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2516 and 2520 Warring Street

Introduction

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is proposing to provide two grants for security enhancements which would be installed at the above two properties. The Grantee would be the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) who would disperse the funding to the Sub-Grantees, the Chabad Jewish Student Center at Berkeley and the Mikvah Taharas Israel Congregation (see Attachment 1). Per Section 106 under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), FEMA shall consult with individuals or organizations who may have demonstrated interest in historic properties, which includes the Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC).

Background

The northern property (2516 Warring Street) was designed by architect Julia Morgan and is listed in the State Historic Resources Inventory (SHRI) with status code 3s: appears eligible for National Register as an individual property through survey evaluation. The southern property (2520 Warring Street) has no historic designation at the local, state, or national levels. The Site plan (Attachment 2) shows the location of the proposed fencing, lighting and security cameras. A letter from the property owner further describes the project (Attachment 3).

In order for the applicant to fulfill the Section 106 process portion, FEMA has requested the LPC provide comments on the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and preferred fence type and/or design to be installed. While the FEMA application calls out wrought-iron fence the applicant is amenable to an alternative fence design and material. FEMA will share the comments provided by LPC to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to fulfill Section 106 requirements.

Staff has not determined whether the overall fence, lighting and security camera application will require discretionary approval. Because the two properties have no local landmark designations a Structural Alteration Permit would not be required to implement the overall project. The Chabad Jewish Student Center at Berkeley and the Mikvah Taharas Israel Congregation would not return to LPC for further comment.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission comment on the Area of Potential Effects (APE) boundary outlined by FEMA (attachment 1), and provide preferred fence design and materials for the above properties.

Attachments:

1. FEMA grant and Finding of No Adverse Effect
2. Site Plan
3. Owner Letter to LPC

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