


SAN FRANCISCO HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Hearing & Agenda



This Meeting will be held in
Commission Chambers, Room 400
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
12:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Commissioners

Diane Matsuda, President
Ruchira Nageswaran, Vice-President
Chris Foley, Robert Vergara, Jason Wright

Commission Secretary

Jonas P. Ionin

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RAMAYTUSH OHLONE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The 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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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

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中文: 規劃委員會議程。聽證會上如需要語言協助或要求輔助設備，請致電 (628) 652-7589。請在聽證會舉行之前的至少 48 個小時提出要求。

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4. To comment, press * 3 (star 3) to "raise your hand"
5. Once you raise your hand, you will hear the prompt: "You have raised your hand to ask a question. Please wait to speak until the host calls on you"
6. Wait for you turn to speak
7. When you hear "you're unmuted" – that is your indication to begin speaking

IF YOU NO LONGER WANT TO COMMENT

- Press * 3 (star 3) to lower your hand

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3. Enter Password and click OK
4. Stop and listen
5. Wait for Public Comment to be announced (by Item Number or for General Public Comment)
6. To comment click on "raise hand" icon
7. You will hear a beep and see the prompt "the host has unmuted you" – that is your indication to begin speaking

IF YOU NO LONGER WANT TO COMMENT

- Click "raise hand" icon again

PROVIDE YOUR PUBLIC COMMENT

- The Commission Secretary will indicate how much time you have to provide your comments – you will be alerted when you have 30 seconds remaining.
- Once your public comment time have ended, you will be moved out of the speaker line and back to listening as a participant (unless you disconnect).
- Participants who wish to speak on other items on the Agenda, or for other comment periods, may stay on the meeting line and listen for the Commission / Hearing Secretary's next prompt.

ROLL CALL

President: Diane Matsuda
 Vice-President: Ruchira Nageswaran
 Commissioners: Chris Foley, Robert Vergara, Jason Wright

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. CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION:

- [Draft Minutes for September 20, 2023](#)
- [Draft Minutes for October 4, 2023](#)

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.

3. 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 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.

4. 2019-017325COA (M. MATHUR: (628) 652-7355)
109 LIBERTY STREET – south side between Dolores and Guerrero Streets ; Lot 075 in Assessor’s Block 3607 (District 8) – Request for **Certificate of Appropriateness** pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code for alterations related to the addition of a one-story garage with a roof deck in the required front setback per Section 144 (b), replacement of the existing front staircase, in-kind replacement of concrete stairs and asphalt shingled roof, fenestration changes, infill at rear, and interior remodel. The subject property is an Italianate style residence within the Liberty Street Landmark District, RH-3 (Residential -House-Three family) Zoning District, Central Neighborhood Large Residence SUD (Special Use District), and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission’s 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 September 20, 2023)
(Proposed for Continuance to December 6, 2023)

5. 2021-010176COA (M. TAYLOR (628) 652-7352)
2259-2261 FILLMORE STREET – west side between Clay and Sacramento Streets, Lot 002; southwest corner of Clay Street, Lot 001; in Assessor’s Block 0630 (District 2) – Request for **Certificate of Appropriateness**, pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code, for interior and exterior alterations to the Clay Theatre to accommodate a change of use from a single-screen movie theater to retail sales. Proposed work at the exterior of the building includes restoration of exterior finishes and features, insertion of a new window, replacement of storefront system, and restoration of historic signage. Interior work includes reconfiguration of the previously modified lobby, insertion of a level floor above an extant raked theater floor, exposure of decorative ceiling molding at the upper front office, selective new openings into the lobby wall, and restoration of the historic proscenium. 2261 Fillmore Street is currently designated as Landmark No. 302. The subject property is located within the Upper Fillmore NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Project also requires approval of a Conditional Use Authorization from the Planning Commission.
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
 (Continued from Regular hearing on September 20, 2023)
(Proposed for Indefinite Continuance)

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Commission, and may be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission, the public, or staff so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item at this or a future hearing.

