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DEMOLITION DOWNTOWN AUTHORIZED

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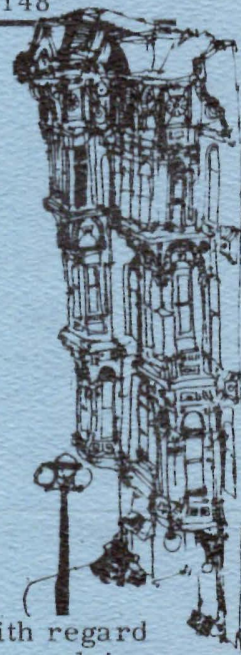
You have by now read that the City Council has authorized the demolition of the remaining buildings of Horton Plaza. Prior to this hearing you did not read headlines in the paper about SOHO's involvement over these buildings because this time the best chance we had was not giving away our strategy.

As President of SOHO I finally took the only course of action which seemed appropriate for this hearing on the demolition authorization for all of Horton Plaza. I notified by telegram the National Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, The State Office of Historic Preservation, The Department of Housing and Urban Development, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Navy Planning facility in San Bruno. All of these entities and the probably 40 people represented in this communication have background, facts and information regarding the procedures followed to date by CCDC and the City with regard to the Horton Plaza Project and also the other redevelopment projects.

There is a serious question with regard to the procedures followed in complying with Section 106 of the National Preservation Act, as relates to the federal requirements for determining eligibility of National Register designation. How did we get from 33 buildings to 12 in all projects? There is also a serious question with regards to how federal monies may be used to pay back loans from other project areas borrowed for the purpose of demolition of National Register buildings. The always over-riding question is whether Ernest Hahn will in fact build that shopping center, or whether all the buildings will be torn down to make a desert like Bunker Hill in Los Angeles, or downtowns like Madison, Wisconsin and Santa Rosa.

In calling upon so many new sources I find that I have stirred up a hornet's nest here in San Diego. It is clear that our City Government, and the Mayor especially, have a great fear of preservationists forstalling plans for downtown redevelopment. What is even more disturbing is

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NEWS BRIEFS

NEW MEMBERS

Cathy Griggs

Edward P. Yacher

DONATIONS

Althea M. Cochrane

And towards stopping demolition downtown, Connie Kay Forest and George Weinberg-Harter have sent donations.

SOHO appreciates these gifts and thanks each one of you.

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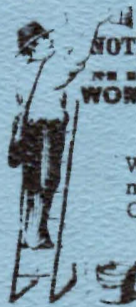
The SOHO Newsletter is published monthly. Letters to the Editor are welcomed. Articles and/or photographs of interest to SOHO members and friends are most enthusiastically encouraged!

REDLANDS BUS TOUR

Just a reminder, for the October 25th bus tour to Redlands. Leaving Fashion Valley at 8 am. Box lunch on the way. Jan Kitchell is in charge of buses, Nettie Scarry in charge of lunches.

For further information, call Tour Chairman Harry Evans at 222-5898.

NOTICE! NEED WOMEN



WALLPAPERING - HUNG UP

We need experienced paperhangers to put up wallpaper in our new office. SOHO members, we could sure use your help! Call Carol at 295-6188. Thanks!



ANNUAL TRAIN TRIP RESERVE OCTOBER 11

All aboard for our annual Train Trip - to old Hollywood. We'll glimpse the oldest house and the first studio - tour two exceptional Schindlers, browse and lunch at Farmers' Market. Small walkabout and interiors of homes in one of the three designated historic districts of the area---plus a whole lot more!

Anyone interested in these particular areas and willing to help, please call Mary Jorammon, Train Tour Chairman, 435-6108.

EDITOR'S EXIT

With this issue, I bade a fond farewell to the Editorship of SOHO's newsletter, Reflections. For the past two years I have tried (sometimes even successfully) to bring some kind of order to the publication; to institute format changes; and to put it out on time. All seemingly small efforts, but at least progress in the right direction.

Kathy Cogen will now be filling the Editor's seat and will bring to it another whole new thrust and burst of creative energy.

Thanks to everyone who gave me such a helping hand! To Alice Crittenden for invaluable typing and organization; to Med Beauregard for all his photo work, and to both presidents Pat Schaelchlin and Carol Lindemulder under whom I served. It's been a lot of fun and a real education!

Carole Frick



MASTER CALENDAR

1. SOHO Board Meetings
1st Monday each month, 7:30 PM
For location, call Secretary, or SOHO office
(222-3148)
2. Historical Sites Board, City of San Diego
1st Tuesday each month, 9:00 AM to Noon
Fourth floor, City Administration Building
3. City Council Meetings
Call City Clerk's office for schedule or copy of
Agenda for each day.
12th Floor Council Chambers, City Adminis-
tration Building, 202 C St., S. D. 92101
4. CCDC-Center City Development Corporation
Fridays, 2 PM, Spreckels Building.
Call CCDC office for Agenda.
5. San Diego Redevelopment Agency (City Council in-
session as Redevelopment Agency)
Tuesday mornings, 8:30 AM, 12th Floor Council
Chambers, City Administration Building. Call
City Clerk for Agenda.
5. Uptown Planners
2nd Monday of month, 7:30 PM, for place call
Jim Kelley-Markham at 299-4832.
7. San Diego Historical Society Board Meetings
3rd Tuesday of month at the Villa Montezuma,
12 Noon.
8. Heritage Park Merchants Association (H. P. M. A.)
2nd Tuesday of month, 7:00 PM, Heritage Park
Restaurant.
9. Gaslamp Quarter Association
Call the office, 652 Fifth Avenue, 233-5227
10. Gaslamp Quarter Project Area Committee
Call the office, 233-5227

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that the only truth to such an assumption is that SOHO believes, now as always, that historic buildings can and should have their place in a renewal project. SOHO has for 7 years been committed to the preservation of the Horton Grand Hotel, and is currently also committed to the preservation of the Lyceum Theater and the Knights of Pythias building. The Horton Grand and the Lyceum are now on the National Register of Historic Places.

Subsequent to my activities all year with respect to these buildings and the positive actions of the Historical Sites Board as well, the Mayor's Office has denied renewal of terms to four members of the Historical Sites Board. The Chairman of the Sites Board, Don Reeves, resigned in protest at the demolition hearing on July 21st because of lack of faith of the Council and the Mayor in this Board's activities. This is most unfortunate in that this citizen group is appointed by the Mayor to advise on historic eligibility and planning with regard to historic structures under the local preservation ordinance. I can only hope that this Board remains strong despite such threats to their very existence. I am continuing to work with the National Advisory Council and all other agencies originally contacted to provide them with documentation of procedural violations with regard to the demolition of national registered sites and those deemed eligible. The fight continues.

How much better it would be if we, SOHO and the City, were all working together to make a better San Diego, instead of on opposite sides. As President of this organization, and in respect to all our members who have worked so long in the field of preservation, it is my responsibility to continue to fight for those principles upon which SOHO was founded. Obviously these will be difficult times, but we must all believe in those motives which prompt us to wish to leave for future generations something of our important past, especially those structures which have a continued life for our community. Our job as SOHO members is to continue to enlighten and educate others about preservation, in hopes one day we will all be working together in the planning of the future of our City.





MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete and return this membership form to:

Save Our Heritage Organisation
Post Office Box 3571
San Diego, California 92103

SOHO depends upon membership dues, contributions, and fund raising activities to support our restoration/preservation expenses. Members receive the monthly SOHO Newsletter and invitations to special events. Gift memberships are available and we will send the recipient a card in your name announcing the gift. Memberships and donations are tax deductible. Please join us!

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

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