

[Planning Code - Landmark Designation of 1890 Chestnut Street (Marina Branch Library)]

Ordinance designating 1890 Chestnut Street (Marina Branch Library), Lot No. 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0469, as a Landmark under Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code; and adopting General Plan, Planning Code Section 101.1 and environmental findings.

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Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

Section 1. Findings.

(A) Pursuant to Section 4.135 of the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco, the Historic Preservation Commission has authority "to recommend approval, disapproval, or modification of landmark designations and historic district designations under the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors."

(B) On October 7, 2009, the Historic Preservation Commission passed Resolution 638, initiating consideration of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries for designation as San Francisco Landmarks pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code. 1890 Chestnut Street (a.k.a. the Marina Branch Library, Lot 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0469) was included in the initiation Resolution. Such resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 101229 and incorporated herein by reference.

(C) On June 16, 2010, after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff and the Landmark Designation Case Report(s) prepared by Johanna Street dated March 26, 2010 and April 23, 2010, the Historic Preservation Commission recommended approval of the

1 proposed landmark designation of the Marina Branch Library in Resolution No. 648. Such
2 resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in File No. 101229.

3 (D) Pursuant to Planning Code Section 302, the Board of Supervisors finds that the
4 proposed landmark designation of 1890 Chestnut Street (Marina Branch Library) will serve the
5 public necessity, convenience and welfare.

6 (E) The Board finds that the proposed landmark designation of 1890 Chestnut
7 Street (Marina Branch Library) is consistent with the San Francisco General Plan and with
8 Planning Code Section 101.1(b) for the reasons set forth in the Resolution Number 648
9 recommending approval of the proposed designation, which is incorporated herein by
10 reference.

11 (F) The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this
12 Ordinance are in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public
13 Resources Code section 21000 et seq., "CEQA"). Specifically, the Planning Department has
14 determined the proposed Planning Code amendment is subject to a Categorical Exemption
15 from CEQA pursuant to Section 15060(c)2 of the Guidelines for Implementation of the statute
16 for activities that will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change
17 in the environment. Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in
18 File No. 101229 and is incorporated herein by reference.

19 (G) The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that 1890 Chestnut Street (Marina
20 Branch Library) has a special character and special historical, architectural, and aesthetic
21 interest and value, and that its designation as a Landmark will further the purposes of and
22 conform to the standards set forth in Article 10 of the San Francisco Planning Code.

1 Section 2: Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the Planning Code, 1890
2 Chestnut Street (Marina Branch Library), Lot 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0469, is hereby
3 designated as a San Francisco Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code.
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5 Section 3. Required Data.

6 (A) The description, location, and boundary of the Landmark site consists of the City
7 parcel located at Lot 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0469, with the street address of 1890
8 Chestnut Street (Marina Branch Library).

9 (B) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and
10 shown in the Landmark Designation Case Reports and other supporting materials contained
11 in Planning Department Case Docket No. 2008.0968L. In brief, the Marina Branch Library is
12 eligible for designation under the following National Register of Historic Places criteria: (1)
13 under Criterion A (Events), the Marina Branch Library is a reflection of principles of the
14 modern public library promoted by the American Library Association after World War II; and
15 (2) under Criterion C (Design/Construction) said library represents an innovative example of
16 mid-century modern design in Northern California.

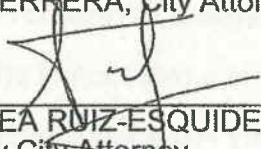
17 (C) The particular exterior features that shall be preserved, or replaced in-kind as
18 determined necessary, are those generally shown in photographs and described in the
19 Landmark Designation Case Reports, which can be found in Planning Department Docket No.
20 2008.0968L and which are incorporated in this designation by reference as though fully set
21 forth. Specifically, the following exterior features shall be preserved: i. Red brick masonry
22 walls, unpainted; ii. Location, size, shape, configuration, and transparency of the original
23 window systems, glazing and doors; iii. Glass Block and red brick clearstory; iv. Glulam
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1 beams, painted; v. Size, shape, and configuration of roof and eave; vi. Wood trellis and
2 supporting brick piers within planter; vii. Front terrace (south and west) and outdoor reading
3 terrace (east). In addition, the following interior character-defining features shall be
4 preserved, or replaced in-kind as determined necessary: i. Open floor plan; ii. Glulam beams,
5 painted; iii. Wood ceiling with alternating 2x4s and 2x6s, painted; iv. Red brick masonry walls,
6 painted.

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8 Section 4. The property shall be subject to further controls and procedures pursuant to
9 the San Francisco Planning Code and Article 10.

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11 APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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November 01, 2010 Land Use and Economic Development Committee - RECOMMENDED

November 09, 2010 Board of Supervisors - PASSED, ON FIRST READING

Ayes: 11 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Duffy, Elsbernd, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

November 16, 2010 Board of Supervisors - FINALLY PASSED

Ayes: 10 - Alioto-Pier, Avalos, Campos, Chiu, Chu, Daly, Duffy, Mar, Maxwell and Mirkarimi

Absent: 1 - Elsbernd

File No. 101229

I hereby certify that the foregoing
Ordinance was FINALLY PASSED on
11/16/2010 by the Board of Supervisors of
the City and County of San Francisco.

Mayor Gavin Newsom

Angela Calvillo
Clerk of the Board

November 18, 2010
Date Approved

SAN FRANCISCO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO 638.

ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO INITIATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE

Parkside Branch Library
Marina Branch Library
Merced Branch Library
Eureka Valley Branch Library

1. **WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2009, Charles Chase, President, Historic Preservation Commission, requested a hearing to consider initiation of Landmark Designation for the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries in consideration of designation as City Landmarks pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code; and
2. The historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of September 16, 2009, reviewed staff analysis of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries' historical significance per the National Register criteria as part of the landmark Designation Initiation Case Report dated September 16, 2009; and
3. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the ~~Parkside Branch Library~~, the Marina Branch Library, the Western Addition Branch Library, the Excelsior Branch Library, the Merced Branch Library, the North Beach Branch Library (building only), and the Eureka Valley Branch Library appear to meet the eligibility requirements for listing on both the National Register and the California Register of Historical Places per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrant consideration for landmark designation; and
4. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that each of the above sited libraries are considered individually significant. They are also recognized significant under a larger multiple property listing. Combined under the multiple property listing, they embody all the principles of mid-twentieth century American public library design and display a signature design developed by Appleton and Wolfard that, at the time, represented the city's greatest capital expenditure in the library modernization movement ; and
5. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the following list of features should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they appear to relate to the building's historical significance and to retain historical integrity; and
 - a. One-story in height with double height main reading rooms, an open floor plan, and an overall residential "~~ranch-style~~" character.
 - b. A strong flat and/or a soft (low-pitch) asymmetrical gable roof form with a combination of exposed and boxed rafters, moderate to wide projecting eaves and soffits that contain recessed exterior lighting.
 - c. Residential or park-like landscaping in immediate vicinity with small in-ground masonry planters.
 - d. Trellis or pergola structures attached to the exterior of the building incorporated as part of the entrance, or installed adjacent to the structure.
 - e. A mixture of natural materials: use of light woods, exposed masonry, terrazzo, and cork
 - i. Stacked bond masonry (concrete units or brick). Occasionally with raked vertical mortar joints and horizontal joints pointed flush to strengthen verticality
 - ii. Wood beams and elements are often molded or glue laminate with clear varnish
 - f. Interior fireplace and hearth

- g. Outdoor reading areas or patios accessed through sliding glass doors flanked by large fixed windows.
 - h. Based on historic photographs all window and door systems are comprised of standard extruded components with a clear or dark finish. The Carey & Company report alludes to wooden sash windows; however, none were observed during site visits and all historic photos reviewed depict metal windows.
 - i. Fenestration patterns have either a strong vertical or horizontal expression through the overall shape of the window opening or through the mullion arrangement. Windows are also grouped into large bays that overlook entries, and pedestrian or landscaped public areas. Windows or glass block are occasionally located in the clerestory or extended up to eaves or in gable.
 - j. Light fixtures are commonly fluorescent light boxes with slatted diffusers.
 - i. Sometimes comprised of about 8 light boxes and arranged in a square doughnut configuration.
 - ii. Sometimes rectangular in shape and installed end to end for the width or length of the room.
 - k. Exterior sign is comprised of non-illuminated metal pin letters
6. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that by postponing initiation of the landmark designation until after completion of the current renovation project for the Parkside and the Merced Branch Libraries, the Historic Preservation Commission would ensure that the operations of the library and the public's access to the resource can resume as quickly as possible; and
- ~~7. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that postponement of the landmark designation initiation would allow the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Department to seek out the required funding for preparation of a landmark designation report and provide sufficient time for staff to inspect the site and evaluate the historical integrity of the proposed landmark; and~~
- ~~8. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that postponement of the landmark designation initiation until after project completion would be consistent with the Landmark Preservation Advisory Board's decision to initiate designation of the Carnegie Libraries after the renovations had been completed; and~~
9. The Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed documents, correspondence and the oral testimony on matters relevant to the proposed initiation of landmark designation, at a duly noticed public hearing held on September 16, 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the historic Preservation Commission hereby approves initiation of landmark designation and/or multiple property listing designation of the Marina Branch Library, Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001; the Western Addition Branch Library, Assessor's Block 0793 Lot 002; the Excelsior Branch Library, Assessor's Block 6797, Lot 046; the North Beach Branch Library (building only), Assessor's Block 0074, Lot 001; and the Eureka Valley Branch Library, Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code at this time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby disapproves initiation of landmark designation and/or multiple property listing designation of the Parkside Branch Library, Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001 and the Merced Branch Library, Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code at this time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs Planning Department staff to calendar initiation of landmark designation and/or multiple property listing designation for review by the Historic Preservation Commission at a public hearing to be held subsequent to the

completion of the Branch Library Improvement Program project currently underway Parkside Branch Library, Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001 and the Merced Branch Library, Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001.

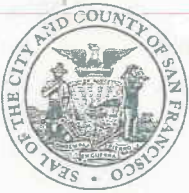
I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on ~~September 16, 2009~~ October 7, 2009.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Damkroger, Buckley, Martinez, Matsuda, Wolfram

NOES: Chase, Hasz

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SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Landmark Designation Case Report

Hearing Date: September 16, 2009

Request Date: September 2, 2009

Case No.: 2008.0968L

Project Address: *Parkside Branch Library:

Marina Branch Library:

* Merced Branch Library:

~~Ortega Branch Library:~~

North Beach Branch Library:

Eureka Valley Branch Library:

* Western Addition Branch Library:

Excelsior Branch Library:

Zoning: (P) Public or (P) Public and (OS) Open Space

Block/Lot: Parkside Branch Library: 2351/001

Marina Branch Library: 0469/001

Merced Branch Library: 7236/001

Ortega Branch Library: 2094/005

North Beach Branch Library: 0074/001

Eureka Valley Branch Library: 3564/095

Western Addition Branch Library: 0703/002

Excelsior Branch Library: 6797/046

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PROPERTY DESCRIPTIONS & SURROUNDING LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT

Parkside Branch Library: The subject building is a concrete structure with brick cladding and wide eave overhangs; and like all of the Appleton & Wolfard branch libraries, it features an outdoor patio and walls of windows that display the building's contents to pedestrians. It is located at on the edge of McCoppin Park at the corner of Taraval and 22nd Avenue within the Outer Sunset neighborhood. The library is orientated towards the neighborhood commercial services along Taraval Street. The area along 22nd Avenue is characterized by single and multi-family homes primarily constructed between the 1920s through the 1940s.

