

## CORONADO HISTORIC RESOURCE COMMISSION

### MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

July 17, 2002

A regular meeting of the Coronado Historic Resource Commission was called to order at 3:05 p.m., Wednesday, July 17, 2002, in the Council Chambers, 1825 Strand Way, Coronado, California, by Casey Tanaka, Chairman of the Historic Resource Commission.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Tanaka, Steiner Draper, Keith, and Ryan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: John Swanson, Assistant Planner  
Ann McCaull, Associate Planner  
Linda Hascup, Secretary

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2002 were approved as amended.

The minutes for the Regular Meeting of May 1, 2002 were approved as amended.

#### DIRECTORS REPORT

There was no separate report.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

There were no members of the public wishing to speak at this time.

Commissioner Draper noticed that the high school has not taken any steps to protect the Donal Hord bas-relief murals on the side of the science building during the reconstruction that is taking place. She said that there are strong vibrations from the demolition of the administration wing as well as from the interior work being done in the science building that could potentially cause damage. She had heard that there might already be some damage and requested that the Commission act with a sense of urgency to gain cooperation from the school board to protect the

murals. Commissioner Keith made a motion to add this as an emergency item for discussion at the end of the regular agenda. Commissioner Ryan seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

### APPLICATIONS FOR REVIEW

**HR 3-02      HR 3-02      WILLIAM A. SPEER & MARSIA A. STEIRER - REQUEST FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE LOCATED AT 600 GLORIETTA BOULEVARD IN THE R-1A (CC-1) (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) ZONE**

Mr. Swanson introduced the item as outlined in the agenda. He said that City of Coronado building records reflect that the contractor, A. P. Krueger was issued a building permit on October 3, 1921. The original building, one of the first structures on Glorietta Boulevard, is about 80 years old and in the neoclassical style. The second owner of the home was Charles W. Amos, founder of the Coronado Yacht Club as well as prominent in the local mortgage and banking industry.

Applicants, Bill Speer and Marsia Steirer, owners of 600 Glorietta Boulevard explained that they had purchased the property in 1995 and over the last 5 years have invested about \$400,000 to rehabilitate and restore the home to a historically accurate state. They added about 1,000 sq.ft. to the main home in 1996 for a family room and a master bedroom, and added a second floor to the garage to use for their home office.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public wishing to speak at this time.

### COMMISSION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Keith thanked Mr. Speer and Ms. Steirer for submitting the application to add their home to the City's historic resource inventory. Chairman Tanaka said that there are a few homes in Coronado that he would like to see designated and this is certainly one of them.

### COMMISSION ACTION

COMMISSIONER KEITH MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE HR 3-02 REQUEST FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION OF 600 GLORIETTA BOULEVARD FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: 1) THE PROPERTY MEETS THE 75-YEAR AGE REQUIREMENT; 2) IT IS IDENTIFIED WITH PERSONS AND EVENTS SIGNIFICANT IN LOCAL HISTORY; 3) IT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE THE FEW REMAINING EXAMPLES OF AN ARCHITECTURAL STYLE; AND, 4) IT IS IDENTIFIED WITH A NOTABLE BUILDER.

COMMISSIONER STEINER SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: Commissioners Tanaka, Steiner, Keith, Draper, and Ryan  
NAYS:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Ms. McCaull announced that this is the 14<sup>th</sup> residence designated as a historic resource by the City of Coronado.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **Commission Discussion Regarding the Public Outreach Program**

Commissioner Steiner said that it would be interesting to ask applicants how they learned about Coronado's Historic Preservation Program and asked Mr. Speer and Ms. Steirer if they would share their experience. Mr. Speer said that he had kept track of the program, first through an article in the Union Tribune about the Mills Act and then articles in the Eagle and by contacting Ms. Ann McCaull, the City's Associate Planner. Chairman Tanaka said that perhaps it would be a good time to write a letter or an article for publication in the Eagle & Journal. The Commission members agreed that he should draft an article.

Commissioner Steiner mentioned that the Commissioners had spoken previously about requiring applicants to provide a photograph and an article regarding their residence for publication after designation.

### **Commission Discussion Regarding Application for Historic Designation of Public Structures, Properties and Miscellaneous Improvements**

Chairman Tanaka said that at the last meeting the Commissioners had discussed what the most successful strategy would be when submitting an application to the City Council. The idea was that they would proceed by submitting a few of the most important and least controversial resources first, such as Coronado's park system. Commissioner Draper indicated that during her extensive research she had not been able to find a historic record of the park system or documentation for the age of most of the parks in the system, however she did find documentation showing that Bay Circle, Vetter, Spreckles, Star, Matthewson Parks were over 75 years old. Commissioner Ryan suggested that it might be easier to prepare applications for the parks on which the age can be documented and add in other parks later as more information is gathered. Commissioner Keith suggested there ought to be some documentation, such as a map that would show the green spaces that were set aside when Coronado was first laid out. She said she thought it was the park system that was to be the focus of the first application rather than individual parks. Commissioner Steiner believes that there are historical maps showing the park system. Mr. Tanaka added that he also understood that Coronado was developed as a planned community including the park system and that he would like to see what information could be found. Ms. McCaull said that she would research whether there were other resources for

information on the park system, such as the original Coronado Beach subdivision map, which should be located in the City's Engineering Department.

Commissioner Keith asked for agreement that the parks at the Coronado Cays were not to be considered because the development definitely does not meet the age criteria. The rest of the Commissioners agreed with her assessment.

Chairman Tanaka suggested that this discussion should be continued to the next meeting to allow Ms. McCaull to carry out some research for the historic map. All agreed.

### **Commission Discussion Regarding the Protection of the Donal Hord Bas Relief Murals at Coronado High School During Construction**

Commissioner Draper related that she had viewed the murals, which are currently unprotected in any manner from the high school construction project. She was concerned that the shaking of the ground and buildings due to interior and exterior demolition would cause irreparable damage if some action were not taken immediately. She suggested that the Commission write a letter to the Coronado School Board. Chairman Tanaka said that he also had noted the unprotected state of the murals and that he had mentioned it to Marilyn Wheeler, Superintendent of Coronado School District. Several of the Commissioners mentioned their surprise and disappointment that the murals were not being protected after Ms. Wheeler's statements regarding the historic nature of the murals and the School District's intention to preserve them. The Commission members were unanimous in their concern about the threat of damage to the murals and agreed that a letter should be written and delivered as soon as possible.

#### COMMISSION ACTION

COMMISSIONER RYAN MADE A MOTION TO PREPARE A LETTER TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INDICATE THE COMMISSION'S CONCERN REGARDING THE WELFARE OF THE DONAL HORD BAS RELIEF MURALS DURING CONSTRUCTION AND THAT THEY RECOMMEND THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO PROTECT THEM.

COMMISSIONER DRAPER SECONDED THE MOTION.

AYES: Commissioners Tanaka, Steiner, Keith, Draper, and Ryan

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Chairman Tanaka volunteered to work with staff to prepare and send the letter.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The Commissioners discussed the date for the next meeting and decided that the first week in August would be too soon as there were no applications pending and they may need more time for research on the park system. The next meeting was agreed to be on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

### FUTURE ITEMS

- Review of Applications Regarding the Designation of Public Historic Resources
- Discuss Recognition Plaques
- Outreach Program

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

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