

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Landmark Designation of 2 Henry Adams Street (aka Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Building)]

Ordinance designating 2 Henry Adams Street (aka Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Building), Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 3910, as a Landmark under Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code; and adopting General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1 and environmental findings.

Existing Law

Under Article 10, Section 1004 of the Planning Code, the Board of Supervisors may, by ordinance, designate an individual structure that has special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value as a City landmark. Once a structure has been named a landmark, any construction, alteration, removal or demolition for which a City permit is required necessitates a Certificate of Appropriateness from the Historic Preservation Commission ("HPC"). (Planning Code Section 1006; Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, Section 4.135.) Thus, landmark designation affords a high degree of protection to historic and architectural structures of merit in the City. There are currently 266 individual landmarks in the City under Article 10, in addition to other structures and districts in the downtown area that are protected under Article 11. (See Appendix A to Article 10.)

Amendments to Current Law

This ordinance amends the Planning Code to add a new historic landmark to the list of individual landmarks under Article 10: 2 Henry Adams Street (aka Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Building), Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 3910.

The ordinance finds that 2 Henry Adams Street (aka Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Building) is eligible for designation as a City landmark under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A (association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history), and C (association with design and construction that embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction). Specifically, as to Criterion A, 2 Henry Adams Street is significant for its long-term association with the Dunham, Carrigan & Hayden Company, a business that was important to San Francisco history for decades and that contributed directly, through its products, to the Gold Rush, the post-1906 reconstruction of the city, and to its growth as a metropolis of the Pacific Coast. As to Criterion C, 2 Henry Adams Street is significant because of its association with the City's post-earthquake reconstruction period architecture. The heavy timber frame, masonry building was designed by architect Leo J. Delvin in 1915 in the early-twentieth century American Commercial style.

As required by Section 1004, the ordinance lists the particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined necessary.

Background Information

The landmark designation was initiated by the HPC pursuant to its authority under the Charter to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors. The HPC held a hearing to initiate the landmark designation of 2 Henry Adams Street on January 15, 2014. On March 5, 2014 , after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff and the Landmark Designation Case Report prepared by Susan Parks, the HPC voted to recommend approval of the proposed landmark designation of 2 Henry Adams Street to the Board of Supervisors.

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