


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, August 21, 2024
12:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Commissioners

Diane Matsuda, President
Ruchira Nageswaran, Vice-President
Hans Baldauf, Amy Campbell, 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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ACCESSIBLE MEETING INFORMATION

LOCATION: 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. Wheelchair-accessible entrances are located on Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street. Please note the wheelchair lift at the Goodlett Place/Polk Street is temporarily not available.

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ESPAÑOL: Agenda para la Comisión de Planificación. Si desea asistir a la audiencia, y quisiera obtener información en Español o solicitar un aparato para asistencia auditiva, llame al (628) 652-7589. Por favor llame por lo menos 48 horas de anticipación a la audiencia.

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。

FILIPINO: Adyenda ng Komisyon ng Pagpapalano. Para sa tulong sa lengguwahe o para humiling ng Pantulong na Kagamitan para sa Pagdinig (headset), mangyari lamang na tumawag sa (628) 652-7589. Mangyaring tumawag nang maaga (kung maaari ay 48 oras) bago sa araw ng Pagdinig.

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ROLL CALL

President: Diane Matsuda
 Vice-President: Ruchira Nageswaran
 Commissioners: Hans Baldauf, Amy Campbell, 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 July 17, 2024](#)

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. [RESOLUTION OF LOCAL LANDMARK DESIGNATION IN THE CALIFORNIA REGISTER](#) – ADOPTION

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 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.

- 5a. 2021-012822COA (M. TAYLOR: (628) 652-7352)
955 GROVE STREET #3 – south side between Fillmore and Steiner Streets; Lot 040 in Assessor's Block 0803 (District 5) – Request for **Certificate of Appropriateness** pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code and to abate violations and comply with enforcement case No. 2021-002610ENF. The project scope includes legalization of work performed without permits including raising the rear portion of the existing roof of a detached rear residential building. The proposed new work will include replacement of vinyl windows with new wood windows and surrounds. The building is within the Alamo Square Landmark District, a RH-2 (Residential - House, Two 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

(Continued from Regular Hearing on July 17, 2024)

Proposed for Continuance to September 18, 2024

- 5b. 2021-012822VAR (M. TAYLOR: (628) 652-7352)
955 GROVE STREET #3 – south side between Fillmore and Steiner Streets; Lot 040 in Assessor's Block 0803 (District 5) – Request for **Variance** pursuant to Planning Code Section 305. The proposal is to raise the height of the rear portion of the roof of the existing residential building at the rear of the lot by approximately two feet. Planning Code Section 134 requires that the property maintain a rear yard that is 30% of the lot depth. The proposed expansion of the existing building is located in the required rear yard. Therefore, a variance is required. The building is located in a RH-2 (Residential - House, Two Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. (Continued from Regular Hearing on July 17, 2024)
Proposed for Continuance to September 18, 2024

E. REGULAR CALENDAR

- 6a. [2024-006770LBR](#) (M. DONG: (628) 652-7426)
2178 BUSH STREET – north side between Fillmore and Webster Streets, Assessor's Block 0660, Lot 017 (District 5). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Russian Hill Dog Grooming has served San Francisco for 30 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 the Upper Fillmore NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk Districts.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
- 6b. [2024-006772LBR](#) (M. DONG: (628) 652-7426)
701 COLUMBUS AVENUE – northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and Filbert Street, Assessor's Block 0090, Lot 038 (District 3). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. Da Flora has served San Francisco for 30 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 the North Beach NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk Districts.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval
- 6c. [2024-006771LBR](#) (H. SAMUELS: (628) 652-7545)
1434 GRANT AVENUE – east side between Union and Green Streets, Assessor's Block 0115, Lot 020 (District 3). Consideration of adoption of a resolution recommending Small Business Commission approval of a **Legacy Business Registry** application. The Savoy Tivoli has served San Francisco for 117 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 the North Beach NCD (Neighborhood Commercial District) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk Districts.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt a Recommendation for Approval

7. [2016-013156SRV-03](#) (M. BISHOP: (628) 652-7440)
CITYWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXT STATEMENT: MODERN & POSTMODERN ARCHITECTURAL STYLES (1960-2000) – Consideration to **adopt, modify, or disapprove** the Modern & Postmodern Architectural Styles (1960-2000) Historic Context Statement. The historic context statement provides information for the following architectural styles: Corporate Late Modernism, Brutalism, New Formalism, Third Bay Tradition, Postmodernism and New Modernism along with expanded evaluative frameworks, integrity considerations, registration requirements, and recommendations for future work. The document will be used to inform the Citywide Cultural Resources Survey (SF Survey) and ensure that property evaluations are consistent with local, state, and federal standards. *Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt the Modern & Postmodern Architectural Styles (1960-2000) Historic Context Statement*
8. [2024-003444COA](#) (R. SALGADO: (628) 652-7332)
2 NEW MONTGOMERY STREET – west side between Market and Jessie Streets; Lot 052 in Assessor's Block 3707 (District 6) – Request for **Certificate of Appropriateness** pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code to replace an existing non-historic bar within the Palace Hotel's Garden Court with a new bar and associated millwork, bar equipment, and electrical and plumbing in the same location within a C-3-O(SD) (Downtown - Office (Special Development)) Zoning District and 120-X, 600-S-2 Height and Bulk Districts. The Palace Hotel was completed in 1909 and is designated as Article 10 Landmark No. 18 and is also designated as a Category II (Significant) building under Article 11 of the Planning Code. The Planning Department found that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Historic Preservation Commission approval at the public hearing would 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
9. [2024-001869DES](#) (P. LAVALLEY: (628) 652-7372)
SF LADIES' PROTECTION AND RELIEF SOCIETY (3400 LAGUNA STREET) – east side bounded by Bay Street to north and Francisco Street to south; Lot 003 in Assessor's Block 0471 (District 2). Consideration to **Initiate Landmark Designation** of the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society (3400 Laguna Street) as an individual Article 10 Landmark pursuant to Section 1004.1(b)(3) of the Planning Code. The property was added to the Landmark Designation Work Program on May 15, 2024, following the Commission's consideration of a community-sponsored landmark designation nomination. 3400 Laguna Street, currently a private retirement home known as Heritage on the Marina, was formerly a convalescent and permanent care facility for women operated from 1925 to 1955 by the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society. The property is historically significant for association with the Ladies' Protection and Relief Society, San Francisco's second oldest charitable organization and the first established by and for women. The main building, constructed in 1925 by renowned architect Julia Morgan, is also architecturally significant as an excellent, rare, and well-preserved example of a commercial building designed in the Jacobethan Revival style by an architect of merit. 3400 Laguna Street is located within a RM-1 (Residential-Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District, Senior Housing Opportunity SUD (Special Use District), and 40-X Height and Bulk District, and Family.
Preliminary Recommendation: Adopt resolution to initiate landmark designation
10. [2023-008748COA](#) (M. TAYLOR: (628) 652-7352)
201 VAN NESS AVENUE – full city block bound by Van Ness Avenue to the east, Franklin Street to the west, Grove Street to the North, and Hayes Street to the south; Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 0810 (District 5) – Request for **Review and Comment** before the Historic Preservation Commission regarding a proposal at 201 Van Ness Avenue, Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, for the full rehabilitation and expansion of the Symphony Hall. The property is a non-contributing resource within the Civic Center Landmark District, designated under Appendix J of Article 10 of the Planning Code, within a P (Public) Zoning District and 130-G, 96-X Height and Bulk Districts.
Preliminary Recommendation: Review and Comment

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 action 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.