SAN FRANCISCO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes
REMOTE HEARING
via video and teleconferencing

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
12:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda, Hyland
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT HYLAND AT 12:36 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Katie Wilborn, Elton Wu, GG Gunther, Liz Watty, Rich Hillis – Planning Director, 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

SPEAKERS: None
B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Director’s Announcements

Rich Hillis, Planning Director:
Good afternoon. Thank you, Jonas. Just a couple of announcements. One, I wanted to announce that Liz Watty accepted my offer to be our new Director of Current Planning. And Liz is here with us today, so just wanted to congratulate her and let you all know that that’s happened. I’ve known Liz -- thank you. Liz is doing this role but obviously no stranger to the Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission. She’s been with the Department since 2014. Started as an intern, but was also a planner I, II, and III. She’s been Acting Director since August, and she was Deputy Director of Current Planning for the past seven years. She also serves as the chair of the Albany Planning and Zoning Commission. So, even spends her free time in Planning and Zoning work. So, we’re excited to continue working with Liz.

And then, one of her priorities is definitely working on our residents and permitting and budget this year. We continue to have issues with our revenues, which we’re currently projecting to be about $19 million short for the year. We’re hoping we can improve on that. Liz has been working, as I have, too, with DBI and the Permit Center to be able to open up and be able to accept more applications than we currently are allowing today. Obviously, that is a challenge with COVID and the environment that we’re in. But we’ll continue to keep you updated on that.

Those are all the announcements I have. Happy to answer any questions, and looking forward to the meeting.

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

None.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

3. President’s Report and Announcements

President Hyland:
Thank you. Congratulations, Liz. We’re excited for you. We have one very important item to discuss today, and that is our holiday party. As everything else this year, year 2020 is virtual, so ours will be. Jonas, if we can, I think we’re going to just do it after our next HPC meeting in two weeks, so the 18th of December.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:
Yes, I’ll send out a virtual invite.

President Hyland:
Great. That’s all I have. Thank you.
4. Consideration of Adoption:
   • Draft Minutes for November 18, 2020

   SPEAKERS: None
   ACTION: Adopted
   AYES: Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda, Hyland

5. Commission Comments & Questions

None.

D. REGULAR CALENDAR

6a. 2020-010196LBR (K. WILBORN: (628) 652-7355)

   1025 COLUMBUS AVENUE – Located on the west side of Columbus Street between
   Houston and Chestnut Streets, Assessor’s Block 0050, Lot 004 (District 3). Consideration
   of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy
   Business Registry application. Bimbo’s 365 Club has served San Francisco for 89 years. The
   Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are
   valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool
   for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage
   their continued viability and success. The subject business is within the North Beach
   Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD) and 40-X Height and Bulk District.
   Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

   SPEAKERS: = Katie Wilborn – Staff report
   = Elton Wu – Staff report
   = GG Gunther – Staff report
   + Speaker – Japan Media and Video
   + Steve Nicasio – Japan Media and Video
   + Tony Markwick – Giorgio’s Pizzeria
   ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval
   AYES: Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda, Hyland
   RESOLUTION: 1156

6b. 2020-010250LBR (E. WU: (628) 652-7415)

   420 CASTRO STREET – Located on the west side of Castro Street between Market and 18th
   Street, Assessor’s Block 2647, Lot 002B (District 7). Consideration of adoption of a
   resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business
   Registry application. Marcello’s Pizza has served San Francisco for 42 years. The Legacy
   Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are
   valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool
   for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage
   their continued viability and success. The subject business is within the Castro
   Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD) and 65-B Height and Bulk District.
   Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
6c. **2020-010253LBR**

1942 OCEAN AVENUE – Located on the northeast side of Ocean Avenue between Fairfield Way and Keystone Way, Assessor’s Block 3281, Lot 020D (District 13). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Surface’s by David Bonk has served San Francisco for 32 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within the Ocean Avenue Neighborhood Commercial District (NCT) and 45-X Height and Bulk District.

**Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval**

**SPEAKERS:** Same as item 6a.

**ACTION:** Adopted

**AYES:** Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda, Hyland

**RESOLUTION:** 1157

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6d. **2020-010197LBR**

151 CLEMENT STREET – Located on the south side of Clement Street between 3rd Avenue and 2nd Avenue, Assessor’s Block 1434, Lot 038 (District 1). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Giorgio’s Pizzeria has served San Francisco for 48 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within the Inner Clement Street Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD) and 40-X Height and Bulk District.

**Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval**

**SPEAKERS:** Same as item 6a.

**ACTION:** Adopted

**AYES:** Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda, Hyland

**RESOLUTION:** 1158

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6e. **2020-010198LBR**

1737 POST STREET #305 – Located on the south side of Post Street between Buchanan Street and Webster Street, Assessor’s Block 0700, Lot 009 (District 5). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Japan Video & Media has served San Francisco for 36 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a
tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within the Japantown Neighborhood Commercial District (NCD) and 50-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: Same as item 6a.
ACTION: Adopted
AYES: Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Hyland
RECUSED: Matsuda
RESOLUTION: 1155

ADJOURNMENT 1:17 PM
ADOPTED DECEMBER 16, 2020