



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 745

HEARING DATE MARCH 4, 2015

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 2168-2174 MARKET STREET, HISTORICALLY KNOWN AS THE SWEDISH AMERICAN HALL BUILDING, LOT 017 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 3542, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX

1. WHEREAS, on June 15, 2011 the Historic Preservation Commission added 2168-2174 Market Street, the Swedish American Hall Building, to the Landmark Designation Work Program; and
2. WHEREAS, on December 6, 2013 the Swedish Society of San Francisco, owners of the Swedish American Hall Building, provided the Planning Department with a letter expressing that organization's support for landmark designation; and
3. WHEREAS, on February 12, 2015 the Board of the Swedish Society of San Francisco, owners of the Swedish American Hall Building, again expressed their support for landmark designation; and
4. WHEREAS, Planning Department staff Jonathan Lammers, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Report for 2168-2174 Market Street, which was reviewed by the property owner and Department staff for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of November 19, 2014, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the historical significance of 2168-2174 Market Street per Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated November 19, 2014; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the 2168-2174 Market Street nomination is in the form prescribed by the HPC and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Swedish American Hall Building, constructed in 1907, is the most significant extant building associated with San Francisco's Swedish community; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Swedish American Hall Building has for more than 100 years served as a central meeting place for a variety of Swedish and Scandinavian social and fraternal organizations; and

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9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Swedish American Hall Building is an architecturally significant work of master architect, August Nordin, and demonstrates a superior level of craftsmanship and ornamentation on both its exterior and interior; and
10. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Swedish American Hall Building 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 section 101.1 and furthers Priority Policy No. 7, which states that historic buildings be preserved, for reasons set forth in the November 19, 2014 Case Report; 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
14. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission at its regular meeting of November 19, 2014, approved initiation of Article 10 landmark designation of 2168-2174 Market Street, as described in Resolution No. 740,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of 2168-2174 Market Street, Assessor's Block 3542, Lot 017 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 March 4, 2015.

Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: K. Hasz, E. Johnck, D. Matsuda, J. Pearlman, A. Wolfram

NAYS:

ABSENT: R. Johns, A. Hyland

ADOPTED: March 4, 2015