Marina Branch Library: The subject building is a concrete structure with brick cladding and wide eave overhangs; and like all of the Appleton & Wolfard branch libraries, it features an outdoor patio and walls of windows that display the building's contents to pedestrians. The subject building is located on Chestnut Street within the Moscone Recreation Center, and near the intersection of Chestnut and Webster

Streets within the Marina neighborhood. The surrounding context is primarily residential in character. Fort Mason is located to the northeast of the Recreation Center.

Merced Branch Library: The subject building is a single-story red brick clad concrete structure with asymmetrical gabled roofs and wide eave overhangs; and like all of the Appleton & Wolfard branch libraries, it features an outdoor patio and walls of windows that display the building's contents to pedestrians. It is located in the Lakeshore neighborhood, on a city-owned corner lot bounded by Winston Drive to the north, Stonecrest Drive to the east, and 19th Avenue to the west. The subject building is oriented east toward the residential neighborhoods east of 19th Avenue and adjacent to Junipero Serra Boulevard, including portions of Oceanside and West of Twin Peaks. The areas east of the subject lot are characterized by single-family, one- or two-story detached homes with landscaping in the front, sides, and rear. 19th Avenue, to the west of the subject building, is a busy transit artery with a mix of residential dwellings, commercial uses (including the Stonestown Galleria), and medical and office uses.

Ortega Branch Library: The subject building is a painted concrete structure that does not feature brick cladding, and the building is modular, with a flat roof and almost no overhang. Still, the Ortega branch bears several signature features of Appleton & Wolfard libraries, including its scale, walls of glass, outdoor terrace, and extensive pergolas. Perched on a hill with views of the Pacific to the west, the Ortega Branch Library was built as part of a larger civic center for the Sunset neighborhood and is surrounded by a playground, middle school, and elementary school. The subject building measures approximately 5,057 square feet and is located on a site operated by the Recreation and Parks Department. The library facility has approval by the Recreation and Park Department to use 21,875 square feet of the public open space for library purposes. South of the library is the West Sunset Playground which contains a children's play area, soccer fields, basketball and tennis courts, parking, and other sports fields. The public facilities are individually maintained by the San Francisco Public Library and the Department of Recreation and Parks.

North Beach Branch Library: The subject building is a concrete structure with brick cladding and wide eave overhangs; and like all of the Appleton & Wolfard branch libraries, it features an outdoor patio and walls of windows that display the building's contents to pedestrians. It is located within the North Beach neighborhood on Mason Street within the Joe DiMaggio Playground and is bounded by Lombard, Mason, and Columbus Streets. The immediate area is mixed in character with neighborhood-serving commercial uses and multi-family residences. This area is known for its historic association with the Italian immigrant community as well as its Bohemian ties and its handsome collection of historic residential, institutional, and commercial buildings largely represented by urban forms of Colonial Revival, Edwardian, Art Deco and Moderne period architectural styles.

Eureka Valley Branch Library: The subject building is a concrete structure with brick cladding and wide eave overhangs; and like all of the Appleton & Wolfard branch libraries, it features an outdoor patio and walls of windows that display the building's contents to pedestrians. The subject building is located on 16th Street between Pond and Prosper Streets in the Eureka Valley/Castro Neighborhood. The immediate vicinity is comprised of the heavily trafficked Upper Market Commercial District and is adjacent to many multi-family residential structures primarily constructed in the early part of the 20th - Century.

Western Addition Branch Library: The subject building is a concrete building with brick cladding and cinder block columns that support the entrance overhang. Like the Marina library, it combines an asymmetrical gable and a flat-roofed wing, both of which feature a wide eave overhang. Walls of windows invite pedestrians to browse the building's contents. Unlike the other Appleton & Wolfard libraries, the original exposed brick exterior has been painted. Bounded by Scott, Post, and Geary Streets, the subject building is located on city-owned property in Hamilton Square. The immediate area is mixed in character with neighborhood-serving commercial uses and multi-family residences.

Excelsior Branch Library: The subject building features a characteristic flat roof and central gable as well as a large window looking onto Cotter Street, it is generally a non-descript painted concrete building that blends into the commercial streetscape. The large window does not function like the others, in that it is too high for passers-by to see into the library, and it faces onto the less traveled residential street rather than the busy commercial street. Its small lot did not allow for an exterior patio. It is located at the corner of Mission and Cotter Streets within a neighborhood commercial district. While it is located on city-owned property, it is not situated within a larger park or a park-like setting. The immediate area is a high-traffic commercial corridor.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The case report and analysis under review was prepared by San Francisco Planning Department Preservation Staff based on the Carey & Company Historic Resources Technical Report for North Beach Library, dated April 30, 2009, as well as staff site visits, research, and the photo archives at the San Francisco Public Library.

The case before the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is the consideration of the initiation of the landmark designation of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries as San Francisco Landmarks under Article 10 of the Planning Code, Section 1004.1, and recommending that the Board of Supervisors approval of such designation.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW STATUS

The Planning Department has determined that actions by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment (specifically in this case, landmark designation) are exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical).

BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS ACTIONS

At their regularly scheduled public hearing on September 2, 2009, the Historic Preservation Commission requested Planning Department Staff to prepare a case and analysis report for the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries in consideration for the initiation of designation as City Landmarks at their September 16, 2009 hearing.

OTHER ACTIONS REQUIRED

None.

APPLICABLE PRESERVATION STANDARDS

ARTICLE 10

The Planning Code Section 1004 (a)(1) authorizes the landmark designation of "an individual structure or other feature or an integrated group of structures and features on a single lot or site, having special character or special historical, architectural or aesthetic interest or value, as a landmark." Landmark designation may be initiated by the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Arts Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, or by application of the property owner (Section 1004.1). Once initiated, the proposed designation is referred to the Historic Preservation Commission for a report and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve, disapprove or modify the proposal (Section 1004.2).

If the Historic Preservation Commission approves the designation, a copy of the resolution of approval is transmitted to the Board of Supervisors, which holds a public hearing on the designation and may approve, or modify and approve the designation (Section 1004.4). If the Historic Preservation Commission disapproves the proposed designation, such action shall be final, except upon the filing of a valid appeal to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days (Section 1004.5).

The designating ordinance shall include "the location and boundaries of the landmark site...a description of the characteristics of the landmark...which justify its designation, and a description of the particular features that should be preserved" (Planning Code Section 1004(b)).

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES CRITERIA

The Historic Preservation Commission on February 4, 2009, by Resolution No. 001, adopted the National Register Criteria as its methodology for recommending landmark designation of historic resources.

Under the National Register Criteria, the quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, feeling, materials, workmanship, and association, and that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history; or that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past or that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or that have yielded, or may likely yield, information important in prehistory or history.

BOUNDARIES OF THE LANDMARK SITES

The proposed landmark sites encompass the entire lot on which the subject buildings are located.

Parkside Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001.
Marina Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001
Merced Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001
North Beach Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 0074, Lot 001
Eureka Valley Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095

STAFF ANALYSIS

The Department had determined that the following libraries meet the requirements for individual National Register eligibility and encompass a thematically-related Multiple Property Listing (MPL). The justification for their inclusion is outlined below under the Criteria section of this case report.

Parkside (1951)
Marina (1953)
Merced (1957)
North Beach (1959)
Eureka Valley (1960)

The Department has determined that the following libraries do not meet the requirements for individual National or California Register eligibility; however, they are part of the broader Appleton & Wolfard library context. Please note that this analysis of eligibility is related only to their association with the Appleton & Wolfard libraries MPL and should not be considered a thorough evaluation of the properties listed below.

Ortega Branch Library (1955)
Western Addition Branch Library (1965)
Excelsior Branch Library (1966)

Based on historic photographs, site visits, and the review of the Carey & Company Report, dated April 30, 2009, the Department believes that both the Ortega Branch and the Western Addition Branch Libraries do not retain sufficient integrity to be considered for Landmark designation.

In regards to the Ortega Branch Library, of the seven aspects of integrity evaluated, the subject building does not appear to retain integrity of association, workmanship, setting, or feeling. The Western Addition Branch Library was renovated in early 2008 and no longer possesses sufficient integrity with regards to association, design, workmanship, feeling, and materials.

The Department also believes that the Excelsior Branch Library does not possess the character-defining features associated with the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries; it was constructed during the end of the building campaign when funding was very low and many of the Appleton & Wolfard characteristics were not included in the final design. It also does not exhibit the same site characteristics as the other libraries. The Excelsior Branch Library was renovated in early 2005 and any remaining character-defining features associated with the Appleton & Wolfard libraries on the interior were removed or altered. Specifically, the Department concurs with the Carey & Company report in that, " ...the Excelsior [Branch] library conveys the decline in interest and funding for library systems and buildings during the postwar period."

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LANDMARK SITES THAT JUSTIFY ITS DESIGNATION UNDER APPLICABLE NATIONAL REGISTER CRITERIA

Criteria A (Events)

The Appleton & Wolfard Libraries were designed and constructed during a period of unprecedented commitment at the local, state, and national levels towards the development of public library systems and modernization of library services and functions, in particular with the passage of the 1956 Library Services Act. In San Francisco, only branch libraries followed this historical trend and it appears that the eight Appleton & Wolfard libraries benefitted from modern library theories, practices, and programming. The five libraries listed above convey the broad trend of the social and cultural shifts in post-war American library programming and design when examined on their own and as part of a MPL as part of this building campaign. At the time, the branch libraries reflected the City's greatest capital expenditure in the library modernization movement. Combined, they embody all the principles of mid-twentieth-century American public library design and display a signature style developed by Appleton & Wolfard for these libraries. As part of the MPL, the Department believes that the focused building campaign, as realized through the Appleton & Wolfard libraries from 1951-1960, is eligible under the events criterion for its association with broad nationwide library modernization and program reform.

Criteria C (Architecture)

The Department believes that five of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries are eligible individually as part of a MPL under the architecture criterion. The libraries were constructed by the firm between 1951 and 1966. The branch libraries embody the principles of mid-twentieth-century American public library design and each displays an array of character-defining features that clearly distinguishes the firm's work within the body of San Francisco's civic architecture. Appleton & Wolfard designed more libraries in San Francisco than any other single firm in the city's history. The five branch libraries are eligible under the architecture criterion as works that possess a high artistic value and as the work of a firm that has made a significant contribution to San Francisco's built environment.

