

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, June 1, 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 12:33 PM

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Lisa Gibson, Allison Vanderslice, Monica Giacomucci, 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: Georgia Schuttish - AB 916

B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Department Announcements

Rich Sucre, Deputy Director of Current Planning:

Good afternoon, Commissioners. Rich Sucre, Department Staff. Just want to bring you an update on some of your landmark nominations that have been moving forward, through the Board of Supervisors. The Trocadero Clubhouse is pending signature with the Mayor. At the full Board, passing its first read was the Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts. And then recently, at the Land Use Committee, the landmark designation for the interior of the Castro Theatre was introduced as well as a landmark initiation for the intersection of Turk and Taylor, related to the [inaudible] transgender site. And that is all I have for our report.

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

2. President's Report and Announcements

None.

3. Consideration of Adoption:

- [Draft Minutes for May 4, 2022](#)

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Adopted

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

4. Commission Comments & Questions

None.

5. Architectural Review Committee – Appointments

SPEAKERS: None

ACTION: Nageswaran (recommended Chair), So and Black

6. [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: 1247

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

7. [2019-016230ENV](#) (A. VANDERSLICE: (628) 652-7505)
HOUSING ELEMENT 2022 UPDATE – The Planning Department proposes to update the 2014 housing element of the San Francisco General Plan. **Review and Comment** before the Historic Preservation Commission on Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR). The DEIR evaluates the physical impacts on the environment that could result from adoption and implementation of the housing element update. The housing element update would establish goals, policies, and actions to address existing and future housing needs, including the regional housing targets allocated to San Francisco for the 2023–2031 cycle. The housing element update would also include policies designed to improve housing affordability and advance racial and social equity. The proposed policies and actions would guide development patterns and the allocation of resources to San Francisco neighborhoods. In general, the proposed housing element update would shift an increased share of the city’s future housing growth to transit corridors and low-density residential districts within well-resourced areas. Well-resourced areas are high- and highest-resource areas, which are neighborhoods identified by the State of California that provide strong economic, health, and educational outcomes for its residents. The housing element update would not include specific changes to existing land use controls (e.g., zoning) or approve any physical development (e.g., construction of housing or infrastructure). However, the DEIR assumes that adoption of the proposed housing element update would lead to such actions in the future as necessary to implement the proposed goals, policies, and actions. Future implementation of the proposed housing element update may also include the designation of housing sustainability districts that would streamline review and approval of residential and mixed-use residential development. **Public comment for this DEIR is from April 20, 2022 till 5:00 PM on June 20, 2022. The DEIR is scheduled for review and comment at the Planning Commission on June 9, 2022.**

Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment

SPEAKERS: = Lisa Gibson - Introduction
 = Allison Vanderslice - Staff presentation
 = Georgia Schuttish - 1474 So. Van Ness
 ACTION: Reviewed and Commented

8. [2019-022126COA-04](#) (M. GIACOMUCCI: 628-652-7414)
55 HAGIWARA TEA GARDEN DRIVE – Located between John F. Kennedy Drive, Hagiwara Tea Garden Drive, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, and Music Concourse Drive; Lot 001 in Assessor’s Block 1700 (District 1). **Informational Presentation** to provide an overall update on the extension of the Observation Wheel in satisfaction of a Condition of Approval included in the Certificate of Appropriateness approved under Motion No. 0433 on March 3, 2021. The

subject property is Landmark No. 249, Music Concourse, Golden Gate Park and is located in a P (Public) Zoning District and OS Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: None - Informational

- SPEAKERS:
- = Monica Giacomucci - Staff report
 - + George Ridgely - Rec and Park presentation
 - Katherine Howard - We appreciate the minor improvements made to the lighting and sound and suggest that further modifications be made to lower the decibel levels. Rec and Park has ignored not only the current opposition but also the past comments from historic preservationists as to the negative impact of the Wheel on the historic character of the Music Concourse. As 2025 approaches, we are deeply concerned that Rec and Park will organize advocacy for the Wheel to become a permanent, historically inappropriate, structure in the Music Concourse. The Observation Wheel has no historic basis in the Music Concourse. The Wheel detracts from its historic character and is environmentally detrimental to birds and wildlife. We request that the Historic Preservation Commission review the original reasons for the timeline extension and consider removing the Observation Wheel from Golden Gate Park before 2025."
 - Speaker - Negotiate contract, uphold historic value of GG Park
 - Judy - Oppose
- ACTION: Reviewed and Commented

ADJOURNMENT 1:52 PM
ADOPTED JUNE 15, 2022