



LANDMARK DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION NO. 1360

HEARING DATE: NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Record No.: 2023-006744DES
Project Address: Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars – at intersections of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue, and Judson Avenue and Frida Kahlo Way
Zoning: Abutting RH-1(D) (Residential-House, One Family (Detached), Ocean NCT (Neighborhood Commercial Transit), and Westwood Park SUD (Special Use District)
Block/Lot: N/A
Project Sponsor: SF Planning Department
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RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF WESTWOOD PARK ENTRANCE GATEWAY AND PILLARS AT INTERSECTIONS OF MIRAMAR AVENUE AND MONTEREY BOULEVARD, MIRAMAR AVENUE AND OCEAN AVENUE, AND JUDSON AVENUE AND FRIDA KAHLO WAY, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX CONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSES AND STANDARDS OF ARTICLE 10

1. WHEREAS, on March 14, 2023, Supervisor Melgar introduced a proposed Resolution under Board of Supervisors (hereinafter “Board”) File No. 230297 to initiate the Landmark designation process for the Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars at the intersections of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue, and Judson Avenue and Frida Kahlo Way; and
2. WHEREAS, on May 15, 2023, the Board’s Land Use and Transportation Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the full Board approval of the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation and to extend the prescribed time within which the Historic Preservation Commission may render it’s decision by 90 days, for a total of 180 days (Board File No. 230297); and

3. WHEREAS, on May 16, 2023, the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Resolution to initiate Landmark Designation, and on May 26, 2023, with the Mayor's signature, Resolution No. 257-23 became effective (Board File No. 230297); and
4. WHEREAS, Department Staff, who meet the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Executive Summary and Fact Sheet for Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars, which was reviewed 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 15, 2023, reviewed Department staff's analysis of the architectural and historical significance of the Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars pursuant to Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Executive Summary, dated November 8, 2023, and recommended Landmark designation through this Resolution; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the nomination of the Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars as a Landmark is in the form prescribed by the Historic Preservation Commission and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
7. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars, constructed in 1916 for Westwood Park developers Baldwin & Howell, is eligible for local designation for its association with the development of San Francisco residence parks in the early 20th century; and
8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the designation of the Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars, designed by renowned architect Louis Christian Mullgardt, is also proper given their architectural significance as excellent examples of public landscape features common to residence park developments, and as instances of work of an architect of merit; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars meets the eligibility requirements of Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
10. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of character-defining features, as identified in the Landmark Designation Fact Sheet, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the object's cultural and historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
11. 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 landmarks and historic buildings be preserved, and will serve the public necessity, convenience, and welfare pursuant to Planning Code, Section 302; and
12. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15308 (Categorical Exemption Class Eight), as an action taken by a regulatory agency for the protection of the environment; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors approval of landmark designation of the Westwood Park Entrance Gateway and Pillars at the intersections of Miramar Avenue and Monterey Boulevard, Miramar Avenue and Ocean Avenue, and Judson Avenue and Frida Kahlo Way, consistent with the purposes and standards of Article 10 of the Planning Code.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on November 15, 2023.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Campbell, Vergara, Wright, Foley, Nageswaran, Matsuda

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: November 15, 2023