



City of Santa Barbara

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

MINUTES

MARCH 12, 2025

1:30 P.M.
David Gebhard Public Meeting Room
630 Garden Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Anthony Grumbine, *Chair*
Robert Ooley, *Vice Chair*
Keith Butler
Dennis Doordan
Michael Drury
Cass Ensberg
Ed Lenvik
Charles McClure

ADVISORY MEMBER: Dr. Michael Glassow
CITY COUNCIL LIAISON: Kristen Sneddon
PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON: Donald DeLuccio

STAFF:

Tava Ostrenger, Assistant City Attorney
Ellen Kokinda, Design Review Supervisor
Nicole Hernandez, Architectural Historian
Heidi Reidel, Assistant Planner
Jasper Carman, Commission Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

The Full Commission meeting was called to order at 1:31 p.m. by Chair Grumbine.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners present: Grumbine, Ooley, Butler, Doordan, Drury, Ensberg (until 2:55 p.m.), Lenvik, and McClure (until 3:05 p.m.)
Commissioners absent: None
Staff present: Kokinda (from 1:45 – 2:30 p.m.), Hernandez (from 1:30 - 1:45 p.m. and 2:48 – 3:22 p.m.), Reidel, and Carman

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Public Comment:

Written correspondence from Kevin Boss was acknowledged.

B. Approval of the minutes of the Historic Landmarks Commission meeting of **February 26, 2025**.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Historic Landmarks Commission meeting of **February 26, 2025**, as submitted.

Action: Ooley/Drury, 8/0/0. Motion carried.

C. Approval of the minutes of the Historic Landmarks Commission Consent meeting of **February 26, 2025**.

Motion: Approve the minutes of the Historic Landmarks Commission Consent meeting of **February 26, 2025**, as submitted.

Action: Drury/Butler, 8/0/0. Motion carried.

D. Ratification of action taken on the Consent Calendar of March 12, 2025

Consent Calendar March 12, 2025:

	REVIEW TYPE & ADDRESS	APN/PLN/ZONE	OWNER/APPLICANT	ACTION
1.	Project Design Approval and Final Approval 340 E Los Olivos St	APN: 025-261-004 PLN: 2024-00241 Zone: RS-15	James Charles Lee / Brooke Vanduyne, Sherry & Associates Architects	Project Design Approval and Final Approval with Findings
2.	Project Design Approval and Final Approval 429 De La Vina St	APN: 037-201-011 PLN: 2023-00322 Zone: C-G	Terence Alemann / Michael McGuire, McGuire Project Management	Project Design Approval and Final Approval with Conditions and Findings

Motion: Ratify the Consent Calendar of **March 12, 2025**, as reviewed by Commissioners Ooley and McClure.

Action: Ooley/Drury, 8/0/0. Motion carried.

E. Announcements, requests by applicants for continuances and withdrawals, future agenda items, and appeals:

1. Ms. Reidel announced the following:

- The HLC Members Only page has been discontinued and the public Historic Landmarks Commission posting page will be the primary platform for Commissioners to review meeting materials moving forward.
- The Hilton Hotel project at 633 East Cabrillo Blvd. is seeking approval for a Coastal Development Permit from the Planning Commission on April 10, 2025 and staff are requesting a member of the HLC be there to represent the Commission's comments from the May 10, 2023 hearing. Commissioner Butler volunteered to attend.

2. Ms. Hernandez announced that tomorrow evening is the San Roque neighborhood meeting to introduce the Historic Context and Historic Resources Survey project which Commissioners Ooley, Drury, and Butler will be in attendance. The meeting can be accessed on Zoom as well for those who cannot be physically present.

3. Commissioner Ensberg announced that she will be leaving the meeting early. She also requested a discussion item about paseos in the El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District.

F. Subcommittee Reports:

No reports.

(1:45PM) NEW ITEM: PROJECT DESIGN APPROVAL AND FINAL APPROVAL**1. CITY RIGHT OF WAY – BICYCLE PARKING**

Application Number: PLN2025-00055
Owner: City of Santa Barbara
Applicant: Samuel Furtner, Mobility Coordinator

(Proposed new bicycle rack designs to replace existing racks in the public right of way within El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District, consistent with City-wide rack replacement.)

Project Design Approval and Final Approval are requested. Project Compatibility Findings are required. Project last reviewed as a one-time pre-application design consultation under PRE2024-00124 on September 11, 2024.

