

# SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

**DRAFT** – Meeting Minutes

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

**Wednesday, July 1, 2015  
12:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting**

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

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT WOLFRAM AT 12:37 PM**

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Rich Sucre, Kelly Wong, Jonathan Lammers, Tim Frye - Preservation Coordinator,  
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. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Michael Levin** – changes to the built environment, street name plates  
**Sally Johnston** – Mission Street low-income housing

**B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

1. [Director's Announcements](#)

**Tim Frye, Preservation Coordinator:** The Director's Report was included in your packets, happy to answer any questions if you have them.

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

**Mr. Frye:** Nothing to report from previous Planning Commission hearings; however, two quick items to mention. One is an update on the budget as I mentioned at the last hearing. The draft budget was before the Budget and Finance Committee a couple weeks ago and the survey position to support the development of a citywide survey program was approved with a couple conditions. One is that we could begin the recruitment and hiring stage of that position early next year and two is agreeing that there would be a temporary timeframe allotted to this position. Usually temporary positions are for about three years in the Department and I think the reason for that is that they wanted to make sure that this was an ongoing, endless effort and if we developed a citywide survey program that we will have an ending in sight, so happy to report that we have a positive recommendation on that position and it will be before the full board before their break this summer. And then second just, I'm sure you're aware, the 11 most endangered list came out recently, which the Old Mint is listed on the endangered list for the second time. The Department has been working very closely with the Mayor's Office and several other members of the city family on ideas for interim uses and the overall securing of a long term tenant or tenants. I can certainly give you a much more robust update on this after we've had a couple more meetings to decide really how much funding and resources the city has that they can apply to the building and give you an update to any short term leases that may be in the works. That concludes my comments unless you have any questions.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

3. President's Report and Announcements –

**President Wolfram:** I just wanted to report that I received numerous letters in support of landmarking Sacred Heart, the former Sacred Heart church at 546 Fillmore Street. I'm not sure – I don't think the other commissioners were copied on those letters.

4. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for ARC June 17, 2015](#)
- [Draft Minutes for HPC June 17, 2015](#)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted the minutes as corrected that the meeting was called to order by ~~Vice President Hyland~~ President Wolfram.

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

5. Commission Comments & Questions

- Disclosures.
- Inquiries/Announcements. Without discussion, at this time Commissioners may make announcements or inquiries of staff regarding various matters of interest to the Commissioner(s).

- Future Meetings/Agendas. At this time, the Commission may discuss and take action to set the date of a Special Meeting and/or determine those items that could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and other future meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission.

**Commissioner Hasz:** I was approached by a restaurateur about security gates and putting them in front of our buildings and in historic districts, etc. I don't think we have any policy on that, do we?

**Mr. Frye:** The Planning Code has certain requirements for security grilles throughout the city and then we do depending on the property type and the character defining features of districts may have certain requirements. So there is some guidance. That is correct.

**Commissioner Pearlman:** I just wanted to know if people had gone to see the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this building, a week ago Friday. It was – for all of you that were there you know how amazing and spectacular it was and I just wanted to – I'm hoping, I know there is some move to get some of the equipment and lighting design that was shown that night in the light show permanently for the building, so I'm hoping that will happen because it was pretty remarkable.

**Commissioner Johnck:** My question relates to the presentation by the Port of San Francisco on the Waterfront Plan Update at our previous meeting and want to know whether it is appropriate to agendize a decision that the commission may make on whether the Commission may want to be represented on the historic preservation slot on the Waterfront Plan Update. It doesn't have to, but I'm just offering this up if the commission would like to have an official representation and nominate and appoint someone for that or we leave it up to – I mean there are other ways that the Historic Preservation Element and consideration for the Waterfront Plan Update can be represented, but the question is whether that should be agendized.

**President Wolfram:** I think we can certainly put it on the agenda and we can discuss whether we want to do something or not.

**Commissioner Johnck:** It would be helpful to have that on the July 15 agenda because the deadline for submission of applications for representation is the 17<sup>th</sup> of July.

