

FILE NO. 90-84-3

ORDINANCE NO. 382 & F

(Landmarks)

DESIGNATING THE ST. BONIFACE CHURCH 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 St. Boniface
Church located at 133 Golden Gate Avenue, Lots 12 and 13 in Assessor's Block
149, has a special character and special historical, architectural and aes-
thetic interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further
the purposes of, and conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the
City Planning Code.

(a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code,
Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, St. Boniface Church
at 133 Golden Gate Avenue is hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation
having been duly approved by Resolution No. 9916 of the City Planning
Commission, which Resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors under File No. 90-84-3.

(b) Required Data. The description of the location and boundaries of the
Landmark site, of the characteristics of the Landmark which justify its desig-
nation, and of the particular features that should be preserved as included in
the said Resolution, are incorporated in this designating ordinance as though
fully set forth.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
George Agnost
City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

By [Signature]
Deputy City Attorney

By [Signature]
Dean L. Macris
Director of Planning

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Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

Passed for Second Reading

August 27, 1984

Ayes: Supervisors Hongisto Kennedy
Kopp Maher Molinari Nelder Renne
Walker Ward

Noes: Supervisor Britt

Absent: Supervisor Silver

Finally Passed

September 4, 1984

Ayes: Supervisors Hongisto Kennedy
Kopp Molinari Nelder Renne Walker

Absent: Supervisors Britt Maher
Silver Ward

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

File No.
90-84-3

SEP. 7 1984
Date Approved

Clerk

Mayor

SAN FRANCISCO

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO.9916

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the St. Boniface Church at 133 Golden Gate Avenue as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on August 3, 1983, 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 January 12, 1984 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, St. Boniface Church at 133 Golden Gate Avenue, 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 Lots 12 and 13 in Assessor's Block 349;

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 268 as adopted on August 3, 1983 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 described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket No. 82.659L;

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 on January 12, 1984.

Lee Woods, Jr.
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Bierman, Karasick, Klein, Nakashima, Rosenblatt and Wright

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Salazar

PASSED: January 12, 1984

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LANDMARK # 172

BUILDING NAME: St. Boniface Church

OWNER: Parish Committee of St. Boniface in
Trust for the Archdiocese of S.F.
BLOCK & LOT: 349/12 & 13 ZONING: C-3-G

BUILDING ADDRESS: 133 Golden Gate

NO. OF STORIES: 3-4 LPAB VOTE: 7-0

ORIGINAL USE: Church

CURRENT USE: Church, friary & playground

EXTERIOR MATERIALS: stuccoed brick

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(Describe special CHARACTER, or special HISTORICAL, ARCHITECTURAL or AESTHETIC interest or value:) St. Boniface Church, run by the Franciscans since 1887, is the oldest German Catholic Church in San Francisco, established in 1860, with antecedents back to 1852. The church was long a mainstay of San Francisco's large early German community and today serves as one of the few remaining reminders of that community's former prominence in the downtown. The present Romanesque Revival building is a reconstruction of the 3rd building in the history of the church, following the earthquake and fire of 1906. With its imposing 3-part composition and its high tower, it has long been a landmark in the Tenderloin. Its extremely fine and rich interior has been recently restored.

(may be continued on back)

EVALUATION CRITERIA

A. ARCHITECTURE

1. Style: Romanesque Revival
2. Construction Type: steel frame / masonry
3. Construction Date: 1898-1902, rebuilt 1906-08
4. Design Quality: (LPAB ONLY)
5. Architect: Brother Adrian Weiver OFM, Martens and Coffey, supervising architect
6. Interior Quality: (LPAB ONLY)

B. HISTORY

(as building is significantly associated with specific)

7. Persons:
8. Events: -
9. Patterns of history:
(cultural, social, political, military, economic or industrial) St. Boniface Church is one of several historic national churches in San Francisco and reflects the diversity of immigrants to the city (See Landmark Nos. 4 and 39, St. Patricks - Irish, and St. Francis Lutheran - Danish).

C. ENVIRONMENT

(relation to surroundings, specifically in terms of:)

10. Continuity: Harmonious in color and massing to adjacent structures. One of the few pre 1906 building in the immediate neighborhood.
11. Setting: Courtyard and setbacks enhance the setting and complement the structure. The open space is a resource in a densely developed neighborhood.
12. Importance as a Visual Landmark: With its tower and distinctive nineteenth century design, the structure is a conspicuous and familiar landmark in the neighborhood.

D. INTEGRITY

(cite alterations and physical conditions) Exterior unaltered since 1908. Interior adapted to new liturgy, with major restoration of detailing. School building unoccupied above first floor. Friary modernized, major significant spaces intact.

RATINGS

DCP: 4
HERE TODAY: p. 268
SPLENDID SURV.: A
NAT'L REGISTER: -
NAT'L LANDMARK:
STATE LANDMARK:

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