

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Gaynell Rosen [gaynellove@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 3:14 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: 1000 Cordova

Dear City Council members,

Designation of Whispering Waters at 1000 Cordova, Pasadena would create a great financial burden for the majority of owners there. For this reason, as well as the other hardships it would create, almost 100% of the owners are opposed to this designation. This designation was denied 2 years ago for obvious reasons (the building is neither esthetically, architecturally or structurally historic). I hope you will consider this at your meeting this evening.

Thank you,
Gaynell Rosen

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Jomsky, Mark

From: Stadnicki , Emily F
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 1:38 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: yes support for Whispering Water's landmark status hearing
Importance: High

fyi

From: Philippa Gutridge [mailto:Philippa@californiaclub.org]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 1:36 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: yes support for Whispering Water's landmark status hearing
Importance: High

Dear City Clerk,

Re: City Council Public Hearing, June 9, 7:30pm
Item 6B

I'm writing to voice my support of 1000 Cordova Street, Whispering Waters, as a Historic Landmark. I purchased Unit # 309 in a court appointment on Friday June 6th and plan to close escrow on June 30th.

I will be attending the 7.30pm City Hall hearing tonight.

Yours Sincerely,

Philippa Gutridge

Philippa Gutridge
Assistant Club Event Manager

The California Club
(213) 438-1174 (direct)
(213) 624-7093 (fax)

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: jvpatter@uci.edu
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 2:50 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Whispering Waters historic designation

Dear City Council Members,

I have visited the Whispering Waters condo complex at 1000 Cordova in Pasadena a number of times. It did not appear to me that there was any reason why this building should qualify as an historic landmark. This is especially so since almost all of the owners are opposed to this designation. It would be a great financial hardship (and impossibility to many) since there are elderly as well as low income owners. Please consider these factors in making your decision tonight.

Thank you,

Julie Patterson, Ph.D.

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From: Lisa Gallegos [lisa.gallegos@att.net]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 1:18 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Whispering Waters Condominium Association Historic Landmark Status

Dear City Clerk,

My name is Lisa Gallegos and I am an owner in Whispering Waters condominium association. I am writing this letter in support of Whispering Waters being designated as a historic landmark. I have owned the condo since 1998. The moment I saw the building I knew it was unique in its look. When I learned of its history from Mrs. Curtis the agent who sold me my unit my first impressions were confirmed. I am thrilled that the city is considering granting landmark status to Whispering Waters. I also attended the recent meeting with Emily Stadnicky where I was thrilled to learn of the benefits of landmark designation.

Yours,

Lisa Gallegos
Owner Unit 206
Whispering Waters Condominium Association

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From: Marion.White@kp.org
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 12:38 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: Fw: Whispering Waters Historic Designation

Hello,
please note that Unit 309 is in escrow and the new owner is in favor of the designation.

See note below.

Thanks
Marion

—
Marion K. White
Senior Project Manager
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MGDarch@aol.com

06/09/2008 11:43 AM

To: FriedWilson@cs.com, Marion White/PO/KAIPERM@Kaiperm
cc
Subject Fwd: Whispering Waters Historic Designation TONIGHT

fyi...

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----- Message from "Philippa Gutridge" <Philippa@californiaclub.org> on Mon, 9 Jun 2008 11:42:49 -0700 -----

To: <MGDarch@aol.com>

Subject: RE: Whispering Waters Historic Designation TONIGHT

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Dear Matt

I guess u heard my GREAT news! This weekend was a bit of a blur but I am so happy!

I am sorry I wasn't able to make the last meeting but I will definitely be there tonight.

I, of course, am in favor and support landmark status designation...hope to meet you tonight

Regards

Philippa

Philippa Gutridge

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From: MGDarch@aol.com [mailto:MGDarch@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 11:23 AM

To: philippa@californiaclub.org

Subject: Whispering Waters Historic Designation TONIGHT

Hi Philippa,

The Whispering Waters will be heard as a historic landmark designation by Pasadena City Council tonight at 7:30 at City Hall. 100 North Garfield, Council Chambers.

