

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Wednesday, October 20, 2021
12:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

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

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MATSUDA AT 12:31 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Shelley Caltagirone, Kimia Haddadan, Maia Small, Allison Vanderslice, Chris Kern, Rich Sucre - Deputy Director of Current Planning, 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: Katherine Howard - San Franciscans for Urban Nature. At the March 3rd, 2021 meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), a Request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to extend the operation of a temporary observation wheel installed in the Music Concourse was considered. The

Recreation and Park Department offered proposals to mitigate the noise and fumes from the diesel generator, along with other measures to mitigate the impact of the Wheel. The noise and fumes from the diesel generator are still continuing and not all mitigations have been put in place. In addition, loud music has been added. You should have received our letter with more details and photos illustrating these issues. We request that the Historic Preservation Commission hold the Recreation and Park Department to the commitments that they have made.

B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Department Announcements

Rich Sucre, Deputy Director of Current Planning:

Good afternoon, Commissioners. Just wanted to provide you an update on some items that went before the Board of Supervisors. The Eagle passed its second reading at the Board of Supervisors yesterday. And so it is on its way to the mayor who will sign it into and becoming an ordinance so that it would be an official city landmark, which is wonderful. Also, at the Land Use meeting this past Monday, the board did not have any landmark items that were under review at this time. But we have a couple of items that are kind of lining up. Just to address some correspondence that you have received recently, the Department did--is researching the compliance for the Conditions of Approval regarding the ferris wheel project. So, we are currently aware of it and are on top of it. And so, we will provide you an update at a future meeting and we are in correspondence with the Rec and Park department. So, let me know if you have any questions or if there is anything else that you would like us to follow up on. Thank you.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

2. President's Report and Announcements

President Matsuda:

Thank you, Rich, Mr. Sucre for giving us the update about that because I was going to mention it because of Ms. Howard's public comment and the email that we received from the San Francisco for Urban Nature. We also received another email today from Georgia Schuttish about the map Noe Valley and had mentioned, I guess that Planning staff person by the name of Mr. Webster, and I really couldn't understand what her specific request was but I was hoping that I could follow up or someone from the Planning Department staff about that. It is about today's agenda item. And then, Mr. John Templeton was planning to make public comment so I'm not sure what happened but he did contact me and he contacted me after he made a presentation to the Planning Department staff about seeing how we can revisit the African American historic context statement. So, I wanted to share that with the Commission and to see if we can--or if I can convene a meeting with Mr. Templeton and whoever that current staff person is in charge of this particular historic context statement to see how we can review that and push it along. So, Jonas, if you can put me in touch with whoever that, I'm not sure who has been assigned to that, but that would be great.

And just finally, today's agenda item was specifically created for us to spend a great deal of time on the housing element and particularly the mitigation alternatives. Mitigation measures because even though this is not specifically to create an ordinance, definitely the information and I think the framework that will be decided on will have a huge impact on any future ordinances that come before the board and the City. And I am hoping that all of us can spend some time to really consider what staff has provided for us. And staff has provided a really good overview but I think we could really really use the comments and the suggestions from the Commissioners. You know, this is going to set policy for the next 30 years. I mean, so we really want to take some time and really discuss things as thoroughly as possible. This won't be our last time, but I think that we should attempt to make a really good in road to what has been presented and make sure that we continue to follow up and have future meetings specifically on this subject. Thank you.

Rich Sucre, Deputy Director of Current Planning:

Hi Commissioner Matsuda. Yeah, we are happy to address all of your concerns so if on the Noe Valley matter you want to forward me the correspondence, I am happy to connect Ms. Schuttish with the right staff people. And then similarly on the African American context statement, as I understand, I think the biggest update on our end is the need for community outreach on that document. So, we are happy to convene a meeting and kind of figure out and put a timeline together for next steps so that way we can kind of bring it forward to this Commission for adoption. So, happy to facilitate in any way.

President Matsuda:

Very good. Okay, thank you. I will follow up with you.

3. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for October 6, 2021](#)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted

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

4. Commission Comments & Questions

Commissioner So:

I have two things I would like to address or share. I have the great opportunity to join the Equity in Action series about Japantown, Fillmore, Western Addition yesterday with the rest of the Planning staff. It was hosted by our wonderful Planning staff. I just wanted to say that this is a really amazing community outreach and I learned so much in firsthand by the panel speakers – Medjie Crawford, Mattie Scott, and Steve Nakajo, about the histories and the current struggles and how Japantown and the Western Addition. How much more we can continue to do. And I would love to also say thank you for, there's a staff in our -- Reanna hosted the meeting really well. And I appreciate this opportunity to be able to listen through these community leaders and hear more about what matters that really concern them in terms of moving forward and how we can actually shape a better neighborhood. So, thank you for that.

My second announcement is actually something pretty fun and I think everyone love this organization, it is called California Preservation Foundation. They are having their annual design award gala, virtual gala, tomorrow. It is free for all to attend. It starts at 7 p.m. and it is only going to be an hour. I think it is loaded with a lot of amazing projects ranging from craftsmanship preservation, technology to cultural resources and also adaptive reuse and rehabilitations in the entire state of California. So, I'm going to put this link to our chat here and everyone feel free to sign up. Just to listening it will really be amazing. And I am aware that a lot of our Planning staff had been active speakers and panelists in the previous years too. So, just check it out when you have time. That concludes my sharing of comments.

Commissioner Black:

I just want to echo Commissioner So's comment about the Equity in Action. I didn't attend. I wasn't able to attend yesterday but I did watch this morning. And Commissioners, the link for any of you who missed it are still available and it was fascinating, both the documentary and the three panelists speaking. Thanks.

President Matsuda:

Great, thank you. And thank you for sharing that we can, it was recorded so that is great for us to know.

Commissioner Johns:

If someone could send that link that Commissioner Black just mentioned I would really appreciate it because I would like to watch the program. Thank you.

President Matsuda:

Sure, we can. Jonas, can we ask staff to do that to forward it on.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Yes of course.

President Matsuda:

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. [2019-016230CWP](#) (S. CALTAGIRONE: (628) 652-7425)
HOUSING ELEMENT 2022 UPDATE – **Informational Presentation** – The Planning Department is preparing the 2022 Housing Element Update for the General Plan. This update is San Francisco's first housing plan centered on racial and social equity. The update is due late 2022 and will include policies and programs that express the City's collective vision and values for the future of housing in San Francisco. This plan will identify priorities for decision

makers, guide resource allocation for housing programs and services, and define how and where the City should create new homes for San Franciscans, or those who want to call this city home. The purpose of this informational hearing is for project staff to share an overview of the Housing Element 2022 Update draft goals, policies and actions and a preliminary summary of outreach and engagement to date.

Preliminary Recommendation: None – Informational

SPEAKERS: = Shelley Caltagirone – Staff presentation
= Kimia Haddadan – Response to questions and comments
= Maia Small – Response to questions and comments

ACTION: Review and Commented

6. [2019-016230ENV](#) (A. VANDERSLICE: (628)652-7505)
HOUSING ELEMENT 2022 UPDATE EIR – **Review and Comment** before the Historic Preservation Commission with regard to the analysis of historic resources and the development of a preservation alternative, prior to publication of the Housing Element 2022 Update Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). Policies implemented as a result of the Housing Element 2022 Update may result in a range of impacts to historic resources, including some that are anticipated to be significant and unavoidable. Therefore, the Department is seeking the HPC's input on the preservation alternative proposed to reduce those significant and unavoidable impacts.

Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment

SPEAKERS: = Allison Vanderslice – Staff presentation
= Rich Sucre – Response to questions and comments
= Chris Kern – Response to questions and comments

ACTION: Reviewed and Commented

ADJOURNMENT 2:52 PM

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 3, 2021