

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

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

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8 deletions are *strike-through italics Times New Roman*.  
9 Board amendment additions are double-underlined;  
Board amendment deletions are ~~strikethrough normal~~.

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

11 Section 1. Findings.

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

16 (B) On October 7, 2009, the Historic Preservation Commission passed Resolution  
17 638, initiating consideration of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries for designation as San  
18 Francisco Landmarks pursuant to Section 1004.1 of the San Francisco Planning Code. 1890  
19 Chestnut Street (a.k.a. the Marina Branch Library, Lot 001 in Assessor's Block No. 0469) was  
20 included in the initiation Resolution. Such resolution is on file with the Clerk of the Board in  
21 File No. 101229 and incorporated herein by reference.

22 (C) On June 16, 2010, after holding a public hearing on the proposed designation  
23 and having considered the specialized analyses prepared by Planning Department staff and  
24 the Landmark Designation Case Report(s) prepared by Johanna Street dated March 26, 2010  
25 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).

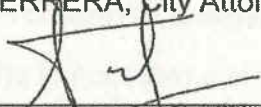
9 (B) The characteristics of the Landmark that justify its designation are described and  
10 shown in the Landmark Designation Case Reports and other supporting materials contained  
11 in Planning Department Case Docket No. 2008.0968L. In brief, the Marina Branch Library is  
12 eligible for designation 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:  
12 DENNIS J. HERRERA, City Attorney

13 By:   
14 ANDREA RUIZ-ESQUIDE  
15 Deputy City Attorney



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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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