

ORIGINAL

ORDINANCE DESIGNATING LANDMARK

FILE NO. 90-80-3.

ORDINANCE NO. 408-80

DESIGNATING Health Sciences Library

AS A LANDMARK

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY PLANNING CODE.

Be it Ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that Health Sciences Library located at 2395 Sacramento St. , being Lot 16 in Assessor's Block 637 , has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes of Article 10 of the City Planning Code and the standards set forth therein.

(a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code, Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, Health

Sciences Library is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 8587 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-80-3.

(b) Required Data. The descriptions of the location and boundaries of the Landmark site; of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation; and of the particular features that should be preserved; as included in the said Resolution, are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RECOMMENDED:

GEORGE AGNOST
CITY ATTORNEY

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By David H. Koppnick
Deputy City Attorney

By Rai Y. Okamoto
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Director of Planning

Passed for Second Reading

Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

AUG 22 1980

Ayes: Supervisors Bardis, Britt, Horanzy, Hutch,
Kopp, Lawson, Molinari, ~~Renne~~, Silver, Walker,
~~Ward~~

~~Noes: Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors... RENNE... WARD

[Signature] Clerk

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SEAL
Approved

Read Second Time and Finally Passed

Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

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~~Ward~~

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was
finally passed by the Board of Supervisors of the
City and County of San Francisco.

[Signature] Clerk

[Signature]
Mayor

SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 8587

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Health Sciences Library at 2395 Sacramento Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on June 6, 1979, and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held public hearings on April 10, 1980 and May 8, 1980 to consider the proposed designation and the report of said Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Commission believes that the proposed Landmark has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and that the proposed designation would be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes and standards of the said Article 10;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, the proposal to designate the aforementioned structure, the Health Sciences Library at 2395 Sacramento Street, as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the precise location and boundaries of the Landmark site being those of Lot 16 in Assessor's Block 637;

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution No. 188 as adopted on June 6, 1979, which Resolution is incorporated herein and made a part thereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Landmark should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof and as described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket LM79.5;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby directs its Secretary to transmit the proposal for designation, with a copy of this Resolution, to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of May 8, 1980.

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Dearman, Karasick, Kelleher, Nakashima,
Rosenblatt, Starbuck

NOES: None

BUILDING NAME: HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY OWNER: PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER
BUILDING ADDRESS: 2395 Sacramento Street BLOCK & LOT: 637/16 ZONING: RM-1
ORIGINAL USE: Medical Library NO. OF STORIES: 3-1/2 LPAB VOTE: 6-0
CURRENT USE: Medical Library EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Colusa Sandstone

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:)

The work of Albert Pissis, San Francisco's first Ecole des Beaux Arts trained architect, the Health Sciences Library is a classic example of his restrained and balanced Beaux Arts style. The origins of the institution with which the building is connected go back to 1858, with the founding by Dr. Elias S. Cooper of the first medical group in the West. The building, built in 1912, is dedicated to and commemorates a group of physicians and dentists who have made an important contribution to San Francisco's medical history. The Library was built in 1912 with funds left by Dr. Levi Cooper Lane, Elias Cooper's nephew, for the erection of a "monumental building" in the words of the will, which was to house a major medical library facility, the core of which was Dr. Lane's personal library.

After a period of disuse as a library, Dr. Lane's "monumental building" was rededicated in 1970 as the Medical Sciences Library, returning (may be continued on back)

EVALUATION CRITERIAA. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Classical Revival
2. Construction Type: Steel frame, concrete foundation
3. Construction Date: 1912
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY) Excellent
5. Architect: Albert Pissis
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY) N/A

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: Dr. Elias J. Cooper, Dr. Levi Cooper Lane, Arthur Mathews and Albert Pissis.

8. Events:

9. Patterns of History:

(cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial)

The origins of the institution with which the library is connected go back to 1858, when Dr. Elias J. Cooper established the first medical school in the West (over)

C. ENVIRONMENT

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: The architecture of the quietly dignified Health Sciences Library, set in a block of buildings of a random mix of styles, is an important bridge (over)
11. Setting:

12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: A conspicuous and familiar structure in the context of the neighborhood.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition) The building has been virtually unchanged since it was built.

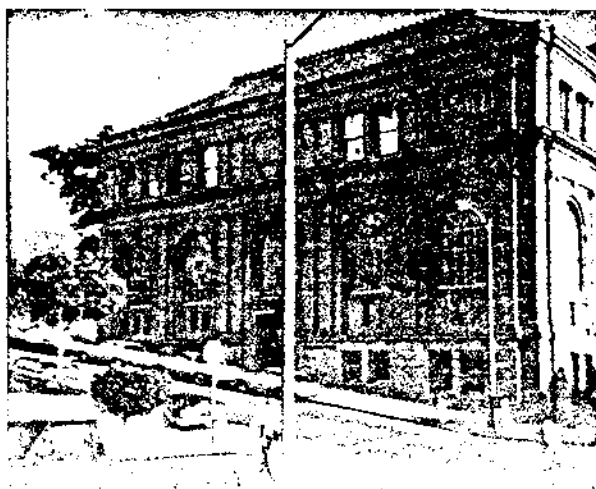
RATINGS

DCP: Not inventoried
HERE TODAY: Index P. 291
SPLENDID SURV.: Not applicable
NAT'L REGISTER: Probably eligible
NAT'L LANDMARK: --
STATE LANDMARK: --

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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Statement of Significance, continued

Albert Pissis' building to its original use, that of housing a major medical library.

9. Patterns of History, continued

as part of the University of the Pacific. From 1882, the facility was called Cooper Medical College, after the founder.

10. Continuity, continued

between the residential character of the neighborhood and the large medical complex across the street.

