City of Santa Barbara
HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
& DE LA GUERRA PLAZA ADVISORY COMMITTEE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING
REVISED AGENDA
APRIL 22, 2022
8:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
Faulkner Gallery, Santa Barbara Public Library
40 East Anapamu Street
SantaBarbaraCA.gov

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Barbara Burkhart, Assistant Planner
Mary Ternovskaya, Senior Commission Secretary

NOTE: Agenda schedule is subject to change as cancellations occur.
redaction of personal identifying information; including but not limited to phone number, home address, and email address. Only submit information that you wish to make available publicly.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDIZED ITEMS: Members of the public wishing to speak on a matter on the agenda must submit a speaker slip to staff at the start of the meeting, the Chair will call your name when it is your turn to speak. At that time you may approach the podium and speak into the microphone. State your name and purpose for appearing. Due to time constraints, individual comments are limited to two minutes. You are welcome to bring written correspondence to the meeting for distribution and must provide 9 copies.

If you want to be listed as an interested party on an item you have the following options available to submit a request: 1. Submit an e-mail request to HLCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, 2. Call the HLC Secretary at (805) 564-5470, ext. 3308, or 3. Submit a written request via US Postal Service (USPS); addressed to HLC Secretary, PO Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990. You will need to provide your Name, Email Address, Mailing Address, and the project number (PLN) you want to be added to.

AGENDAS, MINUTES, REPORTS, & PUBLIC RECORD WRITINGS: Documents relating to agenda items are available for review online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC. If you have any questions about the posted documents, contact Barbara Burkhart, Assistant Planner at (805) 897-2687 or email BBurkhart@SantaBarbaraCA.gov. You may contact City Planning staff at (805) 564-5470 for general questions about the status of a case.

PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURE: The following review steps explain the sequence that all projects must undergo during a public hearing: 1. Introduction by the Chair; 2. Staff Comments (optional); 3. Applicant Presentation; 4. Public Comment (if any); 5. Questions from the Board/Commission; 6. Comments from the Board/Commission; 7. Board/Commission Discussion; and 8. Board/Commission Action.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT: If you need services or staff assistance to attend or participate in this meeting, contact the HLC Secretary at (805) 564-5470, ext. 3308. If possible, notification at least 48 hours prior to the meeting will usually enable the City to make reasonable arrangements. Specialized services, such as sign language interpretation or documents in Braille, may require additional lead time to arrange.

APPEALS: Decisions of the HLC may be appealed to the City Council. For further information and guidelines on how to appeal a decision to City Council, please contact the City Clerk’s office at Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov as soon as possible. Appeals may be filed in person at the City Clerk’s office at City Hall or in writing via email to Clerk@SantaBarbaraCA.gov and by first class mail postage prepaid within 10 calendar days of the meeting at which the Commission took action or rendered its decision. Appeals and associated fee post marked after the 10th calendar day will not be accepted.

NOTE TO INTERESTED PARTIES: Only those persons who participate through public comment either orally or in writing on an item on this Agenda have standing to appeal the decision. Grounds for appeal are limited to those issues raised either orally or in written correspondence delivered to the review body at, or prior to, the public hearing.

STATE POLITICAL REFORM ACT SOLE PROPRIETOR ADVISORY: State law, in certain circumstances, allows an architect, engineer, or a person in a related profession who is a “sole practitioner” to make informational presentation of drawings or submissions of an architectural, engineering, or similar nature to the same Commission on which he or she is seated, if the practitioner does not advocate for the project.


NOTICE: On Monday, April 18, 2022 this Agenda was posted on the outdoor bulletin board at the Community Development Department, 630 Garden Street and online at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/HLC. Approximate times are set for each item; however, the schedule is subject to change.

PLEASE BE ADVISED

The following advisories are generally also contained in the City’s Historic Landmarks Commission General Design Guidelines and Meeting Procedures (HLC Guidelines). The specific HLC Guideline number is listed after each advisory. Applicants are encouraged to review the full version of the HLC Guidelines.

