

SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



**Wednesday, July 7, 2021
12:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting**

Commissioners:
Diane Matsuda, President
Kate Black, Chris Foley, Richard S.E. Johns,
Ruchira Nageswaran, Jonathan Pearlman, Lydia So

Commission Secretary:
Jonas P. Ionin

Hearing Materials are available at:
Website: <https://sfplanning.org/>
Planning Department, 49 South Van Ness, 14th Floor

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Ramaytush Ohlone Acknowledgement

The Historic Preservation Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders, and Relatives of the Ramaytush Ohlone community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

Know Your Rights Under the Sunshine Ordinance

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

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Privacy Policy

Personal information that is provided in communications to the Planning Department is subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act and the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance. Personal information provided will not be redacted.

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Planning Department and its commissions. All written or oral communications that members of the public submit to the Department regarding projects or hearings will be made available to all members of the public for inspection and copying. The Department does not redact any information from these submissions. This means that personal information including names, phone numbers, addresses and similar information that a member of the public elects to submit to the Department and its commissions may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents that members of the public may inspect or copy.

Accessible Meeting Information

Commission hearings are held in Room 400 at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place in San Francisco. City Hall is open to the public Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is accessible to persons using wheelchairs and other assistive mobility devices. Ramps are available at the Grove, Van Ness and McAllister entrances. A wheelchair lift is available at the Polk Street entrance.

Transit: The nearest accessible BART station is Civic Center. Accessible MUNI Metro lines are the F, J, K, L, M, N, T (exit at Civic Center or Van Ness stations). MUNI bus routes also serving the area are the 5, 6, 9, 19, 21, 47, 49, 71, and 71L. For more information regarding MUNI accessible services, call (415) 701-4485 or call 311.

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Language Assistance: To request an interpreter for a specific item during the hearing, please contact the Commission Secretary at (628) 652-7589, or commissions.secretary@sfgov.org at least 48 hours in advance of the hearing.

Allergies: In order to assist the City in accommodating persons with severe allergies, environmental illness, multiple chemical sensitivity or related disabilities, please refrain from wearing scented products (e.g. perfume and scented lotions) to Commission hearings.

SPANISH: Agenda para la Comisión de Preservación de Edificios y Lugares Históricos (Historic Preservation Commission). Si desea asistir a la audiencia, y quisiera obtener información en Español o solicitar un aparato para asistencia auditiva, llame al (628) 652-7550. Por favor llame por lo menos 48 horas de anticipación a la audiencia.

CHINESE: 歷史保護委員會議程。聽證會上如需要語言協助或要求輔助設備，請致電(628)652-7550。請在聽證會舉行之前的至少48個小時提出要求。

FILIPINO: Adyenda ng Komisyon para sa Pangangalaga ng Kasaysayan (Historic Preservation Commission Agenda). Para sa tulong sa lengguwahe o para humiling ng Pantulong na Kagamitan para sa Pagdinig (headset), mangyari lamang na tumawag sa (628) 652-7550. Mangyaring tumawag nang maaga (kung maaari ay 48 oras) bago sa araw ng Pagdinig.

RUSSIAN: Повестка дня Комиссии по защите памятников истории. За помощью переводчика или за вспомогательным слуховым устройством на время слушаний обращайтесь по номеру (628) 652-7550. Запросы должны делаться минимум за 48 часов до начала слушания.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's statewide order for all residents to Shelter-in-place - and the numerous preceding local and state proclamations, orders and supplemental directions - aggressive directives have been issued to slow down and reduce the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

On May 29, 2020, the Historic Preservation Commission was authorized to conduct their hearings remotely. Therefore, the Historic Preservation Commission meeting will be held via videoconferencing and allow for remote public comment. The Commission strongly encourages interested parties to submit their comments in writing, in advance of the hearing to commissions.secretary@sfgov.org. Visit the SFGovTV website (www.sfgovtv.org) to stream the live meetings or watch on a local television station.

The public comment call-in line number is (415) 655-0001. You will also need an access code to join the meeting. The access code for this hearing is 146 913 8309. This information will also be provided on the Department's webpage <https://sfplanning.org/> and during the live SFGovTV broadcast.

As the COVID-19 emergency progresses, please visit the Planning website regularly to be updated on the current situation as it affects the hearing process and the Historic Preservation Commission.

ROLL CALL:

President:	Diane Matsuda
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A. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes.

The Brown Act forbids a commission from taking action or discussing any item not appearing on the posted agenda, including those items raised at public comment. In response to public comment, the commission is limited to:

- (1) responding to statements made or questions posed by members of the public; or
- (2) requesting staff to report back on a matter at a subsequent meeting; or
- (3) directing staff to place the item on a future agenda. (Government Code Section 54954.2(a))

B. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

1. Department Announcements

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

2. President's Report and Announcements
3. Consideration of Adoption:
 - [Draft Minutes for June 16, 2021](#)

Adoption of Commission Minutes – Charter Section 4.104 requires all commissioners to vote yes or no on all matters unless that commissioner is excused by a vote of the Commission. Commissioners may not be automatically excluded from a vote on the minutes because they did not attend the meeting.

