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## MEMORANDUM

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Date: April 5, 2021  
To: Rich Hillis, Director, Planning Department  
Jonas Ionin, Commission Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission  
From: *ACC* Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Subject: Initiating Landmark Designation - 2750-19th Avenue - Trocadero Clubhouse - Approval of 90-Day Extension for Historic Preservation Commission Review (File No. 210087)

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On March 9, 2020, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 111-21 (File No. 210087; Initiating Landmark Designation - 2750-19th Avenue - Trocadero Clubhouse - Approval of 90-Day Extension for Historic Preservation Commission Review), sponsored by Supervisors Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Chan, and Mandelman; and approved by Mayor London N. Breed on March 19, 2021.

A copy of the Resolution is being forwarded to you, pursuant to Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Erica Major, Assistant Clerk, at (415) 554-4441 or by email at: [Erica.Major@sfgov.org](mailto:Erica.Major@sfgov.org).

cc: Lisa Gibson, Environmental Review Officer  
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1 [Initiating Landmark Designation - 2750-19th Avenue - Trocadero Clubhouse - Approval of 90-  
2 Day Extension for Historic Preservation Commission Review]

3 **Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for**  
4 **the Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove located at 2750-19th**  
5 **Avenue; and extending the prescribed time within which the Historic Preservation**  
6 **Commission may render it’s decision by 90 days, for a total of 180 days.**

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8 WHEREAS, Under Planning Code, Section 1004.1, the Board of Supervisors may by  
9 resolution initiate landmark designation; and

10 WHEREAS, The Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Grove is the earliest building  
11 in the Parkside District and one of the last surviving nineteenth-century structures in  
12 southwestern San Francisco; and

13 WHEREAS, Constructed circa 1892, the Trocadero is a distinctive example of Stick-  
14 Eastlake architectural style with high integrity; and

15 WHEREAS, The Trocadero was built by George Green Jr. as the “Trocadero Inn,” a  
16 roadhouse and resort; and

17 WHEREAS, The Trocadero building survives as the city’s last intact example of a  
18 nineteenth century roadhouse that once lined the roads of western and southern San  
19 Francisco; and

20 WHEREAS, The Trocadero was the site of the arrest of Abe Ruef, a key figure in the  
21 government corruption trials after the 1906 earthquake and fire; and

22 WHEREAS, The Trocadero was the site of early twentieth century women’s and girls’  
23 clubs, women’s job training classes, and suffragette meetings; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1931, the Trocadero was preserved by the City of San Francisco with a  
25 gift from Rosalie Stern to serve as a site of recreation; and

1           WHEREAS, The Trocadero’s renovation was overseen by renowned master-architect  
2 Bernard Maybeck in 1931-1932; and

3           WHEREAS, The Trocadero has hosted hundreds of community meetings, weddings,  
4 birthday parties, and other celebrations for more than seventy years as a public site; and

5           WHEREAS, The Trocadero is integral to the landscaping and plan of Stern Grove as a  
6 public park where an annual series of free music concerts has been held since 1932; and

7           WHEREAS, The Trocadero is recognized by the City of San Francisco as locally  
8 significant for the purposes of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), based on its  
9 inclusion in Here Today: San Francisco’s Architectural Heritage by Roger Olmsted and W. H.  
10 Watkins (1968); now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the Board hereby initiates landmark designation of the Trocadero  
12 Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove built in 1892 and located at 2750-19th  
13 Avenue; and, be it

14           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Planning Department  
15 prepare a Landmark Designation Report to submit to the Historic Preservation Commission  
16 for its consideration of the special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value of  
17 the Clubhouse; and, be it

18           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board requests that the Historic Preservation  
19 Commission consider whether the Clubhouse warrants landmark designation and submit its  
20 recommendation to the Board according to Article 10 of the Planning Code; and, be it

21           FURTHER RESOLVED, That Planning Code, Section 1004.2(b), requires the Historic  
22 Preservation Commission to respond to landmark designation initiations from the Board within  
23 90 days, but that the Board of Supervisors may, by resolution, extend the time within which  
24 the Historic Preservation Commission is to render its decision; therefore, in order to allow the  
25 Planning Department more time to complete its review of this landmark designation, this

1 Resolution shall also serve as a 90-day extension of that deadline, for a total of 180 days to  
2 respond starting from the transmittal date.

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Resolution

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File Number: 210087

Date Passed: March 09, 2021

Resolution initiating a landmark designation under Article 10 of the Planning Code for the Trocadero Clubhouse in Sigmund Stern Recreation Grove located at 2750-19th Avenue; and extending the prescribed time within which the Historic Preservation Commission may render it's decision by 90 days, for a total of 180 days.

March 01, 2021 Land Use and Transportation Committee - RECOMMENDED

March 09, 2021 Board of Supervisors - ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Chan, Haney, Mandelman, Mar, Melgar, Peskin, Preston, Ronen, Safai, Stefani and Walton

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I hereby certify that the foregoing  
Resolution was ADOPTED on 3/9/2021 by  
the Board of Supervisors of the City and  
County of San Francisco.

Angela Calvillo  
Clerk of the Board

Mayor

Date Approved