As a building type, individually and included in the MPL, all five libraries successfully convey many principles of postwar civic architecture and embody similar characteristics and features that identify them as the product of the firm Appleton & Wolfard. Each library design expresses a residential character and scale that also appears to draw strong influence from informal Scandinavian architectural designs of the period, notably contemporaries like Finnish architect Alvar Aalto. Similar characteristics between Scandinavian design during the same period and the Appleton & Wolfard libraries include scale, space planning, the use of natural light, and an appreciation of craftsmanship, color and texture of natural materials. For more information regarding the character-defining features, please see the character-defining features outlined within this case report.

The shift from the development of the classically-inspired hierarchy of pre-war civic architecture to a system based on leisure, recreation, and egalitarian social-service principles was a result of larger social and cultural changes than a mere interest in style. The Carey & Company report points to a revealing quote from a 1952 *Architectural Record* analysis of public libraries as a building type that articulates the evolution of the public library in program and design. In the analysis, Librarians Charles M. Mohrhardt and Ralph A. Ulveling remark, "The best of the new buildings show that a basic change in concept is taking place. The library is no longer a mere symbol of culture of a civic monument with pillars and impressive masses of steps: instead it is becoming a friendly place which reveals the resources within and

invites one to share its hospitality. Simplicity of form, openness and a functional layout are its basic characteristics." The Department concurs with the Carey & Company report in that, "In San Francisco, the Appleton & Wolfard libraries, including the North Beach Branch, embodied these changes."

Also of note, the Carey & Company report references a 1951 *San Francisco Chronicle* article regarding the Parkside Branch Library. In that article City Librarian Laurence J. Clarke explained the logic behind Appleton & Wolfard's design that sums up the mood of the period and the change in approach to many kinds of post-war civic architecture: "These days ... a public library must merchandise its services in much the same way a successful bookshop sells its wares. It must entice people, both young and old, to want to use it. Unfortunately, most existing public libraries look like a Water Department pumping station. Smart entrepreneurs make their cocktail lounges so attractive that you can't help but stay on for another drink. Why not libraries?"

While the work of the firm of Appleton & Wolfard has not been thoroughly analyzed and researched, based on the information that is known today, the North Beach Branch Library and the four others included in the MPL are the work of a credible firm whose oeuvre contains a number of handsome buildings identified as historic resources. Appleton & Wolfard began as the firm Hyman & Appleton during the early 20th-Century. Both Abraham Appleton and Samuel Hyman were educated in the Beaux-Arts tradition at the University of California, Berkeley. Together they designed a number of buildings, including residences, in a variety of styles for prominent San Francisco Jewish families. Through the influence of firm architect, Harold Wolfard, the firm expanded during World War II into designing within the Modernist aesthetic. Shortly after Hyman's death, Wolfard became partner in 1948 and transitioned the firm solidly into Modernist design practice.

Other highlighted works by Appleton & Hyman, and Appleton & Wolfard include, Visitacion Valley Elementary School – a contributor to the eligible San Francisco Golden Age of School Construction MPL; Golden Gate Conservatory of Flowers – listed on the National and California Registers and City Landmark #50; Weinstein's Department Store at 1035 Market Street – listed on the California Register as a contributor to the Market Street Theater & Loft District; and the Academy of Art College at 625 Sutter Street – a Category II (Significant) Building within the Kearny-Market-Mason-Sutter Conservation District.

Branch Library Landscaping: Aside from the Parkside Branch Library and the Ortega Branch Library, it is unclear if Appleton & Wolfard collaborated with outside landscape architects on the remaining branch libraries. The firm often collaborated with Modernist landscape architects. Of note, one of the firm's earliest partnerships was with landscape architects Garret Eckbo and Thomas Church on wartime housing at Hunter's Point. In regards to the branch libraries, the only information available regarding landscape design is found within the accolades provided to the Parkside Branch and the Ortega Branch in local papers as well as in the publications, *Architect & Engineer* and *Architectural Record*. Based on that information, the Parkside Branch surrounding landscape and planters were originally designed by landscape architect Lawrence Halprin. The Ortega Branch landscape was part of a Master Plan designed in 1945 by Wurster, Bernardi, and Emmons where Thomas Church was the noted as the landscape architect.

In regards to the North Beach Branch, part of a compromise for losing playground space was that the architects were supposed to incorporate playground space into their designs for the new library. That playground space was not included in the plans and any surrounding playground space was likely developed by the City's Department of Recreation and Parks. The Department believes that the planters and related landscaping at the North Beach Branch Library were designed by Appleton & Wolfard.

INTEGRITY OF THE LANDMARK SITES

Based on Department site visits to the eight libraries, the Department believes that five retain a sufficient integrity. Below is a brief description of the historic integrity of each of the branch libraries.

Parkside Branch Library: The Parkside Branch is currently under rehabilitation and based on a cursory review of the proposed plans it appears that it will still retain a high level of integrity after rehabilitation.

Marina Branch Library: The Marina Branch was rehabilitated in 2007 and it retains the majority of its character-defining features and possesses a high level of architectural integrity.

Merced Branch Library: The Merced Branch Library is currently under rehabilitation and based on the Department's review of the proposed plans, it appears that it will still retain a high level of integrity after rehabilitation.

Ortega Branch Library: Of the seven aspects of integrity evaluated, the Ortega Branch Library does not appear to retain integrity of association, workmanship, setting, or feeling. The Department does not believe that this branch library retains sufficient integrity for consideration as a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code

North Beach Branch Library: The North Beach Branch Library possesses a high level of integrity and appears to have undergone almost no alterations over the course of its life.

Eureka Valley Branch Library: The Eureka Valley Branch Library was rehabilitated in 2009 and retains the majority of its character-defining features and possesses a high level of architectural integrity.

