

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Meeting Minutes

REMOTE HEARING
via video and teleconferencing

**Wednesday, August 18, 2021
12:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting**

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

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MATSUDA AT 12:32 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Gordon-Jonckheer, Alex Westhoff, Allison Vanderslice, Rich Sucre, Michelle Taylor, Liz Watty – Director of Current Planning, Laura Lynch – Acting 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 – Golden Gate Valley Library

B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS**1. Department Announcements****Liz Watty, Director of Current Planning:**

I just wanted to give a quick update to the Commissioners that we do have our end of summer college internship presentations, that are coming up next week. So, starting on Monday, the 23rd, and then will continue on August 24th and 25th, as well. We have a bunch of interns this summer. So, we have between five and six presentations each of those days. We would just encourage all of the Commissioners to tune in and listen to our fabulous summer intern end of summer presentations. That is the only update that we have. Thank you.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS**2. President's Report and Announcements****President Matsuda:**

I have no reports or announcements. But I would like to see if Planning staff could follow up on our general public comment call about the status of the Golden Gate Library. Thank you.

Liz Watty, Director of Current Planning:

Sure, we are happy to follow up. I believe Elizabeth Gordon-Jonckheer may be available for a quick status update. I believe Marcelle gave one right before she went out on leave but it is -- we are working on it. Elizabeth, do you have more specific timing updates available?

Elizabeth Gordon-Jonckheer:

I do. And forgive me while I don't put my video on just while I'm reading --

President Matsuda:

Sorry, I didn't mean to just bring this on you. It could be a part of our next meeting as well, if you just want to give a general update of all. I don't know when we are scheduled for the actual official report of the status of landmark designations but you might want to just wait until then if that is more convenient for you.

Elizabeth Gordon-Jonckheer:

I think we have general sense that it will be coming in September for initiation. I can update you further at the next HPC meeting. But my understanding that it is on board for the fall.

President Matsuda:

Great. Thank you.

3. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for August 4, 2021](#)

SPEAKERS: None
ACTION: Adopted

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

4. Commission Comments & Questions

President Matsuda:

I believe Commissioner Nageswaran – did you want to make a Commission comment or do you have a question?

Commissioner Nageswaran:

I just have one disclosure. I spoke to a member of Page & Turnbull this morning to relay some questions I will be bringing up so that they would be able to prepare answers to those questions.

President Matsuda:

Is this on an agenda item?

Commissioner Nageswaran:

Yes, two agenda items. One would be 130 Townsend and 900 Innes.

President Matsuda:

Thank you. Commissioner Foley, did you want to make a disclosure or have a question or comment?

Commissioner Foley:

President Matsuda, I had a conversation with Park and Rec and Page & Turnbull. They went through the presentation on the cottage on 900 Innes with me on Monday.

President Matsuda:

And Commissioner So.

Commissioner So:

Thank you, Commissioner President. I do need to also make the similar announcement that I had a conversation with Park and Rec and Page & Turnbull representative regarding the cottage on 900 Innes Street.

President Matsuda:

Great, thank you. Commissioner Johns.

Commissioner Johns:

Yes. Well, I did have a conversation with Rec and Park on 900 as well.

President Matsuda:

Great. And Commissioner Black.

Commissioner Black:

As did I. Conversation with Park and Rec on 900 Innes.

President Matsuda:

I think all of us have had the conversation as well as of myself. Thank you.

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.

E. REGULAR CALENDAR

5. [2020-009076COA](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7315)
900 INNES AVENUE – northeast corner of Griffith Street; Lot 003 in Assessor's Block 4646 (District 10) – Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** for exterior alterations including new accessible entryways on two non-secondary facades. The property is Landmark No. 250, and is located within a P (Public) Zoning District and OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

Note: On April 7, 2021, after hearing and closing public comment, continued to May 5, 2021 by a vote of +7-0. On May 5, 2021, without hearing, continued to June 2, 2021 by a vote of +7 -0. On June 2, 2021, without hearing, continued to June 16, 2021 by a vote of +7 -0. On June 16, 2021, without hearing, continued to July 21, 2021 by a vote of +7 -0. On July 21, 2021, without hearing, continued to August 18, 2021.

SPEAKERS: = Alex Westhoff – Staff report
+ Charlene Angsuco – Rec and Park presentation
+ Sarah Brummett – Project sponsor
+ Linda Fadeke Richardson – Space to honor India Basin history
+ Speaker – Support
+ Michael Hammond – Interpretive history
+ Jackie Flynn – Support
+ Kirk Brine – Shipwreck cottage
+ Latoya Pitcher – Outdoor space access for families
+ Jill Fox – Support
+ Oscar James – Support
+ Speaker - Support

ACTION: Approved with Conditions

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

RECUSED: Wright

MOTION: [0444](#)

6. [2019-023623COA](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7315)
130 TOWNSEND STREET – northwest corner of Stanford Street, Lot 008 in Assessor's Block 3788 (District 6) – Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness** for a four-story vertical addition to the existing double-height one-story historic building (Townsend Building) and the new construction of a separate and completely autonomous five-story building (Stanford Building) on the rear surface parking lot. The proposed project would establish

34,737 square feet of office use and 1,759 square feet of retail use in the Townsend Building and 46,464 square feet of office use and 711 square feet of Production, Distribution and Repair (PDR) use in the Stanford Building. The property is a contributing resource to the South End Landmark District, which is designated in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code, and is located within the Central SoMa Mixed Use Office (CMUO) Zoning District, Central SoMa Special Use District and 65-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

SPEAKERS: = Alex Westhoff – Staff report
+ Lada Kocherovsky – Project sponsor
ACTION: Approved with Conditions
AYES: Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, So, Matsuda
RECUSED: Wright
MOTION: [0445](#)

7. [2018-013597ENV](#) (M. TAYLOR: (628) 652-7352)
PORTSMOUTH SQUARE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – 733 Kearny Street (Portsmouth Square) located on a block bound by Washington Street to the north, Clay Street to the south, Walter U Lum Place to the west, and Kearny Street to east, Assessor's Block 0209, Lot 017 (District 3). 750 Kearny Street located at the southeast corner of Washington Street, Assessor's Block 0208, Lot 024 (District 3). Kearny Street Pedestrian Bridge located on Kearny Street between Washington Street to the north, and Clay Street to the south and connecting Block 0209, Lot 017 to Block 0208, Lot 024 (District 3). **Review and Comment** before the Historic Preservation Commission on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed project. The project proposes to demolish the elevated pedestrian bridge that connects Portsmouth Square to 750 Kearny Street and renovate Portsmouth Square's existing park features. The proposed work at Portsmouth Square includes a new children's playground, a new clubhouse, re-waterproofing the roof of the existing underground parking garage, implementing structural upgrades to the Portsmouth Square Garage, and new landscaping. The site at 733 Kearny Street, 750 Kearny Street, and Kearny Street Pedestrian Bridge are all considered historical resources for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project site is located within a P (Public) and C-3-O (Downtown Office) Zoning Districts and OS and 200-S Height and Bulk Limits.

Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment

SPEAKERS: = Allison Vanderslice – Staff presentation
+ Cara Ruppert – Rec and Park presentation
= Michelle Taylor – Staff presentation
+ Amy – CCDC supports removal of the bridge
ACTION: Reviewed and Commented

ADJOURNMENT 2:51 PM

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 1, 2021