FILE NO. 90-80-16 ORDINANCE NO. 559-80

DESIGNATING THE SHARON BUILDING 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 the Sharon Building located in Golden Gate Park, being Assessor's Block 1700, has a special character and special aesthetic, architectural and historic 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, the Sharon Building in Golden Gate Park is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 8752 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-80-16.

(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.

Passed for Second Reading
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco
NOV 24 1980

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

~~None Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors BARDIS HORANZY HUTCH WARD

Clerk

Read Second Time and Finally Passed
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco
DEC 1 1980

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

~~None Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisor HUTCH

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

Clerk

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Approved

Mayor

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CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 8752

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Sharon Building in Golden Gate Park 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 4, 1980, and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on October 16, 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 Sharon Building in Golden Gate Park, 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 Assessor's Block 1700;

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. 195 as adopted on June 4, 1980, 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 LM80.9;

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 October 16, 1980.

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Karasick, Kelleher, Rosenblatt, Starbuck

NOES: Commissioner Dearman

ABSENT: Commissioners Bierman, Nakashima

PASSED: October 16, 1980

CASE REPORT — LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

BUILDING NAME: Sharon Building

OWNER: City & County of San Francisco
Recreation and Park Department

BUILDING ADDRESS: Golden Gate Park

BLOCK & LOT: 1700 ZONING: P

ORIGINAL USE: Children's House & Restaurant

NO. OF STORIES: 2+ LPAB VOTE: 6 yes, 1 no

CURRENT USE: Proposed Arts and Crafts Center

EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Sandstone

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:)
The Sharon Building possesses unique historic character derived from the fact that together the carousel and the adjacent Children's Playground comprise the first Public Children's Playgrounc West of the Mississippi River and possibly the first in the United States. The Sharon Building also possesses Architectural significance in that it is a nearly perfect and extremely rare (in San Francisco) example of Victorian Romanesque Architecture, as exemplified by its semi-circular arched windows openings, squatcolumns, foliated capitols, contrasting textured stone window trim, stone arabesques and beautiful faced sandstone wall construction.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. ARCHITECTURE
1. Style: Victorian Romanesque.
2. Construction Type: Masonry.
3. Construction Date: Begun in 1887, Completed 1888, Rebuilt 1906, sans slate & copper roof.
4. Design Quality (LPAB ONLY): Excellent
5. Architect: Percy and Hamilton (of regional significance).
6. Interior Quality (LPAB ONLY): Gutted by fire in 1974.
(Publicly owned buildings) No records are known of original interior (see attached Architects Description).

B. HISTORY
(as building is significantly associated with specific)
7. Persons: Built with funds bequeathed to the City by William Sharon, well known Comstock figure, a person of primary importance in the early history of San Francisco.

8. Events: This building is not known to be associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to the community, state or nation.

9. Patterns of History:
(cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial)
The context of the development of this building is illustrative of the social patterns prevalent in its era, when major philanthropists would fund public projects which would reflect their interests and bear their name.

C. ENVIRONMENT
(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)
10. Continuity: Contributing element from early plan for Golden Gate Park.

11. Setting: Of importance in establishing the dominant character of the area.

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

D. INTEGRITY
(cite alterations and physical condition)
Interior restoration pending subject to acquisition of funds.

RATINGS
DCP: 4
HERE TODAY: Featured, pp38-39
SPLENDID SURV.: N/A
NAT'L REGISTER: Eligible
NAT'L LANDMARK: No
STATE LANDMARK: No



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