Landmark designation of the Whispering Waters will make you eligible to get your property taxes reduced by **50% or more!** The Estate of Doris Taggart (the sellers of the unit you are purchasing) has written a letter to city council indicating that they are not in favor of historic designation. We can't understand why they would say that? However, YOU, as the potential buyer of the unit can voice your opinion that you support historic designation of the Whispering Waters.

Please come and support us. We need your help. Can you make it to tonight's meeting and speak in favor of declaring Whispering Waters a historic landmark?

Here's the link to City Council's agenda with all the information. We're item 6B on the agenda:

http://www.cityofpasadena.net/councilagendas/2008%20agendas/Jun_09_08/agenda.asp

-Matt

(626) 792-5480

Call me if you have any questions.

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: FriedWilson@cs.com
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 11:59 AM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: June 9 City Council Hearing Item 6B - Designation of 1000 E Cordova Street

To the Pasadena City Council and City Clerk' s Office:

I have been a resident owner at the Whispering Waters Association at 1000 E. Cordova Street for almost 18 years. I also have been an active board member for a number of those past years. **I strongly support the building's nomination as an historic landmark.**

I also want to commend the city staff for holding two meetings to provide additional information to the owners. It was unfortunate that they were poorly attended and several board members have continued to circulate incorrect and misleading information to many owners about both historic preservation and the work that needs to be done on the building.

Thank you for consideration of this nomination,

Fried Wilson,
1000 Cordova Street #201
Pasadena, CA 91106
626-578-0134

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Rodriguez, Jane

From: MGDarch@aol.com
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 11:37 AM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: Whispering Waters Landmark Designation

Dear City Clerk,

**Re: City Council Public Hearing, June 9, 7:30pm
Item 6B**

I'm writing to voice my **support** of 1000 Cordova Street, Whispering Waters, as a Historic Landmark.

Matt Dillhoefer, Unit 202
Whispering Waters Board member, 2008
Whispering Waters Board member, 2007
Whispering Waters President, 2006

MATTHEW G. DILLHOEFER
1000 CORDOVA STREET, #202
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From: Stadnicki , Emily F
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 10:45 AM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: WWA Historic Designation: Response Requested

From: Mkwhite2002@aol.com [mailto:Mkwhite2002@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 8:13 AM
To: Stadnicki , Emily F
Cc: marion.white@kp.org
Subject: Fwd: WWA Historic Designation: Response Requested

Hi Emily-- here is another note I received. What letters or emails of support or opposition have you received? Can you please call or reply to all to this message? I have copied it to my work email.

Thanks
Marion

From: Steven|julian893
To: Mkwhite2002
Sent: 6/9/2008 6:22:54 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Re: WWA Historic Designation: Response Requested

I'm fine with the designation.
sj

[Steve Julian, unit 106-- ID info added by Marion]

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From: Craig Lucas [craig@clucaslaw.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2008 5:50 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: !000 Cordova - W W Historic Designation

Dear Pasadena City Council:

As the court-appointed personal representative of the estate of Doris Taggart and, in that capacity, the owner of unit 309 of Whispering Waters, I am opposed to the building at 1000 Cordova being designated as a historic landmark by the City of Pasadena or by any other governmental agency.

Craig D. Lucas
301 E. Colorado Blvd. # 325
Pasadena, CA 91101
626-796-7194
FAX 626-449-6296

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From: Rossi D. [rossi555@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2008 10:44 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Historic Designation

To: City Council Members

Re: Historic designation of the building - Meeting on 6/9/08 for Designation of 1000 Cordova Str., Pasadena, CA as a historic landmark Dear Council Member,

I have friends owning a home in this building and I'm familiar with the current situation. I think it would be a great injustice if the wish of only a few owners who want the costly restoration of the pools be granted against the wishes and the needs of the rest of the owners who oppose the historic designation.

