

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Wednesday, November 17, 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: Alex Westhoff, Shannon Ferguson, Melanie Bishop, Maggie Smith, 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: None

B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Department Announcements

None.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

2. President's Report and Announcements

None.

3. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for November 3, 2021](#)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted

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

4. Commission Comments & Questions

Commissioner Johns:

Yes. You know, there has been some discussion over the years about QR codes in various places in San Francisco and Commissioner Pearlman used to mention that frequently. I have heard that the City of Philadelphia adopted a program for supplementing historic sites with QR codes. I just wonder if there is some way that we could look into that. Maybe have a report from staff at some convenient time.

Jonas P. Ionin, Commission Secretary:

Commissioner Johns, I would be happy to work with staff to look into what program has been installed in the City of Philadelphia. And I agree, I think it is a fantastic idea for the City and County of San Francisco to look into for historic places or even just significant locations.

Commissioner Johns:

Thank you.

President Matsuda:

Thank you, Jonas.

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. [2021-007060DES](#) (A. WESTHOFF: (628) 652-7314)
200 RHODE ISLAND – west side between 15th and 16th Streets, Lot 001 in Assessor’s Block 3936 (District 10). Consideration to **Initiate Landmark Designation** of Takahashi Trading Company (200 Rhode Island Street) as 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. 200 Rhode Island Street is located within a PDR-1-D (Production, Distribution & Repair – 1 – Design) Zoning District and 58-X/68-X Height and Bulk Districts.
Preliminary Recommendation: Initiate
- SPEAKERS: = Alex Westhoff – Staff presentation
+ Stacy Farr – Project sponsor
+ Dr. Michelle Magalong - Support
- ACTION: Initiated
- AYES: Wright, Black, Foley, Johns, So, Nageswaran
- RECUSED: Matsuda
- RESOLUTION: 1213
6. [2016-013156SRV](#) (S. FERGUSON: (628) 652-7354)
CITYWIDE SURVEY UPDATE - Informational Presentation to update the Commission on the on-going Citywide Cultural Resources Survey, including updates on staffing, Citywide Historic Context Statement framework, Survey data collection and management, community outreach, phasing, and schedule. This will be the third of quarterly updates to the Commission.
Preliminary Recommendation: None - informational
- SPEAKERS: = Shannon Ferguson – Introduction
= Melanie Bishop – Staff presentation, response to questions and comments
= Maggie Smith – Staff presentation, response to questions and comments
- ACTION: Reviewed and Commented
7. [2016-013156SRV-03](#) (M. BISHOP: (628) 652-7440)
CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT: EARTHQUAKE SHACKS THEME DOCUMENT – **Consideration to adopt, modify, or disapprove** the Earthquake Shacks Theme Document. The Earthquake Shacks Theme Document provides a brief historical overview of the 1906 Earthquake and Fires, the subsequent relief effort led by the San Francisco Relief Corporation, and the history of the earthquake shack typology. The document focuses specifically on the earthquake shack typology and outlines character-defining features, significance, and integrity thresholds for the property type. The document is intended to be used to inform the Citywide Cultural Resource Survey effort and ensure that property evaluations are consistent with local, state, and federal standards.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt the Earthquake Shacks Theme Document

SPEAKERS: = Melanie Bishop – Staff presentation
+ Woody LaBounty – Support
= Rich Sucre – Response to questions and comments
ACTION: Adopted
AYES: Wright, Black, Foley, Johns, So, Nageswaran, Matsuda
RESOLUTION: 1214

ADJOURNMENT 2:06 PM
ADOPTED DECEMBER 1, 2021