Actual time: 1:45 p.m.

Present: Samuel Furtner, Mobility Coordinator and Jessica Grant, Supervising Transportation Planner.

Ex parte communication: Commissioner Grumbine disclosed that he had a conversation with the applicant about the proposed project.

Public comment opened at 2:06 p.m.,

The following individual spoke:

1. Barry Remis

Written correspondence from Strong Towns Santa Barbara was acknowledged.

Public comment closed at 2:10 p.m.

Straw vote: How many Commissioners can support the applicant making decisions regarding color and size? 5/3 Passed

Straw vote: How many Commissioners can support the applicant making decisions regarding diagonal placement? 8/0 Passed

*** The Commission recessed from 2:44 to 2:47 p.m. to compare the proposed green of the bike rack to the Malaga green of the trash receptacle outside. ***

Motion: Project Design Approval and Final Approval with conditions and findings:

1. The Commission is content with Staff making the decision regarding whether the bike racks will be positioned orthogonally, diagonally, or parallel on the sidewalk.
2. The majority of the Commission would like the color of the bike racks to be green (B121) in the El Pueblo Viejo Landmark District (EPV).
3. The proposed design for bike rack install within brickwork is acceptable.
4. Both rack sizes are acceptable and can be selected at the discretion of staff.
5. The Project Compatibility Analysis Findings generally have been met (per SBMC 30.220.020.F.) as follows:
 - a. The project's design is consistent with design guidelines applicable to its location within and outside of the EPV.
 - b. The design of the project is compatible with desirable architectural qualities and characteristics that are distinctive of Santa Barbara and of the particular neighborhood surrounding the project.
 - c. The size, mass, bulk, height, and scale of the project are appropriate.
 - d. The design of the project is appropriately sensitive to adjacent Landmarks or other nearby designated historic resources.
 - e. The design of the project responds appropriately to established scenic public vistas.
 - f. The project is sensitive to the amount of open space and landscaping in locations within the EPV and beyond.

Action: Doordan/Ooley, 8/0/0. Motion carried.

The ten-day appeal period was announced.

(2:30PM) CONTINUED ITEM: PROJECT DESIGN APPROVAL AND FINAL APPROVAL**2. 2201 LAGUNA ST**

Assessor's Parcel Number: 025-140-022
Zone: RS-15
Application Number: PLN2023-00417
Owner: Old Mission Santa Barbara
Applicant: Fred Sweeney, 19six Architects

(Designated a City, State, and National Landmark, the Mission was constructed in 1786, 1815, and 1925 by Father Antonio Ripoll and Jose Antonio Ramirez in the Spanish Colonial style. Proposal to construct an ADA and building code compliant access ramp to the main doors. Project includes a new tile platform and new steps atop the existing historic steps, landscaping, and ADA access way.)

Project Design Approval and Final Approval are requested. Project Compatibility Findings and Minor Alterations Findings are required. Project last reviewed on October 23, 2024.

Actual time: 2:55 p.m.

Present: Fred Sweeney, 19six Architects; Ruchita Chandsarker, 19six Architects; and Dan Lackie, Old Mission Santa Barbara Pastor.

Public comment opened at 3:08 p.m.,

The following individual spoke:

1. Suzanne Michaud

Public comment closed at 3:11 p.m.

Motion: Project Design Approval and Final Approval with findings:

1. The Project Compatibility Analysis Findings generally have been met (per SBMC 30.220.020.F.) as follows:
 - a. The project's design is consistent with design guidelines applicable to its location within the EPV and outside City.
 - b. The design of the project is compatible with desirable architectural qualities and characteristics that are distinctive of Santa Barbara and of the particular neighborhood surrounding the project.
 - c. The size, mass, bulk, height, and scale of the project are appropriate.
 - d. The design of the project is appropriately sensitive to adjacent Landmarks or other nearby designated historic resources.
 - e. The design of the project responds appropriately to established scenic public vistas.
 - f. The amount of open space and landscaping is appropriate.
2. As required for Resources on the Historic Resource Inventory in Section 30.157.110 of the Santa Barbara Municipal Code:
 - a. The exterior alterations are being made primarily for, and will substantially advance, restoration of the Historic Resource to its original appearance.
 - b. The exterior alterations are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

Action: Doordan/Drury 6/0/0. (McClure and Ensberg absent.) Motion carried.

The ten-day appeal period was announced.

*** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:22 P.M. ***