

FILE NO. 90-73-7

ORDINANCE NO. 11-74

1 DESIGNATING THE HASLETT WAREHOUSE AS A LANDMARK PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 10 OF THE CITY
2 PLANNING CODE.

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

4 Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby finds that the Haslett Warehouse at
5 680 Beach Street, being Lot 2 in Assessor's Block 10, has a special character and
6 special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value, and that its
7 designation as a Landmark will be in furtherance of and in conformance with the
8 purposes of Article 10 of the City Planning Code and the standards set forth therein.

9 (a) Designation. Pursuant to Section 1004 of the City Planning Code,
10 Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, the Haslett Warehouse is
11 hereby designated as a Landmark, this designation having been duly approved by
12 Resolution No. 7075 of the City Planning Commission, which Resolution is on file
13 with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors under File No.

14 (b) Required Data. The location and boundaries of the landmark site, the
15 characteristics of the landmark which justify its designation, and the particular
16 features that should be preserved, described and included in the said Resolution
17 are hereby incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth.

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23 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

24 THOMAS M. O'CONNOR
25 CITY ATTORNEY

RECOMMENDED:

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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28 By Robert A. Linealey
29 Deputy City Attorney

30 By Allan B. Jacobs
Allan B. Jacobs
Director of Planning

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Passed for Second Reading
Board of Supervisors, San Francisco

DEC 26 1973

Ayes: Supervisors Barbagelata, Chinn, Feinstein,
~~Francois~~, Gonzales, Kopp, Mendelsohn, Molinari,
Pelosi, Tamaras, von Beroldingen.

~~Noes: Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors ~~FRANCOIS~~

 ACTING Clerk

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

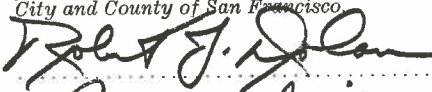
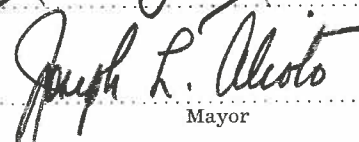
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Ayes: Supervisors Barbagelata, Chinn, Feinstein,
~~Francois~~, Gonzales, ~~Kopp~~, Mendelsohn, Molinari,
Pelosi, Tamaras, von Beroldingen.

~~Noes: Supervisors~~

Absent: Supervisors ~~FRANCOIS~~ ~~KOPP~~

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

 Clerk
 Mayor

LM 73.4

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF LANDMARK

Notice is hereby given to all persons, pursuant to Section 1004.6 of the City Planning Code, Chapter II, Part II of the San Francisco Municipal Code, that the property described below, of which the current owner is State of California, Department of General Services, has been designated as a Landmark by Ordinance No. 11-74 of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, effective February 4, 1974. A copy of this Ordinance is on file with the Clerk of the said Board of Supervisors. The effect of this designation is to impose certain controls and standards on the said property and on the improvements thereon, as set forth in Article 10 of the City Planning Code and in the designating Ordinance.

The subject property is legally described and known as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly line of Beach Street and the easterly line of Hyde Street; thence northerly along the easterly line of Hyde Street for a distance of 275 feet to the point of intersection with the southerly line of Jefferson Street; thence at a right angle easterly along the southerly line of Jefferson Street for a distance of 202.834 feet; thence at a right angle southerly for a distance of 141.130 feet; thence along the arc of a curve bearing easterly for a distance of 138.475 feet to a point on the northerly line of Beach Street 178.10 feet westerly of the westerly line of Leavenworth Street; thence westerly along the northerly line of Beach Street for a distance of 234.40 feet to the point of beginning; being Lot 2 in Assessor's Block 10.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.
LAWRENCE J. LE GUENNEC
RECORDEROFFICIAL
N/CDated: JAN 28 1974

Department of City Planning

By: R. Spencer Steele
Zoning AdministratorState of California) ss
City and County of San Francisco)

On JAN 28 1974, before the undersigned, personally appeared R. Spencer Steele, known to me to be the Zoning Administrator of the City and County of San Francisco, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of my office, the day and year last above written.

~~Martin Hangan, Recorder~~ LAWRENCE J. LE GUENNEC, Recorder

By: John [Signature] Deputy
Deputy County Recorder

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SAN FRANCISCO

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

RESOLUTION NO. 7075

WHEREAS, A proposal to designate the Haslett Warehouse at 658 Beach Street as a Landmark pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Planning Code was initiated by the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board on August 22, 1973, and said Advisory Board, after due consideration, has recommended approval of this proposal; and

WHEREAS, The City Planning Commission, after due notice given, held a public hearing on September 20, 1973, to consider the proposed designation and the report of said Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, The Commission believes that the proposed Landmark has a special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value; and that the proposed designation would be in furtherance of and in conformance with the purposes and standards of the said Article 10;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, First, that the proposal to designate the Haslett Warehouse at 658 Beach Street as a Landmark pursuant to Article 10 of the City Planning Code is hereby APPROVED, the location and boundaries of the landmark site being as follows:

Beginning at the point of intersection of the northerly line of Beach Street and the westerly line of Hyde Street; thence northerly along the westerly line of Hyde Street for a distance of 275 feet to the point of intersection with the southerly line of Jefferson Street; thence at a right angle easterly along the southerly line of Jefferson Street for a distance of 202.834 feet; thence at a right angle southerly for a distance of 141.130 feet; thence along the arc of a curve bearing easterly for a distance of 138.475 feet to a point on the northerly line of Beach Street 178.10 feet westerly of the westerly line of Leavenworth Street; thence westerly along the northerly line of Beach Street for a distance of 234.40 feet to the point of beginning. Being Lot 2 in Assessor's Block 10, which property is known as 658 Beach Street.

