As amended in committee
February 9, 2005.

FILE NO. 050092 ORDINANCE NO. 41-05

[Ordinance to Designate 351-9th Avenue, the ~~Carnegie~~ Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library, as a Landmark Under Planning Code Article 10.]

Ordinance Designating 351-9th Avenue, the ~~Carnegie~~ Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library, As Landmark No. 247 Pursuant To Article 10, Sections 1004 And 1004.4 of the Planning Code.

Note: Additions are *single-underline italics Times New Roman*; deletions are ~~*strikethrough italics Times New Roman*~~. Board amendment additions are double underlined. Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

Section 1. Findings

The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 351-9th Avenue, the ~~Carnegie~~ Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library, Lot 7 in Assessor's Block 1441, has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic 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 351-9th Avenue, the ~~Carnegie~~ Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library, is hereby designated as Landmark No. 247. This designation has been fully approved by Resolution No. 575 of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board and Resolution No. 16788 of the Planning Commission, which Resolutions are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No. 050092 and which Resolutions are incorporated herein and made part hereof as though fully set forth.

(b) Priority Policy Findings

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Ma , Peskin, Elsbernd, McGoldrick, Dufty, Mirkarimi
Ammiano, Sandoval

(1) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, this Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance will serve the public necessity, convenience and welfare for the reasons set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 16788 recommending approval of this Planning Code Amendment, and incorporates such reasons by this reference thereto. A copy of said resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No.050092.

(2) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 101.1, this Board of Supervisors finds that this ordinance is consistent with the Priority Policies of Section 101.1(b) of the Planning Code and with the General Plan and hereby adopts the findings of the Planning Commission, as set forth in Planning Commission Resolution No. 16788, and incorporates said findings by this reference thereto.

(c) Required Data:

(1) The description, location and boundary of the Landmark site encompass the footprint of 351-9th Avenue, the ~~Carnegie~~ Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library, as well as the landscaped setback on 9th Avenue, which is the principal façade.

(2) The characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation are described and shown in the Landmark Designation Report adopted by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on April 21, 2004 and other supporting materials contained in Planning Department Docket No. 2001.0563L. In brief, the National Register characteristics of the landmark which justify its designation are as follows:

Its association with patterns of social and cultural history of San Francisco during the period of significance, particularly with the contestation of political and cultural power between working class based groups and middle class based Progressives, the architectural embodiment of Progressive and City Beautiful tenets of civic grandeur used as a means of social organization, particularly the acculturation of working class and immigrant populations (National Register Criterion A). Its status as the architectural embodiment of the distinctive

characteristics of an early branch library building, especially those delineated in "Notes on the Erection of Library Buildings" (National Register Criterion C.)

(3) The particular exterior features that should be preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined necessary, are those generally shown in the photographs and described in the Landmark Designation Report, both which can be found in the case docket 2001.0563L, which is incorporated in this designation ordinance as though fully set forth. In brief, the description of the particular features that should be preserved are as follows:

Exterior composition and materials; the spatial dimensions and the mature palm trees of the 9th Avenue setback; the paneled vestibule; the spatial volume of the Main Reading Room; the ornamental ceiling of the Main Reading Room.

Section 2. The property shall be subject to further controls and procedures, pursuant to this Board of Supervisor's Ordinance and Planning Code Article 10.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

By: _____
Sarah Ellen Owsowitz
Deputy City Attorney

RECOMMENDED:
PLANNING COMMISSION

By: See original
Dean Macris
Interim Director of Planning

City and County of San Francisco
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Ordinance

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

File Number: 050092 **Date Passed:**

Ordinance designating 351-9th Avenue, the Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library, as Landmark No. 247 pursuant to Article 10, Sections 1004 and 1004.4 of the Planning Code.

February 15, 2005 Board of Supervisors — PASSED ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Excused: 1 - Alioto-Pier

February 22, 2005 Board of Supervisors — FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Ammiano, Daly, Dufty, Elsbernd, Ma, Maxwell, McGoldrick, Mirkarimi, Peskin, Sandoval
Absent: 1 - Alioto-Pier

File No. 050092

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on February 22, 2005 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young
Clerk of the Board

MAR 08 2005

Date Approved

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Case No. 2001.0563L
351-9th Avenue/Carnegie
Richmond Branch Library

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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLUTION NO. 575

ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO THE INITIATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION AND A RECOMMEDNATION TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF CARNEGIE RICHMOND BRANCH LIBRARY AS LANDMARK NO. 247.