4. Commission Comments & Questions
 - Disclosures.
 - Inquiries/Announcements. Without discussion, at this time Commissioners may make announcements or inquiries of staff regarding various matters of interest to the Commissioner(s).
 - Future Meetings/Agendas. At this time, the Commission may discuss and take action to set the date of a Special Meeting and/or determine those items that could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and other future meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission.

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. [2021-005812PCA](#) (P. IKEZOE: (628-652-7501)
ESTABLISHING THE SUNSET CHINESE CULTURAL DISTRICT ORDINANCE [Board File 210599]-
Administrative Code Amendment to establish the Sunset Chinese Cultural District (the "District") in and around the Sunset neighborhood; to require the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) to submit written reports and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor describing the cultural attributes of the District and proposing strategies to acknowledge and preserve the cultural legacy of the District; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
6. [2020-0096400TH](#) (C. FLORES: (628) 652-7439)
CENTERING PLANNING ON RACIAL & SOCIAL EQUITY – Informational Presentation - Staff will update the Commission on the Department's progress on the implementation of the July 15, 2020 Historic Preservation Commission's Equity Resolution, Phase 1 Racial & Social Equity Action Plan implementation status, and Phase 2 next steps. Phase 1 contains goals,

objectives, and specific actions the Department is undertaking to advance racial and social equity in our internal functions and was updated and submitted to the Office of Racial Equity for review in December 2020. Phase 2 will focus on the external functions of the Department. The Equity Resolution centered the Department's work on equity, reinforced the Department's Racial & Social Equity Action Plan, and directed the Department to prioritize certain tasks to further advance this work. The Office of Racial Equity requires the Department to annually report on the action plan status, update the action plan every three years following adoption, and integrate the action plan within the Department's strategic plan.

Preliminary Recommendation: None – Informational

7. [2021-001791PCA](#) (A. MERLONE: (628) 652-7501)
REVIEW OF LARGE RESIDENCE DEVELOPMENTS [Board File No. 210116] – **Planning Code Amendment** to require Conditional Use Authorization for certain large residence developments in RH (Residential, House) Zoning Districts; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public convenience, necessity, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval with Modifications

8. [2020-005897PTA](#) (J. VIMR): (628) 652-7319
233 GEARY STREET – Southwest corner of the intersection of Geary and Stockton Streets; Lots 018-020 in Assessor's Block 0314 (District 3). Request for a **Permit to Alter** to complete exterior alterations such as ground floor modifications, expansion of existing window openings, and removal of a portion of the blank, western elevation as part of the conversion of the subject building to a mix of retail, office, and residential uses. Historically known as the I. Magnin building, 233 Geary Street is located in the C-3-R (Downtown-Retail) Zoning District and 80-130-F Height and Bulk District. The project must also obtain various entitlements from the Planning Commission; this future Planning Commission hearing will constitute 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

Note: On June 16, 2021, after hearing and closing public comment, continued to July 7, 2021 by a vote of +7-0.

9. [2021-004690CRV](#) (M. GIACOMUCCI: (628) 652-7414)
555 19TH STREET – Located on the south side of 19th Street between 3rd Street and Illinois Street, Assessor's Block 4058, Lot 009 (District 10). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending approval of a **Change of Use** application under Planning Code Section 803.9(c). The proposed project would convert 24,848 square feet of PDR use to office use on the first through third floors of a contributing building within the Central Waterfront: Third Street Industrial Historic District listed on the California Register of Historical Resources. Per Planning Code Section 803.9(c), all land uses are principally permitted in California Register-listed buildings, provided that the Zoning Administrator, on the advice of the Historic Preservation Commission, determines that allowing the use will enhance the feasibility of

preserving the building. The subject property is located within a UMU (Urban Mixed Use) Zoning District and 68-X Height and Bulk District.

Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

10. [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 the proposed preservation alternatives in advance of publication of the 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 is the site of the Pacific Rod and Gun Club which is a historic resource for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The project site is located within a Public (P) Zoning District and OS Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment
11. [2017-012086ENV](#) (J. GREVING: (628) 652-7553)
770 WOOLSEY STREET – **Review and Comment** on the Draft Environmental Impact Report– The project site is 2.2 acres bounded by Wayland, Hamilton, Woolsey, and Bowdoin streets in the Portola neighborhood, Assessor's Block 6055, Lot 001 (District 9). The project site contains the University Mound Nursery that is eligible for listing in the California Register under Criterion 1 and 3 for its association with agricultural settlement in the Portola neighborhood by the Italian American community and as a rare property type (small-scale family-owned greenhouse nursery). The project proposes to demolish a majority of the existing structures on the project site (primarily greenhouses that have been unused since 1990) and construct 62 residential units composed of 31 duplexes, and 62 vehicle parking spaces accessed via 31 new curb cuts. The proposed residential units would be approximately 35 feet in height. Of the 62 total units, 12 would be affordable housing units. The proposed project would also include an approximately 0.39-acre (17,170-square foot) publicly accessible open space (which would include two rebuilt greenhouse structures), approximately 11,210 square feet of common open space in the form of connected courtyards and passageways referred to as "the spine" and "mews" for residents only, and approximately 14,890 square feet of private open space (e.g. courtyards and rear yards). The project would regrade the project site, improve the right-of-way along the block's street frontages, and include new utility infrastructure. The project site is within a Residential – House, One Family (RH-1) Use District, and 40-X Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing Procedures

The Historic Preservation Commission holds public hearings on the first and third Wednesday, of most months. The full hearing schedule for the calendar year and the Commission Rules & Regulations may be found online at: www.sfplanning.org.

