



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Land Use and Transportation Committee

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Monday, April 22, 2024

1:30 PM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, and Aaron Peskin

The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session on Monday, April 22, 2024, with Chair Myrna Melgar presiding. Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston, and Member Peskin were noted present. A quorum was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

John Carroll, Land Use and Transportation Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (john.carroll@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

240089 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - San Francisco Fire Station No. 44]

Sponsors: Walton; Peskin

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate San Francisco Fire Station No. 44, located at 1298 Girard Street, Assessor's Parcel Block No. 6194, Lot No. 010, as a Landmark consistent with the standards set forth in 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.

01/30/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 2/29/2024.

04/12/24; NOTICED. Notice of Public Hearing for April 22, 2024 Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting mailed to property owners and interested parties.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Natalie Gee (Office of Supervisor Walton, Board of Supervisors); Pilar LaValley (Planning Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Woody LaBounty, President (San Francisco Heritage); spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

240170 [Planning Code - Density Controls in Three Historic Districts]**Sponsor: Peskin**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to modify density limits in the Northeast Waterfront Historic District, the Jackson Square Historic District, and the Jackson Square Historic District Extension, except for projects in those areas using the Commercial to Residential Adaptive Reuse Program; affirming the Planning Commission's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; making public necessity, convenience, and welfare findings under Planning Code, Section 302; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

02/27/24; RE-REFERRED to Land Use and Transportation Committee. Duplicated from File No. 231079.

02/27/24; DUPLICATED. Supervisor Stefani requested the Ordinance contained in File No. 231079 be duplicated.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Catherine Stefani (Board of Supervisors); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Line 7-8, by inserting 'creating an exception to numerical density in those areas for certain projects;' on Page 6, Lines 1-23, by inserting '(10) Density Exception for lots within the Northeast Waterfront Historic District, the Jackson Square Historic District, and the Jackson Square Historic District Extension. (A) Eligibility. A Project must meet all of the following criteria: (i) is located on a lot within the Northeast Waterfront Historic District, the Jackson Square Historic District, and the Jackson Square Historic District Extension. The Jackson Square Historic District Extension shall include parcels within the area bounded by the northern boundary of the Jackson Square Historic District and the centerline of Sansome Street, Kearny Street, and Broadway; and, (ii) is not seeking and receiving a density bonus under the provisions of California Government Code Sections 65915 of more than 50% additional density; and (iii) except as provided in subsection (c)(10)(A)(ii), is not seeking or receiving a density or other development bonus under Planning Code Section 206, any other density exception in this Planning Code Section 207, Section 124(f), Section 202.2(f), Section 304, or other State or local program that provides additional density. (B) Density Exception. Projects that meet the eligibility criteria in subsection (c)(10)(A) are exempt from the residential density limits otherwise applicable in the zoning district where the project is located. Density shall be regulated by the permitted height and bulk, and required setbacks, exposure, open space, and any adopted design standards or guidelines for each parcel as a Principally Permitted Use. (C) Other Planning Code Requirements. Except as otherwise noted in this subsection (c)(10), all applicable Planning Code requirements shall continue to apply.' and making conforming and clerical changes throughout the ordinance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

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Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

240348 [Commemorative Plaques - San Francisco Little Italy Honor Walk]**Sponsors: Peskin; Stefani**

Resolution authorizing the placement of commemorative plaques or statuary at two locations within the North Beach neighborhood, historically known as "Little Italy," at the sidewalk near the northwest corner of the intersection between Stockton Street and Union Street, and the southwest corner of the intersection between Stockton Street and Filbert Street, to celebrate prominent figures in the Italian American community; and directing the Department of Public Works to carry out the installation of the aforementioned plaques or statuary.

04/02/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

04/10/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Public Works for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Catherine Stefani (Board of Supervisors); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Nick Figone (San Francisco Little Italy Honor Walk); Speaker; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Supervisor Peskin moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 1:54 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Land Use and Transportation Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.