National Historic Landmark District
Downtown Area Reconnaissance Survey
National Historic Landmark Districts

• Exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the U.S.

• Differ from National Register districts (state and local significance)
Past Planning Efforts...

Monterey Old Town District

• Park Service designated on April 15, 1970

• No local district
Current Planning Efforts...

- City applied for and received for CLG Grant from OHP
  - Very competitive process
  - Involved regular reviews by the State
  - Ensures community outreach
- Effort is part of a longer process – end product will provide framework for NHL resubmittal
- Joint effort between ARG and City staff
Key Issues...

1. Boundary maps do not match verbal description

2. NHL recording documentation standards have changed:
   - Thematic studies
   - Landscape and archaeological features
   - Non-contributing resources
   - Other contributing resources
Three main work products:

- Updated NHL District survey
- Reconnaissance survey of surrounding Downtown Area
- Context statement for Downtown Area
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Types of Surveys

**Reconnaissance:**
- A “once over lightly” inspection of an area
- Useful in generally characterizing resources
- Serves as basis for more detailed survey efforts

**Intensive:**
- A close and careful look at an area
- Identifies all historic resources in that area
- Involves detailed background research
Why Survey?

- To **identify** historic, cultural, aesthetic and visual relationships that define a particular area
- To **gather** information needed to plan for management of community’s historic resources
- To **facilitate** future project review and remove uncertainty from the process
Defining the Survey Area

- NHLD update requires we look beyond existing boundaries
- State supportive of larger survey effort
- Facilitates future project review in Downtown Area
Proposed Survey Area
Components of the Survey

1. Historic Context Statement
2. Field Survey
3. Evaluations of Historic Significance and Integrity
1. Historic Context Statement

- The “backbone” of the survey
- Organizes information about historic properties with a common theme, place, and time
- Focuses on describing historical development patterns within which significance of resources can be understood
- Provides basis for evaluating significance and integrity of specific properties
- **NOT** intended to be a chronological recitation of a community’s significant historical events or noteworthy citizens or a comprehensive community history
1. Historic Context Statement

Concisely explains:

- What aspects of geography, history and culture shaped physical development of local land use patterns and built environment
- What important property types are associated with those developments
- What characteristics properties need to have to be considered an important representation of their type and context
1. Historic Context Statement

Organized around **themes**, such as:

- population and cultural groups
- architecture and physical development
- government
- economy
- transportation
- military
- religion
- education
- cultural arts
1. Historic Context Statement

NHLD nomination has very limited discussion of themes:

- strictly architectural
- limited to Spanish/Mexican period

→ NHLD update requires broader analysis of relevant historical themes.
2. Field Survey

DPR 523A Form

State of California - The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

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**P1. Other Identifier:**
- County: LOS ANGELES
- Address: 12716 DARLA AVE

**P2. Location:**
- Not for Publication
- Unrestricted

**P3a. Description:**
- Style: Mid-20th Century Modern
- Character defining features: slant roof, steel sash and clerestory windows, greaved wood wall cladding, stucco, sliding two-car garage doors, enameled glazed entry hood, historic door configuration and "Saturn" door hardware

**P3b. Resource Attributes:**
- List attributes and codes

**P4. Resources Present:**
- Building

**P5a. Photograph:**
- View east, ARG, October 2008

**P6. Recorded by:**
- Amanda Davis
  - Architectural Resources Group, Inc.
  - 65 N. Raymond Avenue, No. 220
  - Pasadena, California 91103

**P7. Owner and Address:**
- Not recorded

**P8. Date Constructed/Age and Source:**
- Historic
  - 1964, Los Angeles County Assessor

**P9. Date Recorded:**
- 9/27/2008

**P10. Survey Type:**
- Intensive

**P11. Report Citation:**
- Balboa Highlands
  - Historic Resources Survey Report

***Attachments:**
- NONE
  - Location Map
  - Continuation Sheet
  - Building, Structure, and Object Record
  - Archaeological Record
  - District Record
  - Linear Feature Record
  - Mining Station Record
  - Rock Art Record
  - Artifact Record
  - Photograph Record
  - Other (List)

DPR 523A (4/05)
2. Field Survey

- Address
- Style
- Stories
- Cladding
- Porch
- Door
- Windows
- Roof

- Chimney
- Ornament
- Landscape Features
- Related Features
- Alterations
- Character Defining Features
3. Evaluation

Identification of Contributors & Non-Contributors to the NHLD will be based on multiple eligibility standards.

In general, a Contributor must:

- have been constructed within the relevant period of significance
- represent one or more of the themes identified in the Historic Context Statement AND
- retain sufficient integrity to convey its significance
3. Evaluation

Seven Aspects of Integrity

- Location
- Setting
- Design
- Materials
- Workmanship
- Feeling
- Association
3. Evaluation

Contributor

• Ideally, retains all aspects of integrity, with no major alterations

Minor Alterations:

• Porch enclosures
• Minor window/door replacement
• Addition of incompatible elements that can be removed
• Non-original cladding covering original cladding
• Small rear or side additions
Non-contributor:

- Extensive removal of elements and features that identify a building’s architectural style.
- Significant alteration of original fenestration pattern.
- Substantial change to a building’s overall massing or footprint, such as rooftop additions and other structural additions.
- A combination of several minor alterations.
Final Product – Historic Resources Survey Report

- Introduction & Methodology
- Historic Context Statement
- Survey Results
- Conclusion & Recommendations
- Appendices:
  - DPR 523A forms (for all surveyed properties)
  - DPR 523D form (for NHLD)
  - GIS maps (survey area, district boundary, contributor status)
Common Property Types

- Adobes
Common Property Types

- William H. Weeks buildings
Common Property Types

- 1920s to 1940s cluster
Common Property Types

- Train station
Common Property Types

- 1950s/1960s cluster
Common Property Types

• Bungalows
Proposed Survey Area
Project Schedule

- December - March 2011 – Develop Context Statement
- March 2011 – Community Meeting
- April - September 2011 – Survey District Resources
Questions?

Walking Tour