

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Meeting Minutes
REMOTE HEARING
via video and teleconferencing

Wednesday, April 21, 2021
12:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: BLACK, FOLEY, JOHNS, NAGESWARAN, PEARLMAN, SO, MATSUDA
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MATSUDA AT 12:34 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Sheila Nickolopoulos, Rich Sucre, Liz Watty, 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: Bridget Maley – Request a status update of the landmark designation of Golden Gate Valley library; character defining feature of spatial volume of main reading room

B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Department Announcements

Rich Sucre:

Hi Commissioners. I just wanted to remind you that the registration for the California Preservation Foundation Conference is open. The conference is basically going to occur virtually again from June 8th through June 10th. This is a great way of getting your training underway. Basically, your Preservation training that we track as part of our role as a Certified Local Government through the Office of Historic Preservation. Let us know. We'll happily send along the information to you. That's all I have. Thank you.

President Matsuda:

Rich, I briefly look at the agenda for each day, and I noticed there are a lot of really important topics on the first day. Will anybody from the Planning Department staff be presenting?

Rich Sucre:

Yeah. I think right now, from what I understand, Allison Vanderslice who is our lead from Archaeo as well as CEQA is presenting on a Mitigation webinar. We're actually just starting to get polled about what everyone else is doing since everyone else tends to do a little bit of their own thing. But we'll gather up any of the sessions that the staff are leading and happily send it along.

President Matsuda:

Yeah. I'd be very interested. I will definitely participate on the first day but I just wanted to know if our staff would be participating. Thank you.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

2. President's Report and Announcements

None.

3. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for April 7, 2021](#)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted

AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda

4. Commission Comments & Questions

President Matsuda:

So, during public comment, we heard that somebody is interested in us inquiring about the status of the Golden Gate Valley branch library. So, if we could have somebody from the staff provide us with a status report at our next Commission meeting, that would be great.

Liz Watty,

Sure, we're happy to do that. We'll go ahead and plan for a brief informational update for you at the next meeting.

President Matsuda:

Thank you.

Commissioner Pearlman:

Yes, thank you. I was going to say the same thing. So, I was just going to ask that. Thank you.

D. REGULAR CALENDAR

5. [2021-002933PCA](#) (S. NICKOLOPOULOS: (628) 652-7442)
SIMPLIFY RESTRICTIONS ON SMALL BUSINESS [BOARD FILE NO. 210285] – Adoption of **Planning Code Amendments** to: 1) shorten the time for the Historic Preservation Commission to request review of Minor Alteration Permits and Certificates Of Appropriateness; 2) allow permitted Conditional Uses to continue after three years of abandonment; 3) allow the continuation of Longstanding Places of Entertainment without requiring a permit; 4) allow Outdoor Activity Areas on rooftops; 5) temporarily require a Conditional Use Authorization for uses replacing Nighttime Entertainment Uses; 6) allow Accessory Catering Uses in restaurants; 7) allow Accessory Dwelling Units on the ground floor in Neighborhood Commercial, Chinatown Business, and Chinatown Visitor districts; 8) allow temporary Outdoor Entertainment, Arts and Recreation Activities; 9) delete certain Conditional Use finding requirements for Nighttime Entertainment Use; 10) delete Conditional Use findings related to Formula Retail concentrations in certain districts; 11) require expedited Permit Processing for Commercial Uses on the ground floor; 12) delete separate definitions of “Cat Boarding,” “Gym,” “Trade Shop,” and “Services, Instructional”; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making Findings of Consistency with the General Plan, and the Eight Priority Policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and Findings of Public Necessity, Convenience, and Welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: = Laurel Arvantidis – OEWD
 = Sheila Nickopoulos – Staff presentation
 = Rich Sucre – Staff presentation
 = Liz Watty – Response to questions

ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval with staff modifications.

AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda

RESOLUTION: [1183](#)

ADJOURNMENT 1:22 PM

ADOPTED MAY 5, 2021