1. WHEREAS, on June 2, 1999, the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board (Landmarks Board) established its Landmark Designation work program for fiscal year 1999-2000. All eight sites were to be brought to the Landmarks Board for review, comment, and consideration of initiation of landmark designation. Included among the sites was the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library, 351-9th Avenue, Assessor's Block 1441, Lot 7; and

2. The Landmarks Board reviewed and endorsed the Context Statement, "Origins of the Seven San Francisco Carnegie Branch Libraries, 1901-1921," authored by Tim Kelley on June 20, 2001 and directed that the document be placed in the Landmarks Preservation Library. Included in the seven branch libraries is the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library, 351-9th Avenue, Assessor Block 1441, Lot 7; and

3. The Landmarks Board, at its regular meeting of September 17, 2003, reviewed a draft of the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library Landmark Designation Report for 351-9th Avenue, Assessor Block 1441, Lot 7 prepared by Tim Kelley. The Landmarks Board considered the report to be a final Carnegie Richmond Branch Library Landmark Designation Report; and

4. The Landmarks Board finds that the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library Designation Report describes the location and boundaries of the landmark site, describes the characteristics of the landmark which justifies its designation, and describes the particular features that should be preserved and therefore meets the requirements of Planning Code Section 1004(b) and 1004(c)(1). That Designation Report is fully incorporated by reference into this resolution; and

5. The Landmarks Board reviewed and endorsed the description, location, and boundary of the landmark site as 351-9th Avenue, Assessor Block 1441, Lot 7, encompassing the footprint of the building, as well as the landscaped setback on 9th Avenue, which is the principal façade; and

6. The Landmarks Board, in considering the proposed landmark designation employed the "National Register of Historic Places" rating criteria and found that the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library is significant under Criterion A (associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history) and C (embodies distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that

represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction); and

7. The Landmarks Board reviewed and endorsed the following description of the characteristics of the landmark which justify its designation:

   (a) Association with patterns of social and cultural history of San Francisco during the period of significance, particularly with the contestation of political and cultural power between working class based groups and middle class based Progressives;

   (b) Architectural embodiment of Progressive and City Beautiful tenets of civic grandeur used as a means of social organization, particularly the acculturation of working class and immigrant populations; and

   (c) Architectural embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of an early branch library building, especially those delineated in "Notes on the Erection of Library Buildings."

8. The Landmarks Board reviewed and endorsed the following description of the characteristics of the landmark which justify its designation:

   (a) Exterior composition and materials.

   (b) The spatial dimensions and the mature palm trees of the 9th Avenue setback.

   (c) The paneled vestibule.

   (d) The spatial volume of the Main Reading Room.

   (e) The ornamental ceiling of the Main Reading Room.

9. The designation of the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library meets the required findings of Planning Code Section 101.1 in the following manner:

   - The proposed Project will further Priority Policy No. 7, that landmarks and historic buildings be preserved, such as the designation of the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library as City Landmark No. 247. Landmark designation will help to preserve a significant historic resource associated with patterns of social and cultural history in San Francisco.

   - That the proposed project will have no significant effect on the other seven Priority Policies: the City's supply of affordable housing, existing housing or neighborhood character, public transit or neighborhood paring, preparedness to protect against injury and loss of life in an earthquake, commercial activity, business or employment, or public parks and open space.

10. The designation of the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library is consistent with the following Urban Design Element of the General Plan:

OBJECTIVE 2: CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES THAT PROVIDE A SENSE OF NATURE, CONTINUITY WITH THE PAST, AND FREEDOM FROM OVERCROWDING.

Policy 4 Preserve notable landmarks and areas of historic, architectural or aesthetic value, and promote the preservation of other buildings and features that provide continuity with past development.

Designating this significant historic resource as a local landmark will further a continuity with the past because the exterior of the building will be preserved for the benefit of future generations. Landmark designation will require that the Planning Department and the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board would review any proposed work that may have an impact on character-defining features. Both entities will utilize the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation in their review to ensure that only appropriate, compatible alterations are made. The proposed landmark designation will not have a significant impact on any of the other elements of the General Plan.

11. The Landmarks Board has reviewed documents, correspondence and oral testimony on matters relevant to the proposed landmark designation, at a duly noticed Public Hearing held on April 21, 2004 and finds the proposal will help to preserve a significant historic resource associated with patterns of social and cultural history in San Francisco.

12. At its regular meeting on October 16, 2002, the Landmarks Board considered an informational preservation on a proposed rehabilitation and addition project for the Richmond Branch Public Library. While there were concerns expressed about the detailing of the proposed addition, the Landmark Board finds the proposed project consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. The plans, titled Richmond Branch Library Renovation and dated June 2002, are on file with the Planning Department.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board hereby initiates landmark designation of 351-9th Avenue, the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library, Assessor's Block 1441, Lot 7, as Landmark No. 247 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board hereby recommends that the Planning Commission approve the landmark designation of 351-9th Avenue, the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library, Assessor's Block 1441, Lot 7, as Landmark No. 247 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board hereby directs its Recording Secretary to transmit this Resolution, the Carnegie Richmond Branch Library Landmark Designation Report and other pertinent materials in the Case File 2001.0563L to the Planning Commission.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on April 21, 2004.

