



**HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION
DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING SYNOPSIS**

**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 17, 2007**

**12:00 -1:30 P.M.
City Hall Tower
200 East Santa Clara Street
ROOM T-550**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**ED JANKE, HLC Chair
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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, BUILDING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**HLC DESIGN REVIEW COMMITTEE (DRC) MEETING GOAL:
Discuss project design conformance with City of San Jose Historic Design Guidelines,
and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties**

All Present

12:00

798 Second Street, S.

c. 1930 Spanish Colonial Revival Style / eligible for the National Register, Candidate City Landmark

Proposed Project:

Site Adjustment Permit to retain historic fountain and replace damaged concrete at upper and lower level patio and steps, while providing disabled access

Standards for Rehabilitation

9. ... new construction will **(retain)** ... materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work will be **differentiated** from the old and will be **compatible** with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.

Recommended Accessibility SIS Guidelines Considerations:

Identifying the historic building's character-defining spaces, features, and finishes so that accessibility code-required work will not result in their damage or loss

Complying with barrier-free access requirements, in such a manner that character-defining spaces, features, and finishes are preserved

Working with local disability groups, access specialists, and historic preservation specialists to determine the most appropriate solution to access problems

Providing barrier-free access that promotes independence for the disabled person to the highest degree practicable, while preserving significant historic features

Finding solutions to meet accessibility requirements that minimize the impact on the historic building and its site, such as compatible ramps, paths, and lifts.

Commissioners noted that the proposal to raise the lower level patio in front of the fountain (± 6 ") and to raise the corresponding pond's front stem wall to accommodate relocated tile work, would alter the front stem wall's relationship to the pond's back wall.

Commissioners recommended plants, details, and elevations be clearly labeled in the plans.

After an extensive working session, the following alternatives were proposed:

- 1) A single ramp to one of the two landings on either side of the courtyard, retaining the pond and upper level patio*
- 2) Two ramps – one to each of the two landings on either side of the courtyard.*
- 3) Raise the entire pond to maintain the relationship to the raised lower level patio.*
- 4) Raise pond front stem wall, incorporate stripe of relocated tile, and cut iron railing height to maintain character of stem wall and relationship to pond rear wall*