Public Comments: Persons attending a hearing may comment on any scheduled item.

- ❖ When speaking before the Commission in City Hall, Room 400, please note the timer indicating how much time remains. Speakers will hear two alarms. The first soft sound indicates the speaker has 30 seconds remaining. The second louder sound indicates that the speaker's opportunity to address the Commission has ended.

Sound-Producing Devices Prohibited: The ringing of and use of mobile phones and other sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a mobile phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices (*67A.1 Sunshine Ordinance: Prohibiting the use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices at and during public meetings*).

For most cases that are considered by the Historic Preservation Commission, after being introduced by the Commission Secretary, shall be considered by the Commission in the following order:

1. Presentation by Staff;
2. Presentation by the Project Sponsor's Team (which includes: the sponsor, representative, legal counsel, architect, engineer, expeditor and/or any other advisor) for a period not to exceed ten (10) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
3. Public testimony from supporters of the Project not to exceed three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
4. Presentation by Organized Opposition recognized by the Commission President through written request prior to the hearing for a period not to exceed ten (10) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
5. Public testimony from opponents of the Project not to exceed three (3) minutes, at the discretion of the Chair;
6. Staff follow-up and/or conclusions;
7. Public comment portion of the hearing shall be closed and deliberation amongst the Commissioners shall be opened by the Chair;
8. A motion to approve; approve with conditions; approve with amendments and/or modifications; disapprove; or continue to another hearing date, if seconded, shall be voted on by the Commission.

Every Official Act taken by the Commission must be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Commission, a minimum of four (4) votes. A failed motion results in the disapproval of the requested action, unless a subsequent motion is adopted. Any Procedural Matter, such as a continuance, may be adopted by a majority vote of members present, as long as the members present constitute a quorum (four (4) members of the Commission).

Hearing Materials

Each item on the Agenda may include the following documents:

- Planning Department Case Executive Summary
- Planning Department Case Report
- Draft Motion or Resolution with Findings and/or Conditions
- Public Correspondence

Materials submitted to the Historic Preservation Commission prior to a scheduled hearing will become part of the public record only when the materials are also provided to the Commission Secretary and/or Project Planner. Correspondence may be emailed directly to the Commission Secretary at: commissions.secretary@sfgov.org.

Persons unable to attend a hearing may submit written comments regarding a scheduled item to: Historic Preservation Commission, 49 South Van Ness, 14th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414. Written comments received by the close of the business day prior to the hearing will be brought to the attention of the Historic Preservation Commission and made part of the official record.

Advance Submissions: To allow Commissioners the opportunity to review material in advance of a hearing, materials must be received by the Planning Department reception eight (8) days prior to the scheduled public hearing. All submission packages must be delivered to 49 South Van Ness, 14th Floor, by 5:00 p.m. and should include fifteen (15) copies.

Day-of-Submissions: Material related to a calendared item may be distributed at the hearing. Please provide ten (10) copies for distribution.

Appeals

The following is a summary of appeal rights associated with the various actions that may be taken at a Historic Preservation Commission hearing.

Case Type	Case Suffix	Appeal Period*	Appeal Body
Certificate of Appropriateness	COA (A)	30 calendar days	Board of Appeals**
CEQA Determination	ENV (E)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Permit to Alter/Demolish	PTA (H)	30 calendar days	Board of Appeals**

***An appeal of a Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Alter/Demolish may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires Board of Supervisors approval or if the project is associated with a Conditional Use Authorization appeal. An appeal of an Office Allocation may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires a Conditional Use Authorization.*

For more information regarding the Board of Appeals process, please contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6880. For more information regarding the Board of Supervisors process, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184 or board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

Challenges

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge, in court, the approval of (1) a Certificate of Appropriateness, (2) a Permit to Alter, (3) a Landmark or Historic District designation, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Historic Preservation Commission, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Proposition F

Under Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.127, no person or entity with a financial interest in a land use matter pending before the Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors, Building Inspection Commission, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Port Commission, or the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, may make a campaign contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for any of those offices, from the date the land use matter commenced until 12 months after the board or commission has made a final decision or any appeal to another City agency from that decision has been resolved. For more information about this restriction, visit sfethics.org.

San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 21.00-2.160] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; phone (415) 252-3100; fax (415) 252-3112; and online <http://www.sfgov.org/ethics>.