Western Addition Branch Library: The Western Addition Branch Library was renovated in early 2008 and no longer possesses sufficient integrity with regards to association, design, workmanship, feeling, and materials. The Department does not believe that this branch library retains sufficient integrity for consideration as a Landmark under Article 10 of the Planning Code.

Excelsior Branch Library: The Excelsior Branch Library does not appear to be an excellent or significant example of the Appleton & Wolfard's post-war, public library design. The Excelsior Branch Library does not possess the character-defining features associated with the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries; it was constricted during the end of the building campaign when funding was very low and many of the Appleton & Wolfard characteristics were not included in the final design. It also does not exhibit the same site characteristics as the other libraries. The Excelsior Branch Library was renovated in early 2005 and any remaining character-defining features associated with the Appleton & Wolfard libraries on the interior were removed or altered.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE LANDMARK TO BE PRESERVED

Based on a review the Carey & Company Report, Planning Department site visits, and supporting documents, the Planning Department recommends that the character-defining features that should be respected and retained are encompassed along all exterior elevations, including rooflines, which are visible from the public-rights-of-way. The list of character-defining features below applies to each of the Appleton & Wolfard libraries listed under this designation report.

- a. One-story in height with double height main reading rooms, an open floor plan, and an overall residential "ranch-style" character.
- b. A strong flat and/or a soft (low-pitch) asymmetrical gable roof form with a combination of exposed and boxed rafters, moderate to wide projecting eaves with soffits that contain recessed exterior lighting.
- c. Residential or park-like landscaping in immediate vicinity with small in-ground masonry planters.
- d. Trellis or pergola structures attached to the exterior of the building incorporated as part of the entrance, or installed adjacent to the structure.
- e. A mixture of natural materials: use of light woods, exposed masonry, terrazzo, cork.
 - i. Stacked bond masonry (concrete units or brick). Occasionally with raked vertical mortar joints and horizontal joints pointed flush to strengthen verticality
 - ii. Wood beams and elements are often molded or glue laminate with clear varnish
- f. Interior fireplace and hearth
- g. Outdoor reading areas or patios accessed through sliding glass doors flanked by large fixed windows.
- h. Based on historic photographs all window and door systems are comprised of standard extruded components with a clear or dark finish. The Carey & Company report alludes to wooden sash windows; however, none were observed during site visits and all historic photos reviewed depict metal windows.
- i. Fenestration patterns have either a strong vertical or horizontal expression through the overall shape of the window opening or through the mullion arrangement. Windows are also grouped into large bays that overlook entries, and pedestrian or landscaped public areas. Windows or glass block are occasionally located in the clerestory or extended up to eaves or in gable.
- j. Light fixtures are commonly fluorescent light boxes with slatted diffusers.
 - i. Sometimes comprised of about 8 light boxes and arranged in a square doughnut configuration.
 - ii. Sometimes rectangular in shape and installed end to end for the width or length of the room.
- k. Exterior sign is comprised of non-illuminated metal pin letters

GENERAL PLAN POLICIES

The Urban Design Element of the San Francisco General Plan contains the following relevant objectives and policies:

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 the significant historic resources as local landmarks will further continuity with the past because the buildings will be preserved for the benefit of future generations. Landmark designation will require that the Planning Department and the Historic Preservation Commission review any proposed work that may have an impact on character-defining features. Both entities will utilize the Secretary of Interior's *Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* in their review to ensure that only appropriate, compatible alterations are made.

GENERAL PLAN POLICIES

The Open Space and Recreation Element of the San Francisco General Plan contains the following relevant objectives and policies:

OBJECTIVE 2: Develop and maintain a diversified and balances citywide system of high quality open space.

POLICY 2.4: Gradually eliminate non-recreational uses in parks and playground and reduce automobile traffic in and around public open spaces.

The proposed removal of the North Beach Branch Library is in conformance with this policy of the general plan. In this case where it is possible to provide services elsewhere and eliminate non-recreational uses in the park and playground, demolish the facility and return the site to open space use, the Department supports the City's decision to relocate the North Beach Branch Library and remove the existing structure in order to improve the quality of the open space within Joe DiMaggio Playground.

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING CODE SECTION 101.1 – GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY AND IMPLEMENTATION

Planning Code Section 101.1 – Eight Priority Policies establishes and requires review of permits for consistency with said policies. On balance, the proposed designation is in conflict with the priority policies in that:

- a. The proposed designation will further Priority Policy No. 7, that landmarks and historic

buildings be preserved. Landmark designation will help to preserve a significant historical resource that is associated with events and architecture that embody the work of a master, and that embody the library modernization and program reform nationwide and in San Francisco.

- b. The proposal to designate the North Beach Library is in conflict with Priority Policy No. 8, that our parks and open space and their access to sunlight and vistas be protected from development because there is an opportunity to relocate the library and return the existing library site into recreational space as part of Joe DiMaggio playground

PUBLIC/NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT

At the time of this report, the Department has received one position letter on the case and this information is included as an attachment to this report for the Commission's consideration. The Department has also received correspondence from the public regarding the MPL and the proposed site for the new library. This public input is included the HPC's correspondence folder.

PROPERTY OWNER INPUT

The property owner is the City of San Francisco.

DRAFT MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

The Historic Preservation Commission may approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications initiation of landmark designation of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries, pursuant to Planning Code Section 1004.1 to be pursued upon the completion of the current renovation projects.