F. REGULAR CALENDAR

- 6a. [2023-008838LBR](#) (M. DONG: (628) 652-7426)
599 CASTRO STREET – northeast corner of 19th Street; Lot 056 in Assessor’s Block 3583 (District 8) – Consideration of **Adoption of a Resolution** recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. Thai House Inc. has served San Francisco for 38 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within a NCD (Castro Street Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
- 6b. [2023-008839LBR](#) (E. MAU: (628) 652-7583)
916 KEARNY STREET – southeast corner of Columbus Avenue; Lot 013 in Assessor’s Block 0176 (District 3) – Consideration of **Adoption of a Resolution** recommending Small Business Commission approval of a Legacy Business Registry application. Earwax Productions has served San Francisco for 40 years. The Legacy Business Registry recognizes longstanding, community-serving businesses that are valuable cultural assets to the City. In addition, the City intends that the Registry be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success. The subject business is within a CCB (Chinatown-Community Business) Zoning District, Group Housing SUD (Special Use District), and 65-N Height and Bulk District.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
7. [2023-001148COA](#) (M. GIACOMUCCI: (628) 652-7414)
945-947 MINNESOTA STREET – east side between 20th and 22nd Streets; Lot 018 in Assessor’s Block 4107 (District 10) – Request for **Certificate of Appropriateness** pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code, to legalize work completed beyond the scope that was previously approved under Historic Preservation Commission Motion No. 0422, including removal and re-framing of the rear portion of the first and second floors of the building. This work resulted in the Project exceeding removal thresholds for landmark buildings pursuant to Planning Code

Section 1005(f) when reviewed cumulatively and is defined as a demolition. The Project also proposes a rear addition that is reduced in size from the previous approval. The project would abate Planning Enforcement Case No. 2022-005853ENF. The subject property is located within a RH-3 (Residential- House, Three Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Commission's 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

8. [2023-008250PCAMAP](#) (V. FLORES: (628) 652-7525)
NON-PROFIT ARTS EDUCATION SPECIAL USE DISTRICT [BF 230294] – Planning Code and Zoning Map Amendments – Ordinance, sponsored by Supervisor Peskin, to amend the Planning Code to create the Non-Profit Arts Education Special Use District (Assessor's Parcel Block No. 49, Lot No. 1, generally bounded by Francisco Street, Jones Street, Chestnut Street, and Leavenworth Street, and numbered as 800 Chestnut Street); amending the Zoning Map to show the Non-Profit Arts Education Special Use District; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101; and making findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302.
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve
9. [2016-013156SRV-03](#) (E. MOORE: (628) 652-7322)
CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT: ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING, AND PRESERVATION PROFESSIONALS: A COLLECTION OF BIOGRAPHIES – Consideration to **adopt, modify, or disapprove** the Architecture, Planning, & Preservation Professionals: A Collection of Biographies Historic Context Statement. This document is a historic context statement identified as part of the Citywide Historic Context Statement Framework. The document provides a written compilation of concise histories intended to describe the lives and work of individuals who have contributed to the built environment of San Francisco, California, and/or the United States. This document also provides an evaluative framework to assist researchers and planners in evaluating an individual architect, builder, or landscape architect and their work for eligibility under Criterion C/3 (Architecture). This document will inform the ongoing Citywide Cultural Resources Survey and ensure that property evaluations are consistent with local, state, and federal standards.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt
10. (K. CONNER: (628) 652-7535)
HOUSING PROJECTS AND STATE LAWS – Informational Presentation on State Density Bonus Law.
Preliminary Recommendation: None – Informational

ADJOURNMENT

HEARING PROCEDURES

The Historic Preservation Commission holds public hearings regularly, 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 sfplanning.org.

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

- ❖ When speaking before the Commission, please note the time. 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 (CU's, PUD's, 309's, etc.) 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, with 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 closed 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 eight (8) days prior to the scheduled public hearing. All submission packages must be delivered to 49 South Van Ness Ave, 14th Floor, by 5:00 p.m. and should include fifteen (15) hardcopies.

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.

Table 1- Case types and number of days in which to appeal.

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, 1) the adoption or amendment of a general plan; 2) the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance; 3) the adoption or amendment of any regulation attached to a specific plan; 4) the adoption, amendment or modification of a development agreement; or 5) the approval of a variance, conditional-use authorization, or any permit; 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 Commission, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CEQA APPEAL RIGHTS UNDER CHAPTER 31 OF THE SAN FRANCISCO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

If the Commission’s action on a project constitutes the Approval Action for that project (as defined in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, as amended, Board of Supervisors Ordinance Number 161-13), then the CEQA determination prepared in support of that Approval Action is thereafter subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16. This appeal is separate from and in addition to an appeal of an action on a project. Typically, an appeal must be filed within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action for a project that has received an exemption or negative declaration pursuant to CEQA. For information on filing an appeal under Chapter 31, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. If the Department’s Environmental Review Officer has deemed a project to be exempt from further environmental review, an exemption determination has been prepared and [can be obtained online](#). Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

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. The [San Francisco Ethics Commission](#) has more information about this restriction.

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, by phone (415) 252-3100 or fax (415) 252-3112.