



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 1043

HEARING DATE: APRIL 3, 2019

Case No. 2017-012291DES
Project: 2031 Bush Street (aka The Kinmon Gakuen Building)
Re: Recommendation to Board of Supervisors of Article 10
Landmark Designation
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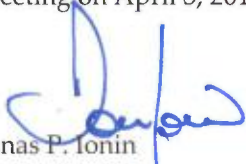
RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 2031 BUSH STREET (AKA THE KINMON GAKUEN BUILDING), ASSESSOR'S PARCEL BLOCK NO. 0676, LOT NO. 027, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX

1. WHEREAS, on August 17, 2016, the Historic Preservation Commission added 2031 Bush Street (aka The Kinmon Gakuen Building), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 0676, Lot No. 027, to the Landmark Designation Work Program; and
2. WHEREAS, Department staff who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards prepared the Landmark Designation Report for 2031 Bush Street which was reviewed for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
3. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of February 6, 2019 reviewed Department staff's analysis of 2031 Bush Street's historical significance per Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated February 6, 2019 and initiated landmark designation process through Resolution 1022; and
4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the 2031 Bush Street nomination is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 2031 Bush Street is eligible for local designation as it is associated with the social, cultural, and educational enrichment of Japanese Americans in San Francisco during the twentieth century as the home of Japanese language and culture school, Kinmon Gakuen; and

6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 2031 Bush Street is also eligible for local designation because it is associated with the evacuation, relocation, and incarceration of U.S. citizens and residents of Japanese descent during World War II. Following President Franklin D. Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order No. 9066, Kinmon Gakuen was forced to cease operations and its building was taken over by the federal government for use as a processing center where citizens and non-citizens of Japanese ancestry were required to report before they were incarcerated and relocated to concentration camps across the United States; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 2031 Bush Street is further eligible for local designation due to its association with community organizing and activism among African Americans in San Francisco during the twentieth century, as home of the Booker T. Washington Community Center from 1942 to 1952; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 2031 Bush Street is further eligible for local designation as an excellent example of an educational building designed in the Mediterranean Revival architectural style in San Francisco; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 2031 Bush Street meets one of the Historic Preservation Commission's four priorities for designation which include the designation of properties with strong cultural associations; and
10. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 2031 Bush Street meets the eligibility requirements per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
11. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of exterior and interior character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Report, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
12. WHEREAS, the proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code sections 101.1 and 302; and furthers Priority Policy 7, which states that historic buildings be preserved; and
13. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical); and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of 2031 Bush Street (aka The Kinmon Gakuen Building), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3787, Lot No. 018 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on April 3, 2019.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Black, Johnck, Johns, Pearlman, Wolfram

NAYS: None

RECUSED: Matsuda

ABSENT: Hyland

ADOPTED: April 3, 2019