LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park]

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6917B, Lot No. 001, situated within Entrada Court, as a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302, and findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

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. Unless prohibited by state law, 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. (Planning Code § 1006; Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, § 4.135.) Thus, landmark designation generally affords a high degree of protection to historic and architectural structures of merit in the City. There are currently approximately 290 individual landmarks in the City under Article 10, in addition to structures and districts in the downtown area that are protected under Article 11. (See App. 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: Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park, Assessor's Block No. 6917B, Lot No. 001, situated within Entrada Court.

This ordinance finds that the Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park is eligible for local designation as it is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of San Francisco history and it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction. Specifically, designation of the Ingleside Terraces Sundial and Sundial Park is proper given its association with the development of residence park neighborhoods in San Francisco at the beginning of the twentieth century, as an excellent example of the public landscape features characteristic of residence park developments, and as a visual landmark associated with the Ingleside Terraces neighborhood.

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

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