Andrea Green
Recording Secretary

AYES: Kelley, Skrondal, Cherny, Dearman, Samuels, and Finwall,

NOES: None

ABSENT: Kotas and Shatara

ADOPTED: April 21, 2004

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LANDMARKS BOARD VOTE:
APPROVED:
PLANNING COMMISSION VOTE:
APPROVED:
PROPOSED LANDMARK NO.:

HISTORIC NAME: Richmond Branch

POPULAR NAME: same

ADDRESS: 351 Ninth Avenue

BLOCK & LOT: 1441-007

OWNER: San Francisco Public Library
Civic Center
San Francisco, CA 94102

ORIGINAL USE: Public branch library

CURRENT USE: Public branch library

ZONING: "P"

National Register Criterion (a)

(A) X — Association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
(B) ____ — Association with the lives of persons significant in our past.
(C) X — Embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
(D) ____ — Has yielded, or may be likely to yield information important in history or prehistory.

* **Period of Significance:** 1914-present
* **Integrity:** The building presently retains a high degree of integrity, both interior and exterior.

Article 10 Requirements—Section 1004 (b)

* **Boundaries of the Landmark Site**
Boundaries of the Landmark Site are the footprint of the building, as well as the landscaped setback on 9th Avenue, which is the principal facade. Block 1441, Lot 7

* **Characteristics of the Landmark which justify its designation**

1. Association with patterns of social and cultural history of San Francisco during the period of significance, particularly with the contestation of political and cultural power between working class based groups and middle class based Progressives.

2. Architectural embodiment of Progressive and City Beautiful tenets of civic grandeur used as a means of social organization, particularly the acculturation of working class and immigrant populations.

3. Architectural embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of an early branch library building, especially those delineated in *"Notes on the Erection of Library Buildings"*.

* **Description of the Particular features that should be preserved**

1. Exterior composition and materials.
2. The spatial dimensions and the mature palm trees of the 9th Avenue setback.
3. The paneled vestibule.
4. The spatial volume of the Main Reading Room.
5. The ornamental ceiling of the Main Reading Room.

DESCRIPTION

Constructed of reinforced concrete with stone facing, the building has a rectangular plan, one story over a slightly raised basement, with a flat roof. The 9th Avenue facade composition consists of three monumental arched windows, the center one of which frames the main entrance. The entrance, up a central flight of 17 steps, contains double, wood framed glass doors with double transoms, and is surmounted by a shallow bracketed portico. Cornices mark the roof line and the first floor level. A projecting plinth and water table form the base. Above the roofline cornice is a stepped parapet.

Ornament is of polychrome glazed terra cotta. The center window and door surround features a calf''s-tongue molding and massive ornamental keystone, with a round medallion on each side. The cornice has a dentil course, and the soffit was originally tiled with terra cotta which has been replaced with a synthetic imitation after being damaged. The parapet is marked at the center with a high relief, crowned cartouche.

All windows are divided into three parts vertically, and within each part are multiple lights. The pattern of lights has been altered from the original, which contained much smaller panes, each further divided by muntins into a starburst pattern. The window composition also has one strong horizontal division at the spring of the arch. There is a small rectangular window beneath the sill of each larger window. These open in to the peripheral bookshelves in the main reading room, apparently for ventilation.

The 10th Avenue facade has three matching monumental arched windows, and there are two more on both the north and south sides of the building. There is a rectangular, one-story projecting rear entrance structure on the 10th Avenue side, with a plain, grade level entry flanked by simple columns. This structure has its own stepped parapet, and the belt cornice from the main structure continues around this one also. The parapet on the main structure is again stepped on this facade. Over the rear entrance is inscribed "LECTURE HALL", denoting the original use of the lower level space, which has now been converted to the children's room.

The lot, which runs between 9th and 10th Avenues, rises slightly from 9th to the front of the building and drops again to the rear, leaving the lower floor at grade at the rear of the building. The lot is landscaped on all sides of the building, with two especially prominent palm trees flanking the front entrance, and there is a children's playground at the rear. There is also a side doorway from the Children's Room to a terraced patio on the north side.

The main reading room retains its ornate ceiling, paneled vestibule, perimeter and room divider shelving, as well as the check-out desk.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

CRITERION A: SIGNIFICANT HISTORIC PATTERNS

The Richmond Branch Library was the first of seven branch buildings financed by a Carnegie grant. The grant itself was the subject of twelve years of intense political and class conflict in San Francisco. This branch was constructed in the rapidly developing, middle class Richmond neighborhood. By providing easy access to pubished works for neighborhood residents, the building expresses the national and local ascendancy of Progressive political and social values, as well as the development of public libraries.

