

# SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



## Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers, Room 400  
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**  
**12:30 p.m.**  
**Regular Meeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Wolfram, Hyland, Pearlman, Johnck, Matsuda, Johns

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT WOLFRAM AT 12:40 PM**

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Jonathan Vimr, Eiliesh Tuffy, Tim Frye – Preservation Officer,  
Jonas P. Ionin – Commission Secretary

**SPEAKER KEY:**

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition to an item; and
- = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition.

**A. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.

**SPEAKERS:** Michael Levin – Albert Samuels Clock

**B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

1. Director's Announcements

**Tim Frye, Preservation Officer:**

The Director will not be joining us this afternoon. However, I'm happy to forward any questions you may have to him so he can answer them at a future hearing.

2. Review of Past Events at the Planning Commission, Staff Report and Announcements

**Tim Frye, Preservation Officer:**

Two items to share with you: one, Supervisor Breed's office arranged a community meeting regarding 930 Grove Street. Last week, planning staff was present along with DBI, the Precinct Police Chief, City Attorney's Office and the project architect and property owner. The primary purpose of the community meeting was to address or respond to ongoing security concerns at the vacant property and planning staff outlined the status of the pending building permit and C of A for Supervisor Breed and the concerned neighbors. Of the COA I wanted you to be aware is it's pending to be scheduled -- or it is going to be scheduled for the hearing on April 4<sup>th</sup>; however, we are asking for a few additional items for your packets and the owners will be looking into more frequent security patrols at the site in the interim between now and April 4<sup>th</sup> but just wanted to make you aware that is on your advanced calendar. Then second, just a reminder that a request for Discretionary Review before the Planning Commission was filed on the application for window restoration at 56 Mason Street, which was heard before this body and approved at your November 15<sup>th</sup> hearing. The DR hearing will be heard on March 1<sup>st</sup> and staff has included the HPC's comments and concerns in the staff report as well as the transcript of the hearing for the Planning Commission's review. So that concludes my update and happy to answer any questions, should you have them.

**Commissioner Hyland:**

On 930 Grove, was there any agreement to put any current security measures into place?

**Tim Frye, Preservation Officer:**

They do have some security measures in place, as part of an interim agreement, such as motion sensor lights and on-site security patrol, but apparently there have been -- there's still activity around the site - people trying to break in, set fires. So, they have agreed to make those more frequent to address those matters in the interim.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

3. President's Report and Announcements

**President Wolfram:**

The announcement I'd like to make today is the appointment of members of the Architectural Review Committee. I'd like to continue the appointment of Commissioners Hyland and Pearlman and add Commissioner Johnck to that committee.

4. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for February 7, 2018](#)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted

AYES: Wolfram, Hyland, Johnck, Johns, Matsuda, Pearlman

5. Commission Comments & Questions

**Commissioner Johnck:**

I'd just like to give a brief mention of a wonderful tour that I went on with the Port of San Francisco Central Waterfront Advisory Committee of the Pier 70 Historic core. I know the Commission has expressed an interest in having an update on how the progress is going on the restoration. We had a presentation on the historic core as distinguished from the balance of the development, which is also very exciting. But Jim Maza, who's a major assistant to Eddie Orton and another gentleman Everado, led us through the spectacular site, was building 113 and I just have to say, was astounded on the brilliance of the work that they have done to maintain the integrity of the structure of the historic structure inside a brand-new facility that is already leased out and it was stunning. Some of the materials that they used, it was beautiful flooring that they've put in, but all throughout, you felt like you were really walking through the, you know, 100-year-old facility, but yet with modern equipment and computers and everything. We also went into a couple of the other buildings, the one building that we did not go into, which is being restored by Restoration Hardware and Nibbi Brothers, that is the beautiful Bethlehem steel office building on the corner of Illinois and 20<sup>th</sup>. Which one?

**Commissioner Pearlman:**

Building 1.

**Commissioner Johnck:**

That is building 1, that's correct and because they were still a work in progress was there, but I just want to let the Commission know that they, Eddie Orton and the group are doing a spectacular job. At some point, they can come back and present to the Commission, but I was very pleased and they were pleased to have a representative from the Commission to tour the site.

**President Wolfram:**

Thank you. Thank you for attending that.

**Commissioner Matsuda:**

Just a disclosure about the numerous e-mails that I'm sure all the Commissioners received about agenda item number seven and then also one for agenda item number nine. One e-mail for agenda item number seven from Sasha Harris Cronin, provided a really good documentation or an attachment from the Human Rights Commission dated August 2007 that I thought was very helpful for our discussion today.

