

RESOLUTION NO. 2006-623

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 22, 2006

APPROVING AN ADDENDUM TO THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE REVISED CROCKER ART MUSEUM EXPANSION PROJECT

BACKGROUND

- A. On October 25, 2005, the City Council certified an environmental impact report (EIR) and, having reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR, adopted findings of fact and findings of overriding consideration, adopted a mitigation monitoring program, and approved the Crocker Art Museum Expansion Project (CF61).
- B. The Crocker Art Museum Expansion Project (CF61) Modification proposes to modify the previously approved Project as described directly below.
- C. The previously approved Crocker Art Museum Expansion project maintains the existing Herold Wing, a concrete structure built in the late 1969, as part of the project. Due to operational inefficiencies of the existing Herold Wing, CAMA proposes the demolition and replacement of the current concrete structure with a more suitable building. The new building would be at the same location, of approximately the same size as the existing Herold Wing.
- D. The City of Sacramento's Environmental Planning Services has evaluated this project modification and determined that the proposed changes to the original project did not require the preparation of a subsequent EIR. An addendum to the previously certified EIR was then prepared to address the modification to the project. This addendum is attached as Exhibit A.
- E. The City Council has reviewed and considered the addendum with the EIR previously certified for the Project and finds that no additional environmental review is required based on the reasons set forth in the addendum.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The addendum to the EIR (Exhibit A) is approved.

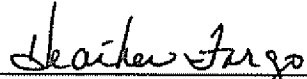
Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 22, 2006 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers, Cohn, Fong, Hammond, McCarty, Pannell, Sheedy, Tretheway, Waters, and Mayor Fargo.

Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.



Mayor, Heather Fargo

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A



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ADDENDUM TO AN ADOPTED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

The City of Sacramento, California, a municipal corporation, does hereby prepare, make declare, and publish this Addendum to a certified Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the following described project:

Herold Wing Modifications to the Crocker Art Museum Expansion Project – A replacement structure is proposed in approximately the same location as the existing Herold Wing, consisting of 3-stories, with 48,896 square feet clad in zinc and white aluminum panels to match the previously approved Crocker Art Museum Expansion project. The replacement structure provides for additional gallery space, art workshops and storage, accessible restrooms on each floor, and a better link between the existing historic Gallery Wing of the existing Crocker Art Museum and the Project. Demolition of the Herold Wing and construction of the replacement structure will occur as part of the construction for the Crocker Art Museum Expansion, scheduled to begin June 2007.

The City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, has reviewed the proposed project and on the basis of the whole record before it, has determined that there is no substantial evidence that the project, as identified in the attached addendum, will have a significant effect on the environment beyond that which was evaluated in the attached EIR. A Subsequent EIR is not required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970- (Sections 21000, et. Seq., Public Resources Code of the State of California).

This Addendum to a certified EIR has been prepared pursuant to Title 14, Section 15164 of the California Code of Regulations; the Sacramento Local Environmental Regulations (Resolution 91-892) adopted by the City of Sacramento.

A copy of this document and all supportive documentation may be reviewed or obtained at the City of Sacramento, Development Services Department, Planning Division, 2101 Arena Blvd., Suite 200, Sacramento, California 95834.

Environmental Services Manager, City of Sacramento,
California, a municipal corporation

By: *D. Allen* 8/8/06

**CONCLUSION TO PREPARE AN ADDENDUM TO
A CERTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

An Addendum to a Certified Environmental Impact Report may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary (CEQA Guidelines Section 15164). The City has decided to prepare an Addendum in that none of the following findings necessary to prepare a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report have been made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162:

1. No substantial changes are proposed to the project which will require major revisions of the previous Environmental Impact Report.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Crocker Art Museum (SCH # 2003082048), was approved and the Environmental Impact Report certified by the City Council on October 25, 2005, included the following description:

Approximately 100,000 square feet in new construction located in a new wing west of the existing museum structures, including an outdoor terrace; Reconfiguration and cosmetic changes to the interior space of existing buildings; Demolition of existing connection between Gallery Building and Herold Gallery; Realignment of 2nd Street between O and P Streets; Reconfiguration of existing parking on 2nd Street between P and N Streets; Relocation of a cast iron fence and several light poles west of the existing Gallery Building; Replacement of trees and landscaped lawn and parking areas west of the existing Gallery Buildings with the proposed new construction; and, Excavation of the site to install utilities, construct a below grade mechanical room, and to install a new auditorium, which would be partially below grade.

The EIR evaluation anticipated demolition of the connection and a new connection built in the Herold Wing to improve the linkage between the Gallery Building and the Herold Building. This connection would also provide access to the existing courtyard on the east side of the property as well. However, after further design of this project component, it was determined that maintaining the existing Herold Wing would be inefficient, and impede a cohesive flow of people and art between the new expansion and the existing museum, and compromises future development of the site.

