

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



Meeting Minutes

Commission Chambers, Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett-Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Wednesday, March 16, 2022
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 12:39 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Michelle Taylor, Julie Moore, Maggie Smith, Rich Sucre – Deputy Director of Current Planning, Rich Hillis - Planning Director, 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****Rich Hillis, Planning Director:**

I just wanted to welcome everybody back. I don't have any official announcements. I also wanted to thank you all for your patience and cooperation over the last two years in doing these meetings remotely. As you can imagine, it has been a tremendous challenge just to keep the Department running and the Commissions and the staff have been incredible. Everybody, from Jonas and his team getting these Commission hearings up and running, our IT staff who got us back online quickly, our Permit Center staff who have been going into the office the entire time, our Reception team, moving things to electronic plan submittal and electronic plan review. It has been a huge undertaking, but I think we've done it well and it is a true testament to our team that we have at Planning that it went as well as it did. So just wanted to thank you all and recognize that the staff at Planning for the tremendous work they have done over the past two years. So, thank you.

Rich Sucre, Deputy Director of Current Planning:

I will just pick up after Director Hillis. A, it was great to see all of you in person and nice to also see you in person, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Nageswaran. I do have some updates at the board. At Land Use this past week, the Trocadero Clubhouse was heard by the Land Use Committee and was recommended to the full board thus moving forward on that landmark nomination. Also at the full board, they heard 447 Battery as well as the Golden Gate Valley Carnegie Library and both passed with an affirmative recommendation for their landmark status. The last thing that we have on the Board was from Supervisor Melgar who introduced a resolution to initiate landmarking on the Mothers Building. So, when we received the landmark -- the initiation of the landmark from them, our staff will move accordingly. So, you will expect to hear that in the near future.

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

I don't have any particular announcements at this time. But I did want -- I don't know if we have seen Mr. Sucre in his new position in person. So, can you share just once again -- we're very happy that you are here and going to be our liaison. But you are now the --

Rich Sucre, Deputy Director of Current Planning:

Sure. I am the Deputy Director of Current Planning and one of my lead functions will be our Historic Preservation Division. So, I was kindly promoted by Director Watty who is also joining us.

President Matsuda:

Director Watty, I didn't even see you.

Rich Sucre, Deputy Director of Current Planning:

So, any questions in terms of historic resources, CEQA review, anything. I'm happy to field and coordinate accordingly.

President Matsuda:

And Director Hillis, we really thank you for your leadership and just the whole Planning Department staff in allowing us to continue to work seamlessly throughout these two years to get, I think, a lot of good projects going and moving forward. So, thank you very much for all you've done.

3. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for February 16, 2022](#)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted

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

4. Commission Comments & Questions**President Matsuda:**

I do have one comment. I was presented today with a beautiful Origami crane folded by Commissioner Johns' grandson in our quest to continue to promote cultural and historic -- cultural and historic, how shall I say it -- value, I think, in supporting all communities. Commissioner Johns has encouraged his grandson to take up the Art of Origami. I hope all the members of the public can see this beautiful crane that his grandson made and we thank him for having an interest in the art of Origami. So, you can tell him that his piece has made TV.

- 5. [2021-009976CRV](#) - Remote Hearings** - Consideration of Action to allow teleconferenced meetings and Adopting Findings under California Government Code Section 54953(E) to allow remote meetings during the Covid-19 Emergency; Continue remote meetings for the next 30 days; Direct the Commission Secretary to schedule a similar resolution [motion] at a Commission Meeting within 30 days.

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted

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

RESOLUTION: [1229](#)

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

6. [2020-006466COA](#) (M. TAYLOR: (628) 652-7352)
621 WALLER STREET – south side between Carmelita and Pierce Streets; Lot 023 in Assessor's Block 0864 (District RTO) – Request for a **Certificate of Appropriateness**, pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code, to abate violations and comply with Planning Enforcement Case No. 2020-008528ENF. The project scope includes legalization of work performed without permits including reconstruction of front entry wood stairs, repair and reconstruction of front decorative railings, re-roofing, and the addition of four new skylights. Additional unpermitted work proposed for legalization includes alterations to the rear of the building such as repair/restoration of the wood siding, removal of window openings, and the addition of new window and door openings. Proposed new work will include front window repairs and the removal of two skylights added without permits. 621 Waller Street has a Mills Act Historical Property Contract and is located within the Duboce Landmark District. The property is within a RTO (Residential Transit Oriented) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04](#)(h).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
(Continued from Regular Hearing on January 5, 2022, February 16, 2022)

SPEAKERS: = Michelle Taylor - Staff report
+ Elisa Skaggs - Project sponsor presentation
ACTION: Continued Indefinitely
AYES: Black, Foley, Johns, So, Nageswaran, Matsuda
RECUSED: Wright

7. [2019-014146ENV](#) (J. GREVING: (628) 652-7553)
520 JOHN MUIR DRIVE – The project site is an approximately 11-acre site situated on a narrow strip of land between the shoreline of the South Lake of Lake Merced and John Muir Drive, Assessor's Block 7283, Lot 004 (District 7). **Review and Comment** before the Historic Preservation Commission on Draft Environmental Impact Report for the proposed project. The project proposes to develop the site to allow for a number of active and passive activities open to the public as well as provide for restaurant dining and indoor space for gatherings. The site at 520 John Muir Drive Street is the site of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club which is a historic resource for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Public comment for this DEIR is from February 23, 2022 till 5:00PM on April 11, 2022. The DEIR is scheduled for review and comment at the Planning Commission on March 31, 2022. The project site is located within a Public (P) Zoning District and OS Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment

SPEAKERS: = Julie Moore - Staff report
+ Jackie Suen, Rec and Park - Response to comments and questions
= Justin Greving - Response to comments and questions
ACTION: Reviewed and Commented

8. [2016-013156SRV](#) (M. SMITH: (628) 652-7549)
CITYWIDE CULTURAL RESOURCES SURVEY UPDATE – **Informational Presentation** to update the Commission on the ongoing San Francisco Citywide Cultural Resources Survey (SF Survey), including community engagement, Citywide Historic Context Statement, survey data collection and management, phasing, schedule, and next steps. This will be the first of quarterly updates to the Commission this year.
Preliminary Recommendation: None - Informational

SPEAKERS: = Maggie Smith - Staff report
= Rich Sucre - Response to comments and questions
ACTION: Reviewed and Commented

ADJOURNMENT 2:36 PM
ADOPTED APRIL 6, 2022