D. REGULAR CALENDAR

6. [2017-013417COA](#) (J. VIMR: (415) 575-9109)  
[294 PAGE STREET](#) – on the east side of Laguna Street between Page and Lily streets. Assessor's Block 0839, Lot 017 (District 5). Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** to paint a mural measuring approximately 25' by 15' on the northern (Lily Street) elevation of a rear ancillary structure. Historically known as the Dietle Residence, the structure is a heavily ornamented two-story over basement wood frame building designed in the Victorian Stick style. Local architect Henry Geilfuss designed and completed the structure

in 1878 (virtually rebuilding it in 1885) for Charles Dietle, a “prize bootmaker.” The wood clad, one-story ancillary structure was added to the rear of the building sometime between 1886 and 1913. The subject property is San Francisco Landmark No. 48, and is located within a RTO (Residential Transit Oriented) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.

*Preliminary Recommendation: Approve*

SPEAKERS: Jonathan Vimr – Staff report  
+ Madeline Barkbar – Urban Forestry response to questions  
= Speaker – What the mural is going to look like

ACTION: Approved

AYES: Wolfram, Hyland, Johnck, Johns, Matsuda, Pearlman

MOTION: [0330](#)

7. [2017-015491COA](#) (E. TUFFY: (415) 575-9191)  
PIONEER MONUMENT (FULTON STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY) – in the Fulton Street R.O.W., between Hyde and Larkin streets. Between Assessor’s Block 0353 and Block 0354 (District 6). Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** to alter the existing Pioneer Monument by removing the “Early Days” sculpture to off-site storage. The monument is located within the boundaries of the Civic Center Landmark District, which is designated in Appendix J of Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code. Dedicated in 1894 and sculpted by the artist Frank H. Happersberger, the monument was determined to be a character-defining feature of the district as part of the Civic Center Historic District Cultural Landscape Inventory (adopted Sept. 2015). The site is located in a P (Public) Zoning District and an 80-X Height and Bulk District.

*Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions*

SPEAKERS: = Eiliesh Tuffy – Staff report  
+ Lisa Cummings – Project presentation  
+ Patrick Flanigan – Offensive nature of the statue  
+ Michael Burns – Inclusion, diversity, represents an insulting, offensive monument  
+ Michael Levin – Support and recommendation to be placed in a museum  
+ Malayka Clark – Native history  
+ Marie DeLamora – SF history of colonization  
+ Ramon Quintero – Support of removal  
+ Jamie Veloria  
+ Danny Leonard – Democracy in America

ACTION: Approved with Conditions as amended to include a plaque detailing why the statue was removed.

AYES: Wolfram, Hyland, Johnck, Johns, Matsuda, Pearlman

MOTION: [0331](#)

8. (M. PAEZ: (415) 705-8674)  
ALCATRAZ EMBARKATION SITE AT PIERS 31-33 – **Informational Presentation** from the Port of San Francisco and the National Park Service on a proposal for site improvements to establish ferry excursion facilities to service Alcatraz Island within portions of Piers 31 – 33 and the bulkhead wharf, contributing resources within the Embarcadero Historic District. Site improvements include but are not limited to expansion of berthing facilities,

a visitor contact station, café and site furnishings. More information about the project may be found here:

<https://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?parkID=303&projectID=41352>

*Preliminary Recommendation: None – Informational*

(Continued from Regular hearing on January 17, 2018)

SPEAKERS: = Mark Paez – Port presentation

= Steve Haller

ACTION: None – Informational

9. [2016-004157OTH](#) (S. FERGUSON: 415-575-9074)  
**MILLS ACT PROGRAM – Review and Comment** on proposed Mills Act Program modifications based on a November 1, 2017 discussion of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee and as directed by HPC President Wolfram. The Mills Act authorizes local governments to enter into contracts with owners of private historical property who, through the historical property contract, assure the rehabilitation, restoration, preservation and maintenance of a qualified historical property. In return, the property owner enjoys a reduction in property taxes for a given period.  
*Recommendation: Review and Comment*  
(Continued from Regular hearing on February 7, 2018)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Continued Indefinitely

AYES: Wolfram, Hyland, Johnck, Johns, Matsuda, Pearlman

ADJOURNMENT – 2:40 PM

ADOPTED AS CORRECTED MARCH 7, 2017