This is not considered to result in a major revision to the previous EIR in that a replacement structure in place of the existing Herold Wing building would provide a better connection between the Gallery Building and the other project components as approved with the expansion of the museum. The replacement structure is consistent with an objective of the expansion project, "To maximize the efficient flow of visitors in the public areas of the museum and maximize the efficient use of private areas of the museum for administration and storage."

2. No substantial changes have occurred with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions to the previous Environmental Impact Report due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

The proposed project is the demolition of an existing structure and construction of a three story, 48,896 square feet (368 square feet less than the existing Herold Wing) replacement structure. The project impacts in the original EIR are not significantly altered with the replacement of this structure. All of the new information and evaluations are considered to be minor changes and do not include any new impacts that have not already been discussed in the previous Environmental Impact Report.

3. No new information of substantial importance has been found that shows any of the following:
- a) The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR and Addendum;
 - b) Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR and Addendum;
 - c) Mitigation measures previously found to be infeasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the proposed project; or
 - d) Mitigation measures which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR and Addendum would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment.

The proposed project will result in the demolition of a building and replacement of this structure and its connection to the other components of the Expansion project. This project component was not originally evaluated in the previous EIR. Since the existing structure was not determined to be eligible as a historic resource, the demolition and replacement of this structure was determined to not result in any new significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR. In addition, all other impact areas remain the same, as demolition and construction of a new building does not result in any new or revised impact analysis. Mitigation measures developed in the previous EIR remain applicable to the proposed project.

Herold Wing Modifications to the Crocker Art Museum Expansion Project
(SCH 2003082048)

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: The Herold Wing Modifications to the Crocker Art Museum Expansion Project (PB06-013)

Project Location:

The subject property is located at 216 O Street, block bounded by 2nd, O, 3rd and P Streets, Central City (District 1). (APNs 006-0182-022, 006-0183-012, 006-0185-001,002, 003, 004)

Existing Plan Designations and Zoning:

The proposed project is located in the Central City Community Plan area of the City. The General Plan designation for this site is Public/Quasi-Public site. The site is zoned M-1, Light Industrial. The Central City designates the site as General Public use. The project site is located within the Riverfront Master Plan and the Downtown Cultural and Entertainment Master Plan. Central City Design Guidelines apply to the project area as well.

Project Background:

City Council certified the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Crocker Art Museum Expansion Project on October 25, 2005. The approved project includes approximately 100,000 square feet in new construction located in a new wing west of the existing museum structures, including an outdoor terrace; Reconfiguration and cosmetic changes to the interior space of existing buildings; Demolition of existing connection between Gallery Building and Herold Wing; Realignment of 2nd Street between O and P Streets; Reconfiguration of existing parking on 2nd Street between P and N Streets; Relocation of a cast iron fence and several light poles west of the existing Gallery Building; Replacement of trees and landscaped lawn and parking areas west of the existing Gallery Buildings with the proposed new construction; and, Excavation of the site to install utilities, construct a below grade mechanical room, and to install a new auditorium, which would be partially below grade. The Project is scheduled to begin construction in June 2007 and be complete in 2009.

After further design of the expansion project, it was determined that modifying the Herold Wing would become inefficient and not meet the objectives of the overall project. The Crocker Art Museum Association (CAMA) asked Gwathmey Siegel & Associates to explore an alternative structure to the Herold Wing that would solve the operational issues associated with the existing structure. Gwathmey Siegel & Associates has proposed a new building at the same location, of approximately the same size as the existing Herold Wing. On February 15, 2006, the Design Review and Preservation Board (DRPB) reviewed the proposed modification and issued a report concurring with historic resources research, and the Preservation Director's preliminary determination, that the Herold Wing is not eligible as an historic resource pursuant to CEQA. Therefore, DRPB cited no objections to the demolition of the Herold Wing or design of a replacement structure.

Project Purpose

The existing Herold Wing, completed in 1969, is a concrete structure built as an addition to the historic Crocker Art Museum. The 49,264 square foot building represents the style of architecture known as brutalism. Since the building is constructed of poured-in-place concrete, modifications to it are cost prohibitive, yet, the building is very inefficient, impedes a cohesive flow of people and art between the new expansion and the existing museum, and compromises future development of the site.

Project Components:

The new structure will be located in approximately the same location as the existing Herold Wing at 3-stories in height, with 48,896 square feet (368 square feet less than the existing Herold Wing). The new structure will be clad in zinc and white aluminum panels to match the previously approved expansion project. The newly designed replacement structure provides for additional gallery space, art workshops and storage, accessible restrooms on each floor, and a better link between the existing historic Gallery Wing of the existing Crocker Art Museum and the expansion project.