In my opinion the building itself is not interesting or beautiful at all and doesn't have the qualities and characteristics that distinguish all the historic landmarks. I hope you can review this case carefully and conclude that the building can't remotely be compared to the other beautiful historical landmarks in Pasadena.

Thank you for your attention

Rossi Daskalova
Finance Project Manager
Cisco- Linksys LLC

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From: Stadnicki , Emily F
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 11:18 AM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: Letter of support for WWA

-----Original Message-----

From: Mkwhite2002@aol.com [mailto:Mkwhite2002@aol.com]
Sent: Sat 6/7/2008 12:31 PM
To: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: Letter of support for WWA

Hi Emily--
here is an owner (unit 203) who indicates her support. Name is Maryliz Beland.
Marion

From: marylizzb@comcast.net
To: Mkwhite2002@aol.com
Sent: 5/28/2008 7:59:22 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Re: WWA

Marion,

Nice letter--clear and non-threatening. We will not be able to attend the meeting on the 2nd but we support the decision that was made by the Design and Historic Preservation staff.

Thanks,
Maryliz

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From: Christov, Mariana [Mariana.Christov@cshs.org]
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 1:15 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: Historic Land Mark?

To:
City Council Members - Pasadena, CA

Re: Whispering waters, 1000 Cordova, Pasadena, CA

I have seen the building located at 1000 Cordova, Pa, CA when visiting my friends who live in it, and I did not find anything extraordinary in its architecture, style and outlook. I am a very well-traveled and educated person, and to me this building is nothing but an ordinary, stereotypical condominium type building. Its common style was popular in the 1960-ies, and unfortunately, is not even close to a historic land mark.

If a handful of people for personal, and commercial reasons are eager to restore the pools in front of the building, it doesn't mean the building would be granted a historical recognition. The restoration of the pools would be very costly, but would barely make the building a historic landmark.

To start considering the Whispering Waters, 1000 Cordova, Pasadena as a historic land mark now, would be very exaggerated of a notion.

Let us be reasonable, and do not easily depreciate the semantic value of the phrase "historic landmark".

Sincerely,
Mariana Christov
E-mail: marianachristov@yahoo.com

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From: Carol Dawes [carolmdawes@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2008 10:12 PM
To: cityclerk; Jean Barkauskas
Subject: Historic Landmark proposal for 1000 Cordova

TO: City Council Members, City of Pasadena

FROM: Carol Dawes
Owner of 1000 Cordova #205 (Whispering Waters), Pasadena

I ask you to OPPOSE the proposal to designate Whispering Waters a Historic Landmark. There are many owners opposed to this designation and thus I ask your support. I feel that a designation of this magnitude should only be made if there is close to unanimous support and there is not.

This is a moderately priced condominium complex composed of 30 owners, many with limited funds. Currently there is considerable deferred maintenance that needs to be done at a significant cost. These items need to be given priority status. Most will not be renovations of a historic nature. Owners have limited funds.

One of the initial primary architectural features of Whispering Waters was the extensive use of water and fountains. At its inception this was practical, as well as aesthetic, as it was part of the air conditioning system for the building. Today this technology is obsolete. Currently our governor has declared a state of drought throughout California. Although the current crisis may somewhat subside it will not go away. If the complex is restored historically water would be an important part of the appearance. I cannot support a project that would waste water and I am aware that the City has been encouraging water conservation. It would be better to go "green" and have a small water feature that recycles and has considerably less loss of water from evaporation. It would still be Whispering Waters. Furthermore the bid for restoration of the front, including the ponds, is \$450,000.00 (\$15,000.00) per owner. This is prohibitive. The owners voted this down.

I request that you vote against the proposal to make Whispering Waters a Historic Landmark and allow the democratic processes to continue amongst the owners and the Board without added restrictions.

