

CITY OF ALAMEDA
HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD
DRAFT RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE HISTORICAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE CITY OF ALAMEDA
APPROVING THE REPLACEMENT OF HISTORIC STREETLIGHTS

WHEREAS, in 1987, the City Council of the City of Alameda designated 1,297 streetlights across Alameda as Historic Monuments;

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2012, the Historical Advisory Board approved a Certificate of Approval to allow the removal and replacement of 700 16-flute historic streetlights to be phased over time; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2021, the Public Works Department of the City of Alameda requested subsequent approval of approximately 205 Smooth Pole Pendant and 236 Octo-Fluted Pendent Streetlights with approved replica designs; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Advisory Board conducted a duly noticed public hearing on December 2, 2021 and examined the entirety of the record, including all submitted materials and public comments regarding the application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Historical Advisory Board finds that the project is Categorically Exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15331 - Historical Resource Rehabilitation, which applies to maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, restoration, or reconstruction of historical resources in a manner consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historical Advisory Board finds that the proposed project is consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards in that:

1. **A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces, and spatial relationships.**

This project consists of the replacement of historic streetlights with replica streetlights with modern materials. No new use is proposed.

2. **The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.**

The overall height, the shrouds and the detailing of the arms are being preserved to the extent possible in this project. In addition, the proportions or spatial relationships of these elements are being preserved to the extent possible as well.

3. **Each property will be recognized as a physical record of its time, place, and**

use. Changes that create a false sense of historical development, such as adding conjectural features or elements from other historic properties, will not be undertaken.

No conjectural features or architectural elements from other historic properties are proposed for this project.

- 4. Most properties change over time; those changes that have acquired historic significance in their own right shall be retained and preserved.**

There are no alterations to the historic streetlights that have acquired historic significance over time.

- 5. Distinctive features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property shall be preserved.**

Fabrication of the aluminum poles ensures the flutes, proportions and decorative nut covers of the light poles are being preserved to the extent possible. The shrouds and arms are being preserved to the extent possible, while ensuring that they are safely constructed.

- 6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture, and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.**

Unfortunately, repair of the historic streetlights is not feasible as much of the existing steel is significantly rusted and structurally compromised. There are also a number of missing pole locations, having been knocked down by a vehicle. However, a significant effort has been made to have the proposed streetlights match their historic predecessors in terms of design and texture.

- 7. Chemical or physical treatments, if appropriate, will be undertaken using the gentlest means possible. Treatments that cause damage to historic materials will not be used.**

No chemical or physical treatments are proposed for this project.

- 8. Significant archeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken.**

Minimal ground excavation for pole foundations will be part of the project. If any archeological resources are discovered, all required state and local mitigation measures will be undertaken.

- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction will not destroy historic materials, features, and spatial relationships that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and will be compatible with the historic materials, features, size, scale and proportion, and massing to protect the integrity of the property and its environment.**

No additions for habitable space are proposed for this project.

- 10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction will be undertaken in such a manner that, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity**

of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.
No adjacent new construction shall be undertaken as part of this project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Historical Advisory Board approves a Certificate of Approval to replace approximately 205 Smooth Pole Pendant and 236 Octo-Fluted Pendant Streetlights with the approved replica designs subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The scope of work shall be in substantial compliance with details and specifications contained in the staff report and Exhibit 2 of December 2, 2021 and on file in the office of the City of Alameda Planning Department.

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