If the Historic Preservation Commission approves the initiation of landmark designation, then staff will prepare a landmark designation report for review by the Historic Preservation Commission at a public hearing. At such time, the Historic Preservation Commission may recommend approval, disapproval, or approval with modifications of the proposed designation of the following libraries as San Francisco Landmarks under Article 10 of the Planning Code to the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Planning Code Section 1004.1. If the Commission approves the designation, a copy of the resolution of approval is transmitted to the Board of Supervisors, which holds a public hearing on the designation and may approve, or modify and approve the designation (Section 1004.4). If the Historic Preservation Commission disapproves the proposed designation, such action shall be final, except upon the filing of a valid appeal to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days (Section 1004.5).

Parkside Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001.
Marina Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001
Merced Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001
North Beach Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 0074, Lot 001
Eureka Valley Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095

PLANNING DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATION

1. At this time, the Planning Department supports the initiation of landmark designation of the following libraries as landmarks under Article 10 of the Planning Code:

Marina Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001
Eureka Valley Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095

The subject buildings are historical resources that are both locally and nationally significant as they embody distinctive characteristics of a type and period.

2. The Planning Department supports the initiation of landmark designation of the following libraries after the completion of the currently approved renovation projects. This will allow the operations of the library and the public's access to resume as quickly as possible.

Parkside Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001
Merced Branch Library:	Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001

The subject buildings are historical resources that are both locally and nationally significant as they embody distinctive characteristics of a type and period. Postponement of the landmark designation initiation until after project completion would be consistent with the Landmark Preservation Advisory Board's decision to initiate designation of the Carnegie Libraries after the renovations had been completed. The Planning Department recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission postpone initiating designation of the subject sites as local landmarks until after the libraries have completed their renovation work as indicated below.

Parkside Branch Library: Currently under renovation. Anticipated opening fall 2010. Planning Department Recommended initiation of Landmark designation in winter 2010

Merced Branch Library: Currently under renovation. Anticipated opening fall 2010. Planning Department Recommended initiation of Landmark designation in winter 2010

3. The Planning Department does not support the designation of the following libraries as landmarks under Article 10 of the Planning Code:

North Beach Branch - Library Assessor's Block 0074, Lot 001

The subject building is historical resource that is both locally and nationally significant as it embodies distinctive characteristics of a type and period. The Planning Department recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission adopt a resolution not initiating designation of the subject sites as a local landmark. In this case the Planning Department believes that the opportunity to return the site to open space use and improve the quality of the open space within Joe DiMaggio Playground will be more beneficial to the North Beach neighborhood than the retention of the existing library.

ATTACHMENTS

- A. *North Beach Branch Library Historic Resources Technical Support* prepared by Carey & Company – Please refer to previous packet submitted for the September 2, 2009 HPC hearing.

- B. Draft Historic Preservation Commission Resolution initiating designation and recommending Board of Supervisors approval.
- C. Photos
- D. Letters Submitted by the Public

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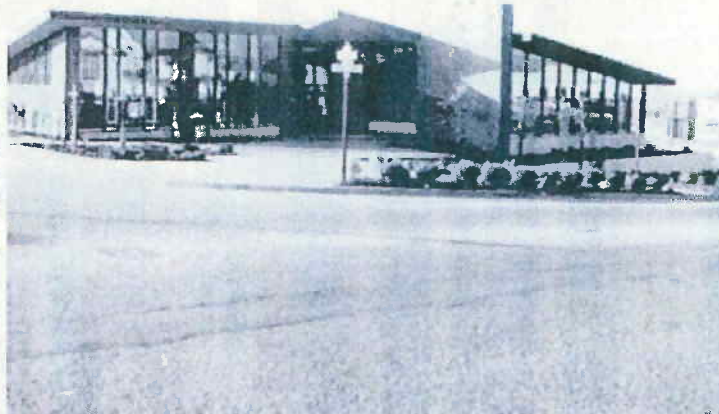
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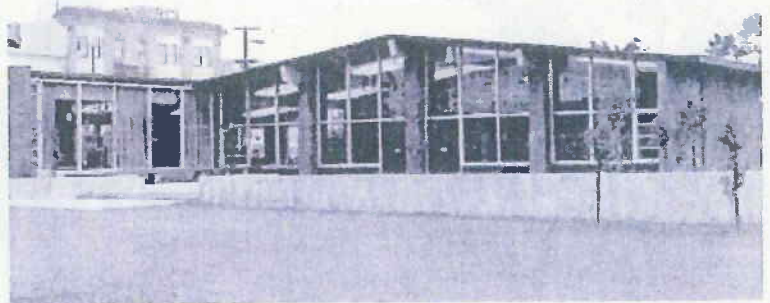
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North Beach Branch Library



SAN FRANCISCO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

RESOLUTION No. _____

ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO INITIATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE

Parkside Branch Library: Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001
Marina Branch Library: Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001
Merced Branch Library: Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001
Eureka Valley Branch Library: Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095

North Beach

10/7/09
AS LANDMARK NO. _____

1. **WHEREAS**, on ~~September 2~~, 2009, Charles Chase, President, Historic Preservation Commission, requested a hearing to consider initiation of Landmark Designation for the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries in consideration designation as City Landmarks pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code; and
2. The Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of September 16, 2009, reviewed staff analysis of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries' historical significance per the National Register Criteria as part of the Landmark Designation Initiation Case Report dated September 16, 2009; and
3. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Parkside Branch Library, the Marina Branch Library, the Merced Branch Library, and the Eureka Valley Branch Library appear to meet the eligibility requirements for listing on both the National Register and the California Register of Historical Places per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrant consideration for landmark designation; and
4. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the following list of features should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they appear to relate to the building's historical significance and to retain historical integrity; and
 - a. One-story in height with double height main reading rooms, an open floor plan, and an overall residential "ranch-style" character.
 - b. A strong flat and/or a soft (low-pitch) asymmetrical gable roof form with a combination of exposed and boxed rafters, moderate to wide projecting eaves with soffits that contain recessed exterior lighting.
 - c. Residential or park-like landscaping in immediate vicinity with small in-ground masonry planters.
 - d. Trellis or pergola structures attached to the exterior of the building incorporated as part of the entrance, or installed adjacent to the structure.