Thank you. Carol Dawes

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From: Stadnicki , Emily F
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2008 6:50 AM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: FW: WWA Historic Designation

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From: Mkwhite2002@aol.com [mailto:Mkwhite2002@aol.com]
Sent: Sun 6/8/2008 9:45 PM
To: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: Fwd: WWA Historic Designation

From: lisa.gallegos@att.net
To: Mkwhite2002@aol.com
Sent: 6/8/2008 7:02:24 P.M. Pacific Daylight Time
Subj: Re: WWA Historic Designation: Response Requested

Hi Marion

I support the historic landmark designation. My realtor included the possibility on the flyer for my listing as an attraction for buyers. Unfortunately I did not benefit from the increased "cachet". I will try to make it to the meeting tomorrow.
Lisa Gallegos

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mkwhite2002@aol.com" <Mkwhite2002@aol.com>
To: Stevenljulian893@aol.com; sjahad@kpcc.org; aguterez1111@att.net; lisa.gallegos@att.net; noubark@yahoo.com; philippa@californiaclub.org; louisemary@gmail.com; lindm@ncat.edu; mbythree@msn.com
Sent: Saturday, June 7, 2008 12:37:42 PM
Subject: WWA Historic Designation: Response Requested

Hello again,

I'm following up as I said I would to check in with each of you after the June 2 meeting. Some owners did attend the meeting hosted by the City of Pasadena so I thank you for taking the time to do that.

I've already heard back from several owners about supporting WWA to be named an historic landmark. I have not heard from you, however. I would appreciate having a conversation or getting an email back, or a phone call, so I know what your thoughts are. Can you please let me know if:

1. You support WWA being designated as an historic landmark
2. You don't care one way or the other about WWA being a historic landmark
3. You're opposed to WWA being designated an historic landmark

I'm sensitive to people's time and privacy, so that's why I'm not doing phone calls or door-to-door visits. But-- if you have the time and would like to talk, I'm happy to do that. Just call me at 626-795-7729 or 626-826-5499, or drop by and see me (unit 107).

You can also contact Emily Stadnicki (estadnicki@cityofpasadena.net) (<mailto:estadnicki@cityofpasadena.net>) , 626-744-4342) of the City of Pasadena Design & Historic Preservation department with your questions and concerns. I encourage everyone to get the facts for themselves if you care enough to express an opinion one way or the

other.

I am quoting below some of the information Mary Miller has been sending out to owners (thank you Mary.) She attended the meeting last Monday. There have been many mails flying with conflicting information and misinterpreted information, so I just wanted to reiterate some of the information Mary has been sharing that came from the City of Pasadena Design & Historic Preservation staff. She summarized the information very well.

1. Although getting the property tax reduction is not guaranteed, it is a certainty that WITHOUT the historic designation, we won't even have a chance to get a reduction.
2. The City stated at the meeting Monday night that on average, owners in historic buildings have secured a 52% reduction, and in some cases it has been as high as an 85% reduction. That would be a nice benefit, especially for those of us who have purchased in the last 5-7 years. [Note from Marion: this benefit stays with the property, not the owner, so it's also a benefit for anyone who is selling or thinking of selling].
3. In addition, historic status properties carry a certain "cachet" with buyers and are generally considered more desirable.
4. Finally, having the historic status can actually save money because when we do repairs on the building, we could be exempt from bringing it up to current code, which would not be an option without the historic status.
5. After listening to the facts presented by the city, we believe historic designation (if WW is successful in getting it) would help owners at WW. There seems to be little downside risk and quite a bit of potential upside if the historic status is approved.

Mary also shared that their realtors, Ray Wells and May Gonzalez of Sotheby's, 626-429-8290, have said that having historic status will enhance property values for homeowners. I too have been told this by realtors. People who are looking to live in Pasadena value history and value this kind of designation.

The Council will hear the nomination for WWA to be designated an historic landmark again this Monday, June 9 7:30 pm in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 100 N. Garfield Ave. I hope you can attend.

I personally love the architecture of WWA and feel that it deserves to be recognized for the mid-century modern treasure that it is. And, I believe that there are lots of advantages to WWA having this designation-- many of which are pointed out in the information above.

Thanks for reading this, and I do hope you will support the designation.