It also expresses the City Beautiful philosophy by presenting a building intended to create a sense of civic grandeur and diginity in the citizen who enters, or merely views it.

CRITERION C: POSSESSES HIGH ARTISTIC VALUES

In both its exterior composition and its grand main reading room, the Richmond Branch Library possesses high artistic values. The prominent windows, chief compositional elements, impart an orderly rhythm to the design from the exterior, while inside they enshrine the books and create a site for acculturation. The entry path is carefully controlled, with the transition through the small constricted vestibule into the grand, high ceilinged main reading room conveying a sense of intellectual and civic rebirth. However, the controlled path also leads to the librarian's desk, the embodiment of cultural authority.

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RATINGS: 1976 Citywide Survey "0"

PREPARED BY: Tim Kelley
San Francisco Landmarks Board
ADDRESS: 1660 Mission Street, SF, CA

Attachments: ☒ 523A ☒ 523B ☒ 523L (continuation sheets) ☒ Context Statement ☐ Other...

State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

PRIMARY RECORD

Primary # _____
HRI# _____
Trinomial _____
NRHP Status Code _____

Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

Page 1 **of** 4 ***Resource Name or #: (Assigned by recorder)** Richmond Branch Library

P1. Other Identifier:

***P2. Location:** ☐ Not for Publication ☒ Unrestricted

***a. County** San Francisco **and** (P2c, P2e, and P2b or P2d. Attach a Location Map as necessary.)

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad** na **Date** na **T** ___ ; **R** ___ ; **1/4 of 1/4 of Sec** ___ ; **B.M.**

c. Address 351 Ninth Avenue City San Francisco Zip 94118

d. UTM: (Give more than one for large and/or linear resources) Zone ___ ___mE/ ___mN

e. Other Locational Data: (e.g., parcel #, directions to resource, elevation, etc., as appropriate) Block 1441, lot 7

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries)

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***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (List attributes and codes) HP14 Govt. Building; HP13 Community Center;

***P4. Resources Present:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5a. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



P5b. Description of Photo: (view, date, accession #)
9th Avenue facade; 1/23/00

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Source:** ☒ Historic ☐ Prehistoric ☐ Both
1915, San Francisco Public Library, Trustees Report

***P7. Owner and Address:**
San Francisco Public Library
Civic Center
San Francisco, CA 94102

***P8. Recorded by:**
(Name, affiliation, and address)
Tim Kelley
San Francisco Landmarks Board
1660 Mission Street, SF, CA

***P9. Date Recorded:** 12/1/00

***P10. Survey Type:** (Describe) Thematic Landmark Nomination

***P11. Report Citation:** (Cite survey report and other sources, or enter "none.")

***Attachments:** ☐ NONE ☐ Location Map ☒ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building,Structure&Obje
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (List):

* Required Information

State of California -- The Resources Agency **Primary #** _____
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD **HRI #** _____

***NRHP Status Code** _____

 ***Resource Name or #** (Assigned by recorder) Richmond Branch Library

___ B1. Historic Name: Richmond Branch
___ B2. Common Name: same
___ B3. Original Use: Public branch library
___ B4. Present Use: Public branch library
___ ***B5. Architectural Style:** Classical Revival
___ ***B6. Construction History:** (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)
Built 1914, Children's Room added on lower floor 1923

___ ***B7. Moved?** ☒ No ☐ Yes **Date:** _____ **Original Location:** _____
***B8. Related Features:** Two large mature palm trees

B9a. Architect: Bliss & Faville b. Builder: _____
***B10. Significance: Theme** Cultural History, Library **Area:** San Francisco

Period of Significance: 1914-present **Property Type:** Branch Library **Applicable Criteria:** A, C
(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity.)
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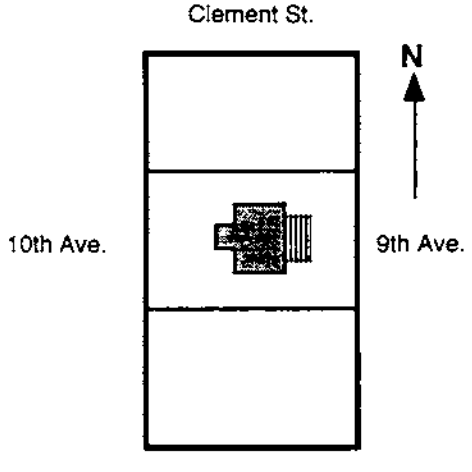
***B12. References:** See continuation sheet, page 4

B13. Remarks:

*B14. Evaluator: San Francisco Landmarks Board

*Date of Evaluation: _____
(This space reserved for official comments)

Sketch Map with north arrow required.



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Landmark Nomination
Carnegie Branch Libraries
of San Francisco



January, 2001