
questions to be answered prior to the meeting

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Sean and Historical/Planning Commissioners-

I cannot comment on the proposed plans until I have further information. My questions are below and I would appreciate responses prior to the scheduled meeting so I can provide relevant written comments as well as at the meeting. Please lmk when those responses have been posted to the City website.

1. The document discusses the number of tree sites that are lost from the orchard but does not discuss the actual gross square footage being lost. Please provide that number
2. If the purpose is to integrate the patio with the orchard, why are western redbud trees being planted instead of apricot trees at perimeter of the patio?
3. Who was the primary author of the HRE document produced by Treanor HL, who else on their staff provided input on this project meeting SOI standards
4. What are the qualifications of the HRE authors to undertake an HRE and are those qualifications consistent with SOI requirements.
5. What other historic evaluations have the HRE authors done in the past 5 years, which if any have been of historic landscapes (versus buildings)
6. This project is significantly large in size and scope than originally planned. it was scoped out at 650 ft sq in June 2023, approved by Council at 5K ft sq in November 2023. It is currently over 8K ft sq. Why is this not going before Council for final approval given the significant change in size, location, and visual impact on the historic orchard and Civic Center property.
7. There is no view of the project (and the orchard) from San Antonio Road or from other vantage points-such as entrance to City Hall, near LACY etc. The City requires applicants to provide street level renderings for a submission to understand the impact of a proposed building/addition on the landmark orchard. Both commissions as well as the public should be provided those prior to the meeting.
8. Has/will the LACY project remove any square footage from the orchard or reduce the number of tree sites. If so please provide details. Please provide the LACY site plan prior to construction as well as the final approved design.