SAN FRANCISCO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

REMOTE HEARING
via video and teleconferencing

Wednesday, May 19, 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 12:46 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Katie Wilborn, GG Gunther, Melanie Bishop, Elton Wu, Alex Westhoff, 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. Department Announcements

None.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

2. President’s Report and Announcements

President Matsuda:
I believe that you were forwarded a draft letter that I am recommending that we send to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. This letter will be to request additional financial resources for the Office of Small Business to assist with their Legacy Business Registry. And I believe that letter will be submitted today. Also, I think all of us received an invitation or an e-mail invite or an announcement from SF Heritage about their annual event that will be taking place on June 2nd, 2021. It will be a drive in and a dinner at the Fort Mason center. So, I just wanted all of you to be aware of that. Thank you.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:
And on that point for the letter to the Small Business – or to the Mayor’s office related to the Small Business Commission, if there is consensus from the Commission authorizing that that letter be forwarded and no opposition being voiced at this time, we will do so. So, hearing no opposition from the members of the Commission? Going once, going twice. Thank you, Commissioners. We will have that letter forwarded to the Mayor’s office.

3. Consideration of Adoption:

- Draft Minutes for May 5, 2021

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

4. Commission Comments & Questions

None.

D. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONTINUANCE

The Commission will consider a request for continuance to a later date. The Commission may choose to continue the item to the date proposed below, to continue the item to another date, or to hear the item on this calendar.

6. 2020-010710COA

(C. ENCHILL): (628) 652-7551
400 CALIFORNIA STREET – Located on the north side of California Street, west of Sansome Street; Lot 003 in Assessor’s Block 0239 (District 4). Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to permit the replacement of the main entry doors, vestibule removal,
and widening of an existing interior ground floor connection to meet current accessibility and egress requirements. The subject property is Landmark No. 3, Bank of California and is located in a C-3-O (Downtown Office) Zoning District and 350-S Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Continued to June 2, 2021

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

E. REGULAR CALENDAR

5a. 2021-004010LBR (G. GUNTHER: (628) 652-7607)

PIER 45 SHED D-1 – Located on the northwest corner of Pier 45 on The Embarcadero between Powell Street and Taylor Street, Assessor’s Block 9900, Lot 045 (District 3). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. ABS Seafood, Inc. has served San Francisco for 56 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 a C-2 (Community Business) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: = Katie Wilborn – Staff report
= GG Gunther – Staff report
= Melanie Bishop – Staff report
= Elton Wu – Staff report
+ Speaker – Rainbow Grocery Cooperative
+ Henry – ABS Seafood Inc.
+ Lex – Rainbow Grocery Cooperative

ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval

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

RECUSED: Matsuda

RESOLUTION: 1185

5b. 2021-004011LBR (G. GUNTHER: (628) 652-7607)

6040 GEARY BOULEVARD – Located on the north side of Geary Boulevard between 24th Avenue and 25th Avenue, Assessor’s Block 1456, Lot 022 (District 1). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. The Delicate Daisy – House of Flowers has served San Francisco for 82 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 Geary Boulevard NCD (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
5c. 2021-004018LBR

3067 SACRAMENTO STREET – Located on the south side of Sacramento Street between Baker and Broderick Streets, Assessor’s Block 1024, Lot 024 (District 2). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. Sue Fisher King Co. 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 a NC-1 (Neighborhood Commercial, Cluster) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. 

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: Same as item 5a.

ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval

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

RESOLUTION: 1186

5d. 2021-004015LBR

25 RUSSIA AVENUE – Located on the northeast side of Russia Avenue between London and Mission Streets, Assessor’s Block 6084, Lot 018A (District 11). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. Italian American Social Club has served San Francisco for 86 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 Excelsior Outer Mission Street NCD (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District and 65-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: Same as item 5a.

ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval

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

RESOLUTION: 1187

5e. 2021-004017LBR

618 BROADWAY – Located on the north side of Broadway Street between Stockton and Columbus Avenue, Assessor’s Block 0146, Lot 004 (District 3). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. Sam’s Burgers has served San Francisco for 55 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 Broadway NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) and Scenic Street Special Sign District and 65-A-1 Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: Same as item 5a.
ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval
AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda
RESOLUTION: 1189

5f. 2021-004016LBR (E. WU: (628) 652-7415)
1745 FOLSOM STREET – Located on the east side of Folsom Street between 13th Street and 14th Street, Assessor’s Block 3529, Lot 050 (District 9). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. Rainbow Grocery Cooperative Inc. has served San Francisco for 46 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 PDR-1-G (PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION & REPAIR - 1 - GENERAL) Zoning District and 58-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: Same as item 5a.
ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval
AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda
RESOLUTION: 1190

7. 2021-001853DES (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7314)
SAN FRANCISCO EAGLE BAR, 396-398 12TH STREET – Located on the northwest corner of 12th Street at Harrison Street, Assessor’s Block 3522, Lot 014 (District 6). Consideration to Recommend to the Board of Supervisors Landmark Designation of the San Francisco Eagle Bar (396-398 12th Street) as an individual Article 10 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.2 of the Planning Code. The San Francisco Eagle Bar was initiated for Landmark designation by Supervisor Haney and approved by the Board of Supervisors on February 2, 2021 (See BoS File No. 201400). The San Francisco Eagle Bar is significant for its association with San Francisco’s South of Market (SoMa) Leather and LGBTQ communities since 1981, and falls within the SoMa LEATHER and LGBTQ Cultural District. The subject property is in a WMUG (Western Mixed Use-General) Zoning District, and 55-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: + Honey Mahogany – Legislative aide to Sup. Haney
= Alex Westhoff – Staff presentation
+ Leslie – Support
+ Lex Montiel – Support
+ Jeff – Support
+ Bob Goldfirm – Support
+ Carl – Support
+ Richard Kurylo – Supported by Office of Small Business
+ David Hyman – Support
+ Jonathan Ojinaga – Support
+ Jerry Budrick - Support

ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval
AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, Pearlman, So, Matsuda
RESOLUTION: 1191

ADJOURNMENT 1:58 PM
ADOPTED JUNE 16, 2021