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- e. A mixture of natural materials: use of light woods, exposed masonry, terrazzo, and cork.
 - i. Stacked bond masonry (concrete units or brick). Occasionally with raked vertical mortar joints and horizontal joints pointed flush to strengthen verticality
 - ii. Wood beams and elements are often molded or glue laminate with clear varnish
 - f. Interior fireplace and hearth
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 - ii. Sometimes rectangular in shape and installed end to end for the width or length of the room.
 - k. Exterior sign is comprised of non-illuminated metal pin letters
5. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that by postponing initiation of the landmark designation until after completion of the current renovation project for the Parkside and the Merced Branch Libraries, the Historic Preservation Commission would ensure that the operations of the library and the public's access to the resource can resume as quickly as possible; and
6. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that postponement of the landmark designation initiation would allow the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Department to seek out the required funding for preparation of a landmark designation report and provide sufficient time for staff to inspect the site and evaluate the historical integrity of the proposed landmark; and
7. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that postponement of the landmark designation initiation until after project completion would be consistent with the Landmark Preservation Advisory Board's decision to initiate designation of the Carnegie Libraries after the renovations had been completed; and
8. The Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed documents, correspondence and oral testimony on matters relevant to the proposed initiation of landmark designation, at a duly noticed public hearing

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held on September 16, 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves initiation of landmark designation of the Marina Branch Library, Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001 and the Eureka Valley Branch Library, Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code at this time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ~~Historic Preservation Commission hereby disapproves~~ initiation of landmark designation of the Parkside Branch Library, Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001 and the Merced Branch Library, Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code at this time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs Planning Department staff to calendar initiation of landmark designation for review by the Historic Preservation Commission at a public hearing to be held subsequent to the completion of the Branch Library Improvement Program project currently underway Parkside Branch Library, Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001 and the Merced Branch Library, Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on September 16, 2009.

Linda Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED:

SAN FRANCISCO LIBRARY COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-

RESOLUTION URGING THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING INITIATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE PARK BRANCH LIBRARY AND FIVE APPLETON & WOLFARD BRANCH LIBRARIES -- PARKSIDE, MARINA, MERCED, NORTH BEACH, AND EUREKA VALLEY

WHEREAS, The Branch Library Improvement Program (BLIP) calls for renovation of sixteen branches, replacement of four leased facilities with City-owned buildings, three branches to be replaced with new buildings, and one brand-new branch to be constructed in Mission Bay; and,

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Public Library (SFPL) has a strong history of preserving its facilities, which include seven Carnegie libraries that have been initiated for landmark status including the Noe Valley Branch Library which won a 2008 California Preservation Design Award and a 2009 California Preservation Foundation Award; and

WHEREAS, The SFPL is careful to balance preservation and restoration with seismic safety, accessibility, and affordability and takes pride in maintaining San Francisco's legacy while fulfilling the voter's direction for safe, modern libraries that foster life-long learning and literacy for many decades to come; and

WHEREAS, The SFPL and the previous Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board had an understanding that historic libraries would receive landmark status after the completion of their renovations; and

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Planning Department preservation staff studied the eight branches designed by the architects Appleton & Wolfard and

the Park Branch Library (see Landmark Designation Case Reports No. 2008.0968L and No. 2009.0852L); and

WHEREAS, Two of the Appleton & Wolfard designed branches, Parkside and Merced, are currently under construction and initiating landmark nomination at this time could impact the cost and delay the schedule of the projects; and

WHEREAS, One of the Appleton & Wolfard designed branches, the North Beach project, is undergoing a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) including transportation, shadow, views, preservation alternatives, community needs and other studies and initiating landmark designation at this time would circumvent this process and furthermore, the Planning Department believes that the opportunity to return the site to open space use and improve the quality of the open space within Joe DiMaggio Playground will be more beneficial to the North Beach neighborhood than the retention of the existing library; and

WHEREAS, The Planning Department's preservation staff approved the Park Branch Library remodeling plans and advertising the project for bid is anticipated to take place this month, therefore initiating landmark nomination could impact the cost and delay the schedule of the project; and

WHEREAS, The Marina Branch Library renovation is complete and the Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library is opening October 24, 2009, the SFPL welcomes the initiation of landmark nomination for these two completed Appleton & Wolfard designed branches; and

WHEREAS, Under Article 10 of the Planning Code, the Historic Preservation Commission has authority to initiate landmark designation for buildings in the City and County of San Francisco; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the Historic Preservation Commission to concur with Planning Department staff to initiate landmark

designation of the renovated Marina and Eureka Valley/Harvey Milk Memorial branch libraries; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the Historic Preservation Commission to concur with Planning Department staff to postpone initiation of landmark designation for the Parkside and Merced branch libraries until after completion of the current renovation projects; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the Historic Preservation Commission to concur with Planning Department staff to not initiate landmark designation for the North Beach Branch Library; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Library Commission urges the Historic Preservation Commission to concur with Planning Department staff to postpone initiation of landmark designation for the Park Branch Library until after completion of the current remodeling project.

Approved on:

By a vote of

Library Commission Secretary