



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Planning Commission Motion No. 19785

SUNNYDALE GENERAL PLAN FINDINGS

HEARING DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2016

Case No.: 2010.0305 E GPA PCT PCM DEV GEN SHD
Project Address: **Sunnydale Hope SF Master Plan Project**
Zoning: RM-1 (Residential – Mixed, Moderate Density)
 40-X Height and Bulk Districts
Block/Lot: Assessor’s Block/Lots: 6356/ 061, 062, 063 ,064, 065, 066, 067 and 068; 6310/
 001; 6311/001; 6312/ 001; 6313/001; 6314/ 001; 6315/001
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ADOPTING FINDINGS OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE GENERAL PLAN OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO AND WITH SECTION 101.1 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE FOR THE SUNNYDALE HOPE SF MASTER PLAN PROJECT.

Preamble

San Francisco Charter Section 4.105 and Administrative Code Section 2A.53 of the Administrative Code requires General Plan referrals to the Planning Commission for certain matters so that the Commission may determine if such actions are in conformity with the General Plan and Section 101.1 of the Planning Code. Actions, including but not limited to legislative actions, subdivisions, right-of-way dedications and vacations, and the purchasing of property are required to be in conformity with the General Plan and Planning Code Section 101.1.

In 2008, Mercy Housing, (“Project Sponsor”) was selected by the Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development (hereinafter “MOHCD”) (then, the Mayor’s Office of Housing) and the San Francisco Housing Authority to work with the local Sunnydale and Velasco and surrounding Visitacion Valley communities to create a Master Plan for the complete redevelopment of the site that would not only include reconstructed Housing Authority units, but additional affordable units along with market rate units, neighborhood serving retail, community service, new parks and open space, and new streets and infrastructure (“The Sunnydale HOPE SF Master Plan Project” or “Project”). As a part of the HOPE SF selection process, the Project Sponsor was also selected to act as the Master Developer for the Project.

HOPE SF is the nation’s first large-scale public housing transformation collaborative aimed at disrupting intergenerational poverty, reducing social isolation, and creating vibrant mixed-income communities without mass displacement of current residents. Launched in 2007, HOPE SF is a twenty-year human and real estate capital commitment by the City. HOPE SF, the City’s signature anti-poverty

and equity initiative, is committed to breaking intergenerational patterns related to the insidious impacts of trauma and poverty, and to creating economic and social opportunities for current public housing residents through deep investment in education, economic mobility, health and safety.

The Sunnydale HOPE SF Master Plan Project ("The Project") is a 50-acre site located in the Visitacion Valley neighborhood and is generally bounded by McLaren Park to the north, Crocker Amazon Park to the west, Hahn Street to the East and Velasco to the south. The San Francisco Housing Authority currently owns and operates 775 units on approximately 50 acres (including streets) site. The site currently consists of 775 affordable units and is owned and operated by the San Francisco Housing Authority.

As the selected Master Developer, the Project Sponsor applied to the Planning Department to enter a Development Agreement with the City under Administrative Code Chapter 56. The Project Sponsor also submitted an application for environmental review. On December 12, 2012, the Department issued a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report ("NOP") for the Project. On December 19, 2014, the Department published the Draft Environmental Impact Report / Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIR/DEIS") for the Project and provided public notice in a newspaper of general circulation of the availability of the DEIR/DEIS for public review and comment. The DEIR/DEIS was available for public comment from December 12, 2014 through February 17, 2015. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on January 22, 2015 on the DEIR/DEIS at a regularly scheduled meeting to solicit public comment regarding the DEIR/DEIS.

The Department prepared responses to comments on environmental issues received at the public hearing and in writing during the public review period for the DEIR/DEIS, prepared revisions to the text of the DEIR/DEIS in response to comments received or based on additional information that became available during the public review period. This material was presented in a Response to Comments document, published on June 24, 2015, distributed to the Planning Commission and all parties who commented on the DEIR/DEIS, and made available to others upon request at the Department.

A Final Environmental Impact Report / Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIR/FEIS" or "Final EIR/EIS") was prepared by the Department, consisting of the Draft EIR/EIS and the Response to Comments document.

On July 9, 2015, the Planning Commission reviewed and considered the Final EIR/EIS and found that the contents of the report and the procedures through which the Final EIR/EIS was prepared, publicized, and reviewed complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) ("CEQA"), 14 California Code of Regulations sections 15000 et seq. ("CEQA Guidelines"), and Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code ("Chapter 31").

The Commission found the Final EIR/EIS was adequate, accurate and objective, reflected the independent analysis and judgment of the Department and the Commission, and that the summary of comments and responses contained no significant revisions to the Draft EIR/EIS, and approved the Final EIR/EIS for the Project in compliance with CEQA, the CEQA Guidelines and Chapter 31.

The Planning Department, Jonas P. Ionin, is the custodian of records, located in the File for Case No. 2010.0305E, at 1650 Mission Street, Fourth Floor, San Francisco, California.

Department staff prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") for the Project and these materials were made available to the public and this Commission for this Commission's review, consideration and action.

On September 15, 2016, the Planning Commission adopted Resolution No. 19738 initiating General Plan amendments to further the Project. The initiated amendments would (1) amend Map 4 of the Urban Design Element, "Urban Design Guidelines for the Heights of Buildings", by designating the Sunnydale site within the 40-88 height designation area; and (2) amend Map 03 of the Recreation and Open Space Element, "Existing and Proposed Parks and Open Space", providing indications of the new parks within the site on the map.

On October 24, 2016, the Board of Supervisors initiated Planning Code Text and Map amendments that would create the Sunnydale HOPE SF Special Use District ("SUD") and provisions regarding it. The Map amendments would map the subject site within the SUD and within a 40/65-X Height and Bulk District.

By this action, the Planning Commission adopts General Plan Consistency findings, including a finding that the Project, as identified in the Final EIR, is consistent with Planning Code Section 101.1.

Other than those actions described above, several actions will be required for the project over its multi-year buildout. These actions include but are not limited to approval of subdivisions, right-of-way dedications and vacations.

The Planning Commission wishes to facilitate the physical, environmental, social and economic revitalization of Project site, using the legal tools available through the Planning and Administrative Codes, while creating jobs, housing and open space in a safe, pleasant, attractive and livable mixed use neighborhood that is linked rationally to adjacent neighborhoods. The Commission wishes to enable implementing actions.

The Sunnydale HOPE SF Master Plan Project provides for a type of development, intensity of development and location of development that is consistent with the overall goals and objectives and policies of the General Plan as well as the Eight Priority Policies of Section 101.1, as expressed in the findings contained in Attachment A to this Motion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Planning Commission hereby adopts the CEQA Findings set forth in Motion No. 19784 and finds that the Project and approval actions thereto are consistent with the General Plan, and with Section 101.1 of the Planning Code as described in Attachment A to this Motion.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was ADOPTED by the San Francisco Planning Commission on November 17, 2016.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Richards, Hillis, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar, Moore

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fong

ADOPTED: November 17, 2016