pilasters needs to be as naturalistic as possible and not precisely cut, consistent with the photographs presented to HLAC; and
  - b. HLAC strongly objects to the visual impacts of the existing chain link fencing within the Landmark and finds that it is a substantial deviation from the historic landscape design concept. HLAC recommends that it be replaced with post and smooth wire fencing wherever possible.

# 9. HLAC Monthly Budget Report and Decisions

- Budget Report
- Staff Support and Office Expense
- Travel
- Historic Surveys & Contracts
  - i) Presentation of final Upper Mission Canyon Historic Building Survey by Michel Nellis.
- ACTION: Commissioner Welt moved, seconded by Commissioner Wyckoff, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0 (Mussel and Lowenthal absent) to accept the Upper Mission Canyon Historic Building Survey.
  - ii) Proposals for FY 2009-1010 Surveys by Michel Nellis and Fermina Murray.
    - Fermina Murray was not present at the meeting.
    - Commissioners reviewed:

Proposal #1 Montecito, a series of surveys to identify potentially historic elements in the Montecito area and:

Proposal #2 Update Status on All Existing County Landmarks and Places of Historic Merit.

ACTION: Commissioner Welt moved, seconded by Commissioner Shepherd, and carried by a vote of 7 to 0 (Mussell and Lowenthal absent) to select Proposal #2 Update Status on All Existing County Landmarks and Places of Historic Merit. Project to be completed by June 30, 2010 for a fee of \$4,500. An electronic version to be provided.

## 10. District Reports:

**Second District (Commissioner Schwartz):** County Landmarks within the City of Goleta now fall within the jurisdiction and authority of the City of Goleta.

**Third District:** Randy Melcombe is leaving the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission and Chairman Woodward expressed the commission's gratitude for his 15 years of service. Deborah Aceves from the Third District has been appointed to the HLAC.

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Chairman Woodward reported that Deputy County Counsel Mary Pat Barry has left the County and Deputy County Counsel Mary McMaster has been appointed to replace her as legal counsel to the HLAC.

11. Next Meeting of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission

Date:

February 8, 2010 (January 11, 2010 meeting cancelled)

Location:

Engineering Building, Room 17 Planning Commission Hearing Room

123 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

Anyone interested in the above matters is invited to appear and speak in support of or in opposition to these projects. Written comments are also welcome. All letters should be addressed to the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission, c/o Planning and Development Department; 123 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101, and should be filed with the secretary of the Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission no later than 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 3, 2009.

For additional information about this agenda or any Historic Landmarks Advisory Commission business, please contact the HLAC Secretary at (805) 884-6833.

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