

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Meeting Minutes

REMOTE HEARING

via video and teleconferencing

Wednesday, September 1, 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 12:35 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Elizabeth Gordon-Jonckheer, Veronica Flores, Natalia Kwiatkowska, 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: Linda Chapman – Grubstake at 1525 Pine
Speaker - Clay Theatre at 2261 Fillmore

B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Department Announcements

None.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

2. President's Report and Announcements

President Matsuda:

Thank you. Since we now have a full Commission, I think we are now able to have an election. And so, I wanted to see if all of the Commissioners were okay, by consensus, to schedule this Election of Officers to take place at our next HPC meeting, which is scheduled for September 15th. And it will be the Election of Officers, correct me if I am wrong Jonas, but for the President and the Vice President.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

That's correct, Commissioners. There is a little bit of disagreement between myself and the City Attorney's Office, but to make them happy I think we should schedule election of President and Vice President. So, a new Election of Officers to fulfill this remaining term of 2021 because you have the vacancy of Vice President. And today if you all agree to set that date, we can certainly have it on the 15th.

Commissioner Foley:

Do we need a motion?

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

I don't believe we need a motion. Vicky, I think if everyone agrees, if there is no objection, we will by this announcement set that date on September 15th to hold an Election of Officers.

Commissioner Johns:

Well Jonas, just so there is no question or uncertainty or anything, I move that we hold the election at the next meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Very good.

Commissioner Black:

Second.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Thank you, Commissioners. On that motion, to schedule Elections of Officers on September 15th. Commissioner Wright.

Commissioner Wright:

Yes.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Commissioner Nageswaran.

Commissioner Nageswaran:

Yes.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Commissioner Black.

Commissioner Black:

Yes,

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Commissioner Foley.

Commissioner Foley:

Aye.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Commissioner Johns.

Commissioner Johns:

Yes.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Commissioner So.

Commissioner So:

Yes.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

And Commission President Matsuda.

President Matsuda:

Yes, thank you.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

So moved, Commissioners. That motion passes unanimously +7 – 0. Thank you for that, Commissioner Johns.

President Matsuda:

I have one more thing, Jonas, if I can, under President's comments. It was recently brought to my attention by a member of the public, Mr. Rothman, about the status of the Zacheim murals. As all of you know that this issue came before us as an Informational issue because

UCSF is not under the HPC's jurisdiction. And so, what uh – just to fast forward and give you a summary, last fall UCSF awarded a San Francisco based firm to remove the murals and then to find a space to- remove the murals and preserve it. And then at the same time to create a task force to find a new location for it. And so, HPC requested to be part of that task force and that was granted. HPC also, I also asked, because a member of the public was very interested in seeing that the task force be expanded to other members of the community, that they consider other names that was submitted. We still have not received the response from them. But in the interim, a legal suit was filed-an injunction was filed by various groups who are opposed to the expansion of UCSF. So, what that means is that everything stops. Meaning any preservation, any plans to remove the murals stops and that will continue to be on hold. And at the earliest the judge will determine whether just this part of the project can go forward at the next hearing in September. So, I just wanted to bring that to all of your attention. Thank you.

3. Consideration of Adoption:
 - [Draft Minutes for August 18, 2021](#)

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

4. Commission Comments & Questions

Commissioner Nageswaran:

I was listening to the public comments by Mrs. Chapman and the other person from Cow Hollow, I didn't get his name. But I do know both buildings well and frequented both. And I don't know what the status is of those two. If the Planning Department could just give an update either, I don't know, if you know now or at the next meeting what the status is for the Grubstake and the Clay Theater. That's all.

President Matsuda:

Thank you. So, could we ask that staff provide us a status report at the next meeting?

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Absolutely. I think you just accomplished that.

Commissioner So:

I have two announcements. First is that I wanted to, and I think everybody who are in the architectural world, know that September is the Architecture and City Arts Festival. So, this year there is a lot of interesting events and I hope that everyone will participate a little bit more or just join in some of those conversations. It is packed with community oriented interesting topics that is related to the City and Architecture and Preservation. And then my second announcement is that some of you may have heard that I became part of the committee members for the Monuments and Memorial Advisory Committee that is run by the Arts Commission, Human Rights Commission and San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. And it is just an Advisory Committee to look into how we addressed the Civic Arts collections for the City. That is all my announcements.

President Matsuda:

Great, thank you and congratulations.

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. [2021-006260PCA](#) (V. FLORES: (628) 652-7525)
STATE-MANDATED ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT CONTROLS [BF 210585] – Planning Code Amendments – Ordinance amending the Planning Code to clarify the ministerial approval process for certain Accessory Dwelling Units meeting certain requirements in single-family and multifamily buildings; affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1; and adopting findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

SPEAKERS: = Veronica Flores – Staff presentation
 = Peter Miljanich – Deputy City attorney
 = Victoria Wong – City attorney
 = Natalia Kwiatkowska – Response to questions
 ACTION: Adopted a Recommendation for Approval with Staff Modifications
 AYES: Wright, Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, So, Matsuda
 RESOLUTION: [1197](#)

6. [2021-007060DES](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7314)
200 RHODE ISLAND STREET - West side of Rhode Island Street between 15th and 16th Streets, Lot 001 in Assessor’s Block 3936 (District 10). Consideration of a community-sponsored **Landmark Designation Application** for an Individual Article 10 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the Planning Code. The heavy timber-frame brick industrial building, designed by architect G. Albert Lansburg, was constructed in 1912. From 1965 – 2019 it was under the ownership of Japanese-American entrepreneurs and philanthropists, Henri and Tomoye Takahashi, and it served as the headquarters for the Takahashi Trading Company and Takahashi Charitable Foundation. The property is located within a PDR-1-D (Production, Distribution & Repair – 1 – Design) and 58-X/68-X Height and Bulk Districts.
Preliminary Recommendation: Add property to the Landmark Designation Work Program

SPEAKERS: = Alex Westhoff – Staff presentation
 + Erica Schultz – Project sponsor
 ACTION: Added to the Landmark Designation Work Program
 AYES: Wright, Nageswaran, Black, Foley, Johns, So
 RECUSED: Matsuda

ADJOURNMENT 1:44 PM
ADOPTED OCTOBER 6, 2021