

FILE NO. 90-B178ORDINANCE NO. 530-81

DESIGNATING NOTRE DAME SCHOOL 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 Notre Dame School located at 351 Dolores Street, being Lot 31 in Assessor's Block 3567, 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, Notre Dame School is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by Resolution No. 9120 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 90-B178

(b) Required Data. The description 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:

George Agnost
CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

BY Julian E. Holtzman
City Attorney

By Dean L. Macris
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Director of Planning

Passed for Second Reading
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

OCT. 26 1981

Ayes: Supervisors ~~Britt~~ Dolson, Hongisto, Kennedy, Kopp, Molinari, Nelder, Renne, Silver, Walker, Ward.

~~No. Supervisors~~Absent: Supervisor BRITT

J. E. Berman Clerk

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Approved

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

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Ayes: Supervisors Britt, ~~Hongisto~~ Hongisto, ~~Kopp~~ Kopp, Molinari, Nelder, ~~Silver~~ Silver, Walker, ~~Ward~~ Ward.

~~No. Supervisors~~Absent: Supervisors DOLSON KENNEDYRENNÉ WARD

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

Marie Korman Clerk

Marie Korman
Mayor

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SAN FRANCISCO
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 9120

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Notre Dame School at 351 Dolores 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 March 4, 1981 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 July 16, 1981 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 Notre Dame School at 351 Dolores 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 31 in Assessor's Block 3567;

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. 215 as adopted on March 4, 1981 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 No. LM81.4;

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 August 27, 1981.

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Matsumura, Klein, Nakashima, Rosenblatt, Salazar
NOES: Commissioner Karasick
ABSENT: None.
PASSED: August 27, 1981

BUILDING NAME: Notre Dame School OWNER: Sisters of Notre Dame
BUILDING ADDRESS: 347 Dolores Street BLOCK & LOT: 3567/31 ZONING: RM 1
ORIGINAL USE: School NO. OF STORIES: 2+ LPAB VOTE: 9-0
CURRENT USE: School, to be vacated in 1981 EXTERIOR MATERIALS: Frame and Stucco

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:) Notre Dame School is a unique and key component of one of San Francisco's most historic areas. The building has served as a convent and day school for girls, and is scheduled to close in 1981. The imposing mansarded structure of wood and stucco was built in 1907 following the design of an earlier structure on the site dynamited to contain the fire of 1906 east of Dolores Street. The elaborate iron gates are believed to remain from the previous building. The ironwork and garden setting with stately palms reflect an earlier era in San Francisco's history. The school of the Sisters of Notre Dame is important historically in that it is the oldest school for girls in San Francisco, and that this order of Sisters was the first Catholic educational order on the Pacific Coast.

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EVALUATION CRITERIA**A. ARCHITECTURE**

1. Style: Second French Empire
2. Construction Type: Frame
3. Construction Date: 1906-07
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY) Excellent
5. Architect: Theodore W. Lenzer (S.F. Call, Aug. 1, 1906, p.9)
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY)

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons: The Sisters of Notre Dame were the "pioneers of Christian education on the Pacific Coast" (The Monitor, Jan. 23, 1904). The building is associated with persons significant within the history of the church.
8. Events:

9. Patterns of History:

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

The Sisters of Notre Dame came from Belgium in 1844 as missionaries to the Indians of Oregon. With the Gold Rush and the accompanying increase in population in California, they moved on to San Jose (over)

C. ENVIRONMENT
(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: Clearly a keystone of one of San Francisco's most important historic areas.
11. Setting: With its setback, gardens and palms, Notre Dame School's setting is one of the few which suggest San Francisco of an earlier era.
12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: Extremely important in the context of an historic area that includes Mission Dolores.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical condition) Essentially unaltered.

RATINGS

DCP: 4
HERE TODAY: Featured, p 104
SPLENDID SURV.: n/a
NAT'L REGISTER: -
NAT'L LANDMARK: -
STATE LANDMARK: -
Other: Guide to S.F. Arch. pp 96

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9. Patterns of History, continued

where they opened their first boarding school on August 4, 1851. Father Pendergast, pastor of Mission Dolores, persuaded the sisters to come to San Francisco in 1866 and begin a boy's school opposite the old mission. Enrollment was later limited to girls; boarders were taken in 1870. It was chartered as a college in 1877, and its preparatory course was accredited to the University of California in 1900. The present building followed the design of an 1898 structure by C.J.I. Devlin.

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