**President Wolfram:** We could just put it under Commission Matters.

**Commissioner Hyland:** I just wanted to update and commission and the public on the Cultural Heritage Assets Committee after a two month hiatus we will be meeting again, scheduled today for 1:30 or immediately following this hearing. The topic will be how we can incorporate intangible cultural assets within our Preservation Element, so we'll be having that discussion. I believe we'll probably bring that back to the commission the next time the element comes back to us.

**Commissioner Matsuda:** I just wanted thank the Planning Department staff for your participation in the Foster Youth Fund soccer tournament that's a very important issue to me in my paid job, and then secondly, if I could ask the Department staff to look into the

exception for the historic – the signs for the historic districts. I think that would be important.

#### D. REGULAR CALENDAR

6. [2013.0100CRV](#) (R. SUCRE: (415) 575-9108)  
DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO FERRY TERMINAL EXPANSION – located along The Embarcadero between Pier 1-1/2 and the Agriculture Building, Assessor's Block 9900, Lots 002, 201 and 274H. Request for **Review and Comment** regarding the proposal to construct three new ferry terminal berthing facilities, new covered passenger queuing areas (canopies), and a public plaza located between the Ferry Building and Agriculture Building. On April 25, 2013, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) reviewed the proposed project. The project site is located adjacent to and within the Port of San Francisco Embarcadero National Register Historic District, and is also located adjacent to the Ferry Building, which is designated as City Landmark No. 90. It is located within the C-2 (Community Business) Zoning District with an 84-J Height and Bulk Limit.  
*Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment*

SPEAKERS: + Mike Gowerty – Project presentation  
 + Boris – Design presentation  
 ACTION: Reviewed and Commented

7. [2011.0167COA-02](#) (K. WONG: (415) 575-9100)  
1 JONES STREET – north side of McAllister Street between Jones Street and Leavenworth Street, Assessor's Block 0349, Lot 003. Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** for the exterior rehabilitation of the landmark property including lowering of exterior grade at both east and west elevations to provide for new accessible entrances, installation of an exterior wheelchair lift at the East Light Well, enlargement of a previously approved roof deck by 277 sq.ft., and alteration of window openings at the existing third floor penthouse. Originally constructed in 1892 with an addition in 1905 and repair in 1906-07 based on designs by architect Albert Pisses, 1 Jones Street is a granite two story over partially exposed rusticated basement building with two primary facades featuring Corinthian columns, pedimented end bays, a prominent copper domed rotunda at the southeast corner, and a roof penthouse. The subject property is designated as San Francisco City Landmark No. 130 and is located within the C-3-G Downtown-General Zoning District and 80-T-120-T Height & Bulk District.  
*Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions*

ACTION: Recusal of Commissioner Pearlman  
 AYES: Hasz, Johnck, Johns, Matsuda, Pearlman, Hyland, Wolfram

SPEAKERS: + Christopher VerPlank – Project presentation  
 + Nigel Black – Design presentation  
 + Sally Johnson – Foundation & lifts, windows  
 + Michael Levin – Modern signage removal, restoring original engraved signage  
 ACTION: Approved with Conditions  
 AYES: Hasz, Johnck, Johns, Matsuda, Hyland, Wolfram  
 RECUSED: Pearlman

MOTION: M-0260

8. [2015-005887DES](#) (J. LAMMERS (415) 575-9093)  
90-92 SECOND STREET – Consideration to initiate **Landmark Designation** of the Bourdette Building, northwest corner of Second and Mission streets, Assessor’s Block 3707, Lot 012, as an individual Article 10 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the Planning Code. Designed by master architects Bliss & Faville and constructed in 1903-1904, the subject property is significant as a unique survivor of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire. It is the only building within the burned district to survive the disaster intact with no one inside or outside the building fighting to save it. The building was added to the Landmark Designation Work Program on May 12, 2012. It is located within the C-3-0 (SD) Downtown-Office (Special Development) Zoning District and 150-S Height & Bulk District.  
*Preliminary Recommendation: Approve*

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted a Resolution to Initiate

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

RESOLUTION: R-748

ADJOURNMENT 1:52 PM