

1 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Parkside Branch Library]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate Parkside Branch Library, situated**
 4 **within McCoppin Square Park, 1200 Taraval Street, a portion of Assessor's Parcel**
 5 **Block No. 2351, Lot No. 001, as a Landmark consistent with the standards set forth in**
 6 **Article 10 of the Planning Code; affirming the Planning Department's determination**
 7 **under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making public necessity,**
 8 **convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of**
 9 **consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code,**
 10 **Section 101.1.**

11 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.
 12 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.
 13 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.
 14 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.
 15 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.
 16 **Asterisks (* * * *)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code
 17 subsections or parts of tables.

18 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

19 Section 1. CEQA and Land Use Findings.

20 (a) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
 21 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources
 22 Code Sections 21000 *et seq.*). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
 23 Supervisors in File No. 230690 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board of
 24 Supervisors affirms this determination.

25 (b) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that the
 proposed landmark designation of Parkside Branch Library, a branch library of the San

1 Francisco library system, situated within McCoppin Square Park, 1200 Taraval Street, a
2 portion of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2351, Lot No. 001, will serve the public necessity,
3 convenience, and welfare for the reasons set forth in Historic Preservation Commission
4 Resolution No. 1330, recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is
5 incorporated herein by reference.

6 (c) On May 17, 2023, the Historic Preservation Commission, in Resolution No. 1330,
7 adopted findings that the actions contemplated in this ordinance are consistent, on balance,
8 with the City's General Plan and with the eight priority policies of Planning Code Section
9 101.1. The Board adopts these findings as its own.

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11 Section 2. General Findings.

12 (a) On December 13, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 540-22,
13 initiating landmark designation of Parkside Branch Library as a San Francisco Landmark
14 pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the Planning Code. On December 22, 2022, the Mayor
15 approved the resolution. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
16 Board File No. 221110.

17 (b) Pursuant to Charter Section 4.135, the Historic Preservation Commission has
18 authority "to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and
19 historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors."

20 (c) Planning Department Preservation staff prepared a Landmark Designation Fact
21 Sheet for Parkside Branch Library. All preparers meet the Secretary of the Interior's
22 Professional Qualification Standards for historic preservation program staff, as set forth in
23 Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 61, Appendix A. The report was reviewed for
24 accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning
25 Code.

1 (d) The Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of May 17, 2023,
2 reviewed Planning Department staff's analysis of the historical significance of Parkside
3 Branch Library set forth in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet dated May 10, 2023.

4 (e) On May 17, 2023, after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation, and
5 having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff and the
6 Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended
7 designation of Parkside Branch Library as a landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code
8 by Resolution No. 1330. Said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in Board File No.
9 230690.

10 (f) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that Parkside Branch Library has a special
11 character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic interest and value, and that its
12 designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and conform to the standards set forth
13 in Article 10 of the Planning Code. In doing so, the Board hereby incorporates by reference
14 the findings of the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet.

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16 Section 3. Designation.

17 Pursuant to Section 1004.3 of the Planning Code, Parkside Branch Library, situated in
18 McCoppin Square Park, 1200 Taraval Street, a portion of Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2351,
19 Lot No. 001, is hereby designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the
20 Planning Code. Appendix A to Article 10 of the Planning Code is hereby amended to include
21 this property.

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23 Section 4. Required Data.

24 (a) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the portion
25 of the City parcel located at 1200 Taraval Street, in Assessor's Parcel Block No. 2351, Lot No.

1 001, that is owned and operated by San Francisco Public Library, in San Francisco's Outer
2 Sunset neighborhood. The Landmark site lies at the southeastern corner of McCoppin Square
3 Park and is generally bounded by the external structure of the Parkside Library Building and
4 does not include the adjacent Recreation and Park Department property.

