

**CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD**

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2023-XX-HRB

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA
ADDING A PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE “NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SAVINGS AND LOAN
COMPLEX” LOCATED AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF DOLORES STREET AND 7TH AVENUE IN
THE SERVICE COMMERCIAL (SC) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE CARMEL INVENTORY OF HISTORIC
RESOURCES AND CARMEL REGISTER OF HISTORIC RESOURCES; APNS: 010-145-002, 010-145-
023, 010-145-024**

WHEREAS, the subject site is known as the Northern California Savings and Loan Complex (“Complex”); and

WHEREAS, the Complex consists of Lots 2, 4, 6, and 8 located on Block 91 and is currently comprised of Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs: 010-145-002, 010-145-023, 010-145-024); and

WHEREAS, APN 010-145-002 is comprised of lots 2 & 4 and is owned by D&K Dolores, LLC (“D&K Dolores”). APN 010-145-023 and 010-145-024 are comprised of lot 6 and 8, respectively. Both lots 6 & 8 are owned by Esperanza Carmel Commercial LLC (“Esperanza Carmel”); and

WHEREAS, International Design Group (IDG), (“Applicant”) submitted an application (DR 22-157) on behalf of Esperanza Carmel on May 24, 2022, requesting the construction of a mixed-use building located on Lots 6, 8, and 10 of Block 91; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant submitted a second application (DR 22-310) on October 3, 2022, on behalf of D&K Dolores for the relocation of the Community Room to Lot 4 from Lot 6 of Block 91, associated with the proposed improvements shown as part of the application, DR 22-157; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City’s Historic Preservation Ordinance (CMC 17.32), *No application for property development shall be deemed complete unless it includes a determination that the property is either eligible or ineligible for the Carmel Inventory*; and

WHEREAS, the Complex has previously been determined to be ineligible for the Carmel Inventory by the City Council on February 4, 2020, however, the previous determination of ineligibly expired on October 26, 2022, when the Complex reached 50-years old and was required to be re-evaluated for its eligibility for the local inventory; and,

WHEREAS, staff retained the services of PAST Consultants, a contracted qualified professional retained by the city, to prepare an intensive review of the site to determine whether the Complex meets the criteria for listing on the Carmel Inventory; and

WHEREAS, the intensive survey identified the Complex as having the following character-defining features: Building integrated with surrounding landscape; Horizontal or Vertical massing with shed roofs; Existing spatial relationship between the bank building and Community Room; Detached Community Room building connected by a wood-clad upper walkway; Projecting shed or boxy volumes; Exposed structural elements; Wide expanses of glass set within wood frames; Wood siding as exterior cladding; Copper sheet roof cladding; and

WHEREAS, in the intensive survey dated December 2022, prepared by PAST Consultants, it is concluded that the Complex is eligible for listing on the Carmel Inventory of Historic Resources as the property is representative of the theme of Architectural Development in the Context Statement; retains all of its original character-defining features and has retained a high degree of integrity; is greater than 50 years old; and, meets the requirements of Criteria 3 for listing; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation concluded further that the subject property is eligible for listing in the Carmel Inventory as a primary resource because it is eligible for listing on the California Register of Historic Resources (CRHR) under Criteria #3, *Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, region or method of construction or represents the work of a master or possesses high artistic values* for its intact Bay Region Modern-stylistic elements designed by prominent local architects Walter Burde & Associates and Will Shaw & Associates, in addition to meeting the criteria for listing on the local inventory as outlined in CMC 17.32.040; and

WHEREAS, the Complex is a Primary Historic Resource, as defined in CMC 17.32.230.N.6; and

WHEREAS, Primary Historic Resources shall mean a historic resource eligible for listing in the California Register due to its national or Statewide significance; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CMC 17.32.230.N.6, all primary resources are included in the Carmel Inventory and the Carmel Register of Historic Resources;

WHEREAS, in accordance with CMC 17.32.070.A, Properties determined to be eligible by an administrative determination, or by the Historic Resources Board on appeal, shall become part of the inventory upon completion of an inventory form documenting the resource and issuance of an administrative determination finding by the Department or adoption of a finding by the Board that the property meets the criteria for historic resources; and

WHEREAS, staff has referred decision to list property on the Inventory and Register to the Historic Resources Board consistent with CMC 17.52.030.L, due to the past involvement in the site by the board and as a matter of public interest; and

WHEREAS, notice of the public hearing was published on January 13, 2023 in compliance with State law (California Government Code 54956); and

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2023, the Historic Resources Board held a public hearing to receive public testimony regarding the Application, including without limitation, information provided to the Historic Resources Board by City staff and public testimony on the project in accordance with CMC 17.58.040.B; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution and its findings are made based upon the evidence presented to the Historic Resources Board at its January 23, 2023, hearing including, without limitation, the staff report and attachments submitted by the Community Planning and Building Department; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Resources Board did hear and consider all said reports, attachments, recommendations, and testimony herein above set forth and used their independent judgment to evaluate the project; and

WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code §§ 21000, et seq., "CEQA"), together with State Guidelines (14 California Code Regulations §§ 15000, et seq., the "CEQA Guidelines") and City Environmental Regulations (CMC 17.60) require the review of certain projects for environmental impacts and preparation of environmental documents; and

WHEREAS, the listing of the subject property on the Carmel Inventory is "not a project" pursuant to section 15378 of the CEQA Guidelines. Listing the Complex on the Carmel Inventory and Carmel Register does not grant any permits or entitlements approving a project that would result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment; and

WHEREAS, the facts set forth in the recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Resources Board of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea does hereby add the property known as the "Northern California Savings and Loan Complex" located at the southeast corner of Dolores Street and 7th Avenue (Block 91, Lots 2, 4, 6, & 8) in the Service Commercial (SC) Zoning district to the Carmel Inventory of Historic Resources and Carmel Register of Historic Resources; APNs: 010-145-002, 010-145-023, 010-145-024.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD OF THE CITY OF

CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA THIS 23rd DAY OF JANUARY 2023, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Jordan Chroman
Chair

Leah Young
Historic Resources Board Secretary