

**AIA Preservation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
AIA San Diego Conference Room  
233 A Street, Suite 200, San Diego, CA  
May 4, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:**

Sharon Smith- Chair  
Andy Bowen– Secretary  
David Marshall  
Heather Crane  
Amie Hayes  
Sharon Gehl

**1. Call to Order: 12:02 PM**

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

David moved that the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting minutes be approved as amended. Sharon Smith seconded. The motion was carried.

**3. Old Business:**

**a. Results of Sharon Smith’s Inquiry Regarding Attendance at Meetings**

Respondents to Sharon’s email inquiry to past participants in our committee indicated that the time getting to the monthly meetings is a problem, not the time of day or the day of the week. People like the quarterly lecture or special program concept. Our June meeting is noted on AIA San Diego’s calendar and our mission statement is now posted on our committee’s page on AIA San Diego’s website. Sharon recommends posting the agenda for our special meetings as early as three weeks in advance.

Sharon noted that the AIA San Diego Urban Design Committee’s monthly meeting lasts 1-1/2 hours, with the last half-hour reserved for committee business. That committee meets from 7:45 to 9:30 on the first Friday of the month at SANDAG’s conference room. They post their agenda and meeting minutes each month on their page on the AIA web site.

**b. June Meeting: Housing Affordability & Historic Preservation**

Heath Fox, executive director of the La Jolla Preservation Society, will discuss a white paper currently in the works on the intersections between

preservation and affordable housing. Currently, the San Diego City Council is not emphasizing preservation or adaptive reuse as options for creating affordable housing. The city is looking to create more affordable housing, not necessarily subsidized housing. Sharon will look into whether the June meeting could last longer than one hour.

c. **Horton Plaza Park Tour**

David has still had no answer from Kim Brewer, his contact at Westfield Horton Plaza, regarding scheduling. David will inform the Westfield Horton Plaza management of our intention to have a tour in June (with proposed time and day) and he will request any comments back from them by a certain date.

d. **San Ysidro Customs House Tour**

There was no news since Miriam Martinez could not attend today's meeting. Heather Crane, whose office, IS Architecture, is working with Miriam on the project, indicated that the final set of project drawings was due a couple of weeks ago.

e. **Mission Beach Boardwalk Tour**

Heather Crane conducted an excellent tour of the Mission Beach Boardwalk, Seawall, and Lamppost Reconstruction on April 18. Andy Bowen attended. The tour was organized by the San Diego chapter of the Society for Design Administrators. Heather said that another tour could be arranged for the AIA.

f. **Future Topics for Preservation Committee Meetings**

We will discuss our next quarterly topic at our July meeting.

g. **Historic Resources Board Vacancies**

There are still two vacant seats on the board. Andy was contacted by the mayor's director of appointments, Francis Barraza, encouraging him to submit an application for a seat on the board. Andy completed an online application and sent references. He plans to follow up with a cover letter.

h. **California Preservation Foundation**

The 2017 conference begins Wednesday, May 10 in Pasadena. Sharon noted that she had been approached to apply for a seat on the CPF Board. The board requires a significant financial donation from each board member.

#### 4. New Business:

##### a. Preservation Committee Chair Status

Sharon Smith noted that she took over as chair in March, 2016. David made a motion to extend Sharon's term for another 12 months. Amie seconded. The motion was carried.

##### b. Other New Business- Around the Table

- SOHO's People in Preservation Award will be held on May 18.
- SOHO won a legal battle over legal fees in the first Plaza de Panama litigation.
- Sharon Gehl highly recommends a visit to the National Building Museum in Washington, DC.
- Mission Hills Heritage has organized a day-long program entitled "Craftsman Then and Now," to be held on May 6.

#### 5. Watch List:

- Regarding the **California Theater**, there are no current hurdles to demolition and the theater's days appear to be numbered. SOHO will probably litigate to stop demolition.
- **Qualcomm Stadium**. There are still no proposals for the Qualcomm site that include preservation of the stadium.
- **Plaza de Panama**. There are currently two lawsuits against the project- one is about financing, and the other is about the need for a new EIR. Both cases are on the fast track and should be heard in the next two months.

#### 6. Adjournment:

**Meeting adjourned:** 1:02 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be June 1, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy Bowen AIA  
Secretary