5 (b) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
6 shown in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet and other supporting materials contained in
7 Planning Department Record Docket No. 2021-0011368DES. In brief, Parkside Branch
8 Library is eligible for local designation under the following National Register of Historic Places
9 criteria: (1) under Criterion A (Events), the Parkside Branch Library is representative of social
10 and cultural shifts in post-war American library programming and a reflection of principles of the
11 modern public library promoted by the American Library Association after World War II; and
12 (2) under Criterion C (Design/Construction) said library embodies the principles of mid-
13 twentieth century American public library design, displays a signature and innovative style
14 developed by Appleton & Wolfard for this mid-century branch library building campaign, and is
15 representative of the work of Appleton & Wolfard, an architectural firm of merit, and of the
16 firm's collaboration with renowned landscape architect Laurence Halprin on design of the
17 original landscape.

18 (c) The particular features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined
19 necessary, are those shown in photographs and/or described in the Landmark Designation
20 Fact Sheet, which can be found in Planning Department Record Docket No. 2021-
21 011368DES, and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set
22 forth. Specifically, the following features are character-defining and shall be preserved or
23 replaced in kind:

24 (1) All those exterior elevations, form, massing, structure, rooflines, architectural
25 ornament, and materials of Parkside Branch Library, identified as:

1 (A) One-story height, partially built into hillside, and set back from street
2 on grassy hill;

3 (B) Size, shape, and configuration of roof and eaves, specifically, the
4 combination of a strong scissor/butterfly roof with boxed and exposed rafters and wide
5 projecting eaves and of a soft, low-pitched gable roof with boxed rafters and moderate
6 projecting eaves;

7 (C) Size, shape, and configuration of red brick, stacked bond, masonry
8 walls, unpainted;

9 (D) Locations, sizes, shapes, and configurations of the original window
10 fenestration pattern, including the way many of the openings extend up to the eaves or are
11 irregularly shaped to match openings or gables;

12 (E) Window systems of standard extruded metal components with a clear
13 or dark finish (existing window systems are not original, but are replacements installed during
14 the 2008-2010 building renovation that are compatible with the building's historic
15 characteristics);

16 (F) Configuration of windows (existing windows are not original, but their
17 configuration echoes the original window configurations), specifically:

18 i. Horizontal mullions in tall openings at saw-tooth wall at front
19 facade;

20 ii. Alternating bays of fixed and stacked hopper sash in the band of
21 openings that extends under the eave at east end of front façade;

22 iii. Minimizing number and size of horizontal mullions in large
23 openings at rear (north) elevation facing into Park;

24 (G) Location, size, shape, configuration, and wood detailing of the large
25 display windows and display cases adjacent to main entrance and within interior vestibule;

1 (H) Location of main entrance and original wood framing details at
2 transom and around main and secondary entry openings at main entrance vestibule;

3 (I) Location, configuration, and materials of the brick stairs leading from
4 Taraval Street up to landing at main entrance;

5 (J) Red brick, stacked bond, masonry retaining wall that extends along
6 the perimeter of the front façade and wraps around the east elevation forming the base of the
7 building wall;

8 (K) Low, red brick planters adjacent to main entrance and stairs;

9 (L) Exterior sign comprised of non-illuminated metal pin letters on red
10 brick pier adjacent to main entrance;

11 (M) Outdoor terrace at north elevation, including red brick, stacked bond,
12 masonry retaining wall, red brick and concrete planters, and patterned paving of concrete
13 bordered with red brick; and

14 (2) The following character-defining interior features of Parkside Branch Library,
15 all of which were historically accessible to the public:

16 (A) Open floor plan at entrance with visual connections to fireplace and
17 exposed brick walls of the original reading/browsing room and to the large window openings
18 and outdoor terrace at rear elevation;

19 (B) Exposed red brick, stacked bond, masonry walls, unpainted;

20 (C) Fireplace and copper hood with red brick hearth that extends along
21 surrounding wall to form a built-in bench;

22 (D) Cork floor in western portion of building;

23 (E) Ceiling light fixtures in former reading/browsing room (now children's
24 area) installed within series of boxed insets in the otherwise flat ceiling.

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1 Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after
2 enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the
3 ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board
4 of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

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