Regards,
Marion
626-795-7729 home
626-826-5499 mobile
626-405-5269 office

Resources:

City of Pasadena Historic Properties Web site
(<http://www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/planning/deptorg/dhp/histprop.asp>) .

Recent Pasadena Star News article that mentioned that 10 percent of Pasadena is designated as historic:

http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/rds_search/ci_9329025?IADID=Search-www.pasadenastarnews.com-www.pasadenastarnews.com
(http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/rds_search/ci_9329025?IADID=Search-www.pasadenastarnews.com-www.pasadenastarnews.com)

FAQs compiled from Pasadena Heritage, Los Angeles Conservancy-- Modern Committee, and the Castle Green and Villa San Pasqual HOAs.

Rodriguez, Jane

From: Mary Miller [mbythree@msn.com]
Sent: Friday, June 06, 2008 1:36 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Stadnicki , Emily F
Subject: Additional information owners at Whispering Waters are being given

Dear Pasadena City Council members:

The email below is another example of information that is driving concern and fear in the hearts of some owners at Whispering Waters. Some of the highlighted information in the email below is directly in conflict with information shared by the City's Planning Dept. at the meeting on Monday, June 2. However, since most owners did not attend that meeting, they see emails such as the one below and become frightened about potential implications if historic status is approved.

Many homeowners have not taken the time to really understand the issues, and if their fears result in historic status not being granted, those of us who would like to enhance our property values and potentially get a property tax reduction will be prevented from doing so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Mary Miller
Owner, Unit 401

> From: Cappa2@webtv.net
> Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2008 10:00:29 -0700
> To: a-realtyco@msn.com; anahit@hotmail.com; caspi@caltech.edu; dobsondanae@aol.com;
fep0234@yahoo.com; friedwilson@cs.com; J.Barkauskas@att.net; mkwhite2002@aol.com; lindm@ncat.edu;
mbythree@msn.com; marylzb@comcast.net; MirianaB_2000@yahoo.com; susantabakian@sbcglobal.net;
sjahad@kpcc.org; stevenjulian893@aol.com; Cappa1@webtv.net
> Subject: The Historic Dichotomy
>
> The basic arguments for and against the proposal for an Historic status
> at WW are confusing and often contradictory.
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> On the one hand we have a very small group of owners who deeply desire
> the prestige of Historic status. It has been suggested that they have
> an ulterior motive, that being the expensive pool project. This may be
> true but many deny it. They state that the Commission cannot force such
> a change on unwilling owners. That may also be true, but nobody on the
> commission ever seems quite able to respond, as each member seems to
> have a different 'take'. Frankly, I think they don't actually know many
> answers.
> We also hear that 'SOME' realtors promote the Historic status and claim
> increased property values will result, not to mention claimed enormous
> tax advantages and the fact that properties won't have to be brought up
> to code.
>
> On the other hand, we have a genuine EXPERT (Perry in 109) living right
> here, who works on Historically designated properties daily and who is

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- > adamantly opposed to the Historic status. His reasons are many and
- > divers. They include:
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 - > A. Time consuming inspections (charged)
 - > B. Commission 'OKs' (time factor)
 - > C. Costly permits and licenses...sometimes not granted.
 - > D. Contractors charge more when bidding IF they are willing to bid. Many
 - > times they are not since there are a number of steps they must go
 - > through to obtain the contract.
 - > E. Individual owners cannot do much to change even minor aspects of
 - > their units.
 - > F. Obtaining a tax break is far from easy. Various properties must
 - > compete for the discounts, and only owners who've lived in their
 - > residences for 5 years or less (I'm told) qualify. This is perhaps
 - > advantageous for those who buy now but most owners here wouldn't
 - > qualify, including the small group (save one) who are promoting this
 - > status.
 - > G. Cost increases for repairs, many of which must meet rigid standards
 - > often using old and outdated materials like magnasite...often offset
 - > increased property values.
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 - > So there you have it. A difficult decision. I am still mystified WHY
 - > it's being pushed so hard.
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 - > Will
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