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Staff Report

City of Manhattan Beach

TO: Honorable Mayor Montgomery and Members of the City Council

THROUGH: Geoff Dolan, City Manager *GD*

FROM: Richard Thompson, Director of Community Development Department *RT*
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DATE: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: Presentation of Plaques to City Designated Cultural Landmark Property Owners by the Manhattan Beach Cultural Heritage Conservancy *ji*

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council present Plaques to City Designated Cultural Landmark Property Owners by the Manhattan Beach Cultural Heritage Conservancy.

FISCAL IMPLICATION:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

BACKGROUND:

On September 5, 2006, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2089 establishing Chapter 10.86 Culturally Significant Landmarks, to recognize properties of cultural significance without depriving property owners of their rights to develop. The designation process is voluntary. As part of the ordinance implementation, the City Council also approved the formation of a Landmarks Task Force (Manhattan Beach Cultural Heritage Conservancy) to increase public awareness and appreciation of the City's cultural heritage. Since 2006, this group has been identifying properties and researching the significance of each site.

DISCUSSION:

In August 2007, staff received five applications from the Task Force on behalf of the property owners to consider their properties culturally significant. On October 16, 2007, the City Council approved the designation of five properties to be culturally significant in recognition of their historical status and unique architectural design in the community:

- 1) 1220 North Ardmore Avenue – Built in 1918, Victorian style with original bracket detail and wood shingles.
- 2) 133 13th Street – Built in 1922, California Bungalow, interior crown molding, stained glass windows and original attic and cellar

- 3) 669 33rd Street – Built in 1937, French Normandy Tudor cottage style referred to as the “Hansel and Gretel” house, round tower, rolled edges roof
- 4) 2500 Pine Avenue – Built in 1950, Adobe mud brick style referred to as “Deardens Casa Bougainville”, beamed ceilings, wall board edges
- 5) 3004 The Strand – Built in 1960, Steel construction, stained glass, decorative steel ornamental side panels, interior spiral staircase

The Task Force researched and selected plaques to be placed on each property that has been designated as culturally significant. The plaques to be presented to the property owners tonight by the City Council will provide recognition to each property owner as a symbol of historical significance in the City.

cc: Jan Dennis, Manhattan Beach Cultural Heritage Conservancy
