



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

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, Aaron Peskin

Clerk: Erica Major (415) 554-4441

Monday, July 25, 2022

1:30 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

(remote access provided)
(remote public comment provided via teleconference)

Present: 4 - Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, Aaron Peskin, and Rafael Mandelman

The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone, on Monday, July 25, 2022, with Chair Myrna Melgar presiding. Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

COMMUNICATIONS

*Brent Jalipa, Assistant Clerk, instructed members of the public, when general public comment is called, to contribute live comments for up to two minutes in-person or by dialing the provided telephone number. In-person public comment will be taken before remote public comment is called. Those who are providing public comment remotely must dial * 3 to be added to the remote queue to speak. Written comments may be submitted through email Erica.Major@sfgov.org or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.*

REGULAR AGENDA

220757 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - Mother's Building in San Francisco Zoo]

Sponsors: Melgar; Mar, Chan and Peskin

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate Mother's Building, situated within San Francisco Zoological Gardens, 1 Zoo Road, southeast of Great Highway and Sloat Boulevard, in Assessor's Parcel Block No. 7281, Lot No. 006, 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.

06/28/22; ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee. 6/30/22 - President Walton waived the 30-day rule pursuant to Board Rule No. 3.22.

07/15/22; NOTICED. Notice of Public Hearing for 07/19/2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting mailed to property owners and interested parties

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Shannon Ferguson (Planning Department); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Karalyn Monteil (San Francisco Heritage Foundation); Richard Rothman; Wendy Good; David Pilpel; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

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

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

220708 [Summary Street Vacation - Portion of Airspace over Natoma Street between First and Second Streets]**Sponsor: Dorsey**

Ordinance ordering the summary street vacation of a portion of the airspace above a segment of Natoma Street between First and Second Streets and adjacent to the Transbay Transit Center; quitclaiming the City's interest in the street vacation area to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1.

06/07/22; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 7/7/2022.

07/08/22; NOTICED. Notice posted onsite and online for 7/25/2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing published in the Examiner and posted pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 8320 and 8322.

07/10/22; NOTICED. First 14 Day Notice published in the Examiner for 7/25/2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing published in the Examiner and posted pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 8320 and 8322.

07/17/22; NOTICED. Second 14 Day Notice published in the Examiner for 7/25/2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing published in the Examiner and posted pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 8320 and 8322.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Matt Dorsey (Board of Supervisors); Judson True (Mayor's Office); Bill White (Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger); Jason Wong (Planning Department); Dennis Turchon (Transbay Joint Powers Authority); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Member Peskin moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 4, Line 15, by striking '6' and replacing it with '7'; on Page 4, Line 18, by striking 'June 15' and replacing it with 'June 27'; and replacing 'Public Works Order No. 206691' with 'Public Works Order No. 206731' throughout the legislation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

Member Peskin 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

220507 [Planning Code - Landmark Designation - 200 Rhode Island Street (aka Takahashi Trading Company)]**Sponsors: Dorsey; Peskin and Preston**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to designate 200 Rhode Island Street (aka Takahashi Trading Company), Assessor's Parcel Block No. 3936, Lot No. 001, 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. (Historic Preservation Commission)

04/26/22; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

05/10/22; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 6/9/2022.

07/15/22; NOTICED. Notice of Public Hearing for 7/25/2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting mailed to property owners and interested parties.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Matt Dorsey (Board of Supervisors); Alex Westhoff (Planning Department); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Supervisor Peskin and Preston requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

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

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

220130 [Planning Code - Conditional Use Appeals]**Sponsors: Melgar; Peskin, Walton, Preston, Ronen and Chan**

Ordinance amending the Planning Code to allow the signatures of Verified Tenants to count towards the threshold needed to permit an appeal of a Conditional Use authorization; clarifying timelines applicable to appeals of Conditional Use authorizations; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of public convenience, necessity, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.

02/01/22; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 3/3/2022.

02/04/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Commission pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, for public hearing and recommendation and the Planning Department for environmental review.

02/09/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Public Works for informational purposes.

02/10/22; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

04/26/22; REMAIN ACTIVE. On April 26, 2022, the Board adopted extension Resolution No. 172-21 (Board File No. 220434) extending the Ordinance an additional 90 days, expiring August 3, 2022.

06/14/22; SUBSTITUTED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee. Supervisor Melgar introduced a substitute Ordinance bearing the same title.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy (Clerk of the Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Anastasia Yovanopolous; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 2, Line 14, striking 'ten' and replacing it with '20'; on Page 5, Lines 1-2, by adding ', but shall include tenants of all Unauthorized Units in the property.'; on Page 5, Line 7, by striking 'Residential Unit' and replacing it with 'residential' and adding 'rental' after 'or commercial'; and adding additional clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

220771 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - “Polytechnic Way” - 600 Block of Frederick Street]**Sponsors: Mandelman; Preston**

Resolution adding the commemorative street name “Polytechnic Way” to the 600 block of Frederick Street in recognition of San Francisco’s first public high school and its contribution to the education of thousands of San Franciscans from 1894 to 1972.

06/28/22; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

07/15/22; NOTICED. 10 Day Notice for 7/25/2022 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing posted online and mailed, pursuant to Public Works Code Section 789, et seq.

07/15/22; RESPONSE RECEIVED. On-site posting confirmed by Public Works.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Rafael Mandelman (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Jeffrey Alcorn and Laurel Anne Hill (Polytechnic High School Alumni Association); Speaker; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Supervisor Preston requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Vice Chair Preston moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

Member Peskin was noted not present at 3:30 p.m.

President Shamann Walton appointed Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, in place of Supervisor Aaron Peskin, to the Land Use and Transportation Committee for the regular meeting of July 25, 2022, from 3:30 p.m. and for the remainder of the meeting.

Supervisor Peskin Excused from Attendance

Chair Melgar moved to excuse Member Peskin from the remainder of the Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting of July 25, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Mandelman

Excused: 1 - Peskin

Present: 3 - Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, and Rafael Mandelman

Excused: 1 - Aaron Peskin

220360 [Hearing - Status of LGBTQ+ Cultural Heritage Strategy]**Sponsor: Mandelman**

Hearing to discuss the implementation of the LGBTQ+ Cultural Heritage Strategy; and requesting the Office of Transgender Initiatives, the Planning Department, and the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to report.

04/05/22; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

04/09/22; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning Department, Office of Transgender Initiatives, and Office of Economic and Workforce Development for informational purposes and requesting the listed departments to report.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Frances McMillan (Planning Department); Shayne Watson, Terry Bestwick, Amanda Hamilton, and Tre Russel Allen (LGBTQ+ Cultural Heritage Strategy Working Group); Pau Crego, Executive Director (Office of Transgender Initiatives); Coma Te (Arts Commission); Kelly Dearman, Executive Director (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Susie Smith (Human Services Agency); Lisa Pagan (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Sheila Nickolopoulos (Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development); Tina Aguirre, Director (Castro Cultural District); Ben Demers (Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District); Jupiter Peraza (Transgender Cultural District); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Linda Chapman; Andrew Shaffer (Castro LGBTQ Cultural District); spoke on various concerns regarding the hearing matter.

Member Mandelman moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Mandelman

Excused: 1 - Peskin

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 5:01 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.