• The approximate time the project will be reviewed is listed to the left of each item. It is suggested that applicants arrive 15 minutes early. The agenda schedule is subject to change as cancellations occur. Staff will attempt to notify applicants of time changes. (3.2.2)

• The applicant’s presence is required. If an applicant is not present, the item will be postponed indefinitely. If an applicant cancels or postpones an item without providing advance notice, the item will be postponed indefinitely and
Substitution of plans is not allowed. If plans differing from the submittal sets are brought to the meeting, motions for Project Design Approval or Final Approval will be contingent upon staff review for code compliance. (3.2.4)

Concept review comments are generally valid for one year. Per SMBC 22.22.180, a Project Design Approval is valid for three years from the date of the approval unless a time extension has been granted or a building permit has been issued. Projects with a valid land use approval will also automatically extend the Project Design Approval expiration date. (3.2.9) An HLC approval does not constitute a Zoning clearance or a Building and Safety Permit.

CEQA Guidelines §15183 Exemptions (Projects Consistent with General Plan). Under this California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section, projects with new development (new nonresidential square footage or new residential units) qualify for an exemption from further environmental review documents if (1) they are consistent with the General Plan development density evaluated in the 2011 General Plan Program Environmental Impact Report, and (2) any potentially significant project-specific impacts are addressed through existing development standards. Section 15183 exemptions are determined by staff based on a preliminary environmental review process. A decision-maker CEQA finding is required for a Section 15183 exemption. City Council General Plan environmental findings remain applicable for the project.

NOTICE OF LINKED DIGITAL PLANS

Hyperlinks to project plans are provided in the agenda. If the project plan is available, you will see the address in the agenda displayed as a blue underlined text. To view the project plans, simply click on the blue underlined address. Architectural and Engineering drawings are made available to facilitate the public dialog only. All such material is subject to the restrictions of U. S. Copyright Law and may not be used for other purposes without obtaining the permission of the copyright holder.

NOTE TO APPLICANTS: Applicants are urged to access the Design Review Submittal Quick Reference Guide available at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PlanningHandouts to view the required and suggested submittal items for each review level of a project. Applicants will be limited to 15 minutes for project presentation and a timer will be available on screen for reference. It is at the Chair’s discretion to allow applicants additional presentation time.

AGENDA SEQUENCE

I. GENERAL BUSINESS

   A. Roll Call

   B. Public Comment.

   Any member of the public may address the Commission for up to two minutes on any subject within its jurisdiction that is not scheduled on this agenda for a public discussion.
II. **(8:30AM) DISCUSSION ITEM**

1. **20 E DE LA GUERRA ST (De La Guerra Plaza)**
   
   Assessor's Parcel Number: 037-092-037  
   Zone: C-G/P-R  
   Application Number: PLN2019-00576  
   Owner: City of Santa Barbara  
   Applicant: Brad Hess, Public Works Department

(The Plaza De La Guerra Revitalization Project involves raising the entire Plaza, as well as De La Guerra Street between Anacapa Street and State Street, to be level with the existing sidewalk. Proposed improvements include new landscaping, water feature, restrooms, arcade, stage, art nodes, lighting, and trash/recycling. The [2011 Historic Structures/Sites Report](#) accepted by the HLC found that Plaza De La Guerra is eligible for listing as a City of Santa Barbara Landmark, eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, and eligible for listing as a significant Cultural Landscape in the National Register of Historic Places. Surrounding Plaza De La Guerra are City Hall and the California Pepper Tree, The News Press Building, Casa De La Guerra, and El Paseo, all designated City Landmarks; and the La Placita Building a.k.a. McKay-Bothin Building that is a designated Structure of Merit.)

No final appealable action will be taken at this hearing. The goal of the joint meeting is to discuss and reach consensus on general design direction for several revised design features. Post/Hazeltine and Associates prepared a [memo](#) on the history of the turf. Project was last reviewed on [January 19, 2022](#).