Second, That the special character and special historical, architectural and aesthetic interest and value of the said Landmark justifying its designation are set forth in the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board Resolution No. 89 as adopted on August 22, 1973, which resolution is incorporated herein and made a part hereof as though fully set forth;

Third, That the said Landmark should be preserved generally in all of its particular exterior features as existing on the date hereof and as described and depicted in the photographs, case report and other material on file in the Department of City Planning Docket LM 73.4;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission hereby directs its Secretary to transmit the proposal for designation, with a copy of this Resolution, to the Board of Supervisors for appropriate action.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the City Planning Commission at its regular meeting of September 20, 1973.

Lynn E. Pio
Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Farrell, Fleishhacker, Porter, Ritchie, Rueda

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Mellon, Newman

PASSED: September 20, 1973

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LANDMARKS PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
Case Report - Approved August 22, 1973

HASLETT WAREHOUSE
680 Beach Street

- OWNER: State of California (Department of General Services).
- LOCATION: 680 Beach Street, the northeast corner of Beach and Hyde Streets, being Lot 2 in Assessor's Block 10.
- HISTORY: The building now known as Haslett Warehouse was built in 1907-09 as the warehouse for the Cannery. The architect was William S. Mooser, Jr., the same architect responsible for the major portion of the buildings in the Ghirardelli Square complex.
- William S. Mooser, Jr. was one of the most prominent Bay Area architects in the early part of the century. A native San Franciscan and son of the local architect William Mooser, best known for his Pioneer Mills, still an important part of the Ghirardelli Square complex, Mooser, Jr., designed the New Western Hotel and collaborated on the designs for the Second-Empire styled French Hospital building of 1894. From 1900 to 1904 Mooser, Jr. served as San Francisco's first city architect. He also headed the first Bureau of Buildings, drafting the first building code for the city and issuing the first building permits.
- This building was commissioned by the California Fruit Canner's Association at the same time as the Cannery across the courtyard. Until 1936, the peaches, asparagus, peas, cherries, tomatoes and apricots were brought to San Francisco by riverboat and ferry from the interior valleys of California and after processing on the Cannery assembly line were shuttled across the street via a short railroad line for storage here where they awaited distribution. When the company merged in 1916 with three other canners to form the California Packing Company, foods bore the Del Monte label.
- By 1936 California Packing began phasing out its canning operations next door. A number of factors consorted to convince the company to move their headquarters to the East Bay. Now established across the Bay, closer to its rural labor pool and to the transportation facilities which would speed its goods to outlets in the eastern section of the country, California Packing Company converted the former Cannery to warehouse use. From 1937-1948 both the Cannery and the present Haslett Warehouse served as storage space for the company's goods.
- The building was purchased in 1948 by the Haslett Warehouse Company to expand its chain of 16 warehouses. A leader in the warehouse business in San Francisco since 1878, Haslett used this "harbor warehouse" for storing public goods. Later the building was also a Bonded Warehouse, the Haslett Company taking over this business and the ensuing accounts from the near-by Seawall Warehouse (now demolished).
- Over the years the warehouse has sheltered many unusual items. For 13 years, from 1930 to 1943, the numbered and disassembled pieces of an Italian monastery acquired by William Randolph Hearst, reposed within before being transferred to another waiting post behind the Japanese Tea Gardens in Golden Gate Park.

HISTORY:
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Shortly after World War II, Haslett Warehouse served as a mortuary--the bodies of deceased Chinese bound for burial in their homeland were detained at the warehouse until brokers determined that a full cargo load could depart for China. The warehouse was also used to store imported automobiles, tires and, until 1948, numerous items from China.

In 1963 the Haslett Company sold the warehouse to the State of California which intended to convert the distinguished building to a Railroad and Locomotive Museum. For various reasons the conversion was never realized and the State has more recently leased the building to private business on a temporary basis.

ARCHITECTURE:

Fronting on three streets and The Cannery courtyard, the facades of this four story brick structure rise to a basic uniform height but due to the slope of adjacent streets, the number of stories visible above grade varies from two to four. Along Jefferson Street and the courtyard, all four stories are exposed. Along most of the Beach Street frontage, three stories are visible along a depressed, landscaped sidewalk. At the extreme westerly end of Beach at its intersection with Hyde, only two floors rise above grade, the lower (actually third floor) housing the principal entrance to the building. Because Hyde Street has a continuous slope from Beach to Jefferson, the number of stories in this facade ranges from two to four.

Detailing of the street facades is handsomely achieved through decorative brickwork and the original rhythmic window arrangement, alterations to the latter notwithstanding. The decorative brickwork (save for window cornices), occurs only above the lowest story, consists of pilasters and cornices. On Hyde Street, the pilasters divide the facade into twelve evenly spaced bays containing two windows per floor. On Beach and Jefferson Streets, the facades are similarly arranged into five bays with three windows at each floor level. Raised brick cornices are found at the second and fourth floor levels and also at the roof line, above which a parapet rises. On the facades facing Hyde Street and the courtyard the parapet height exceeds that found on Beach and Jefferson Streets. In this additional height, interruptions or crenels appear above alternate pilasters on Hyde Street. They are also reflected in the courtyard parapet and, except for window cornices, are the only decorative brickwork embellishment on this facade.

Deep-set, the original windows are all relatively tall and narrow with those on the lowest floor having the greatest height. All are surmounted by flattened arched cornices of brick patterned in header courses into which are inset simulated keystones of bricks in soldier courses.

Recent alterations have affected the fenestration; nevertheless, the original pattern is still discernible through the cornices which remain intact. These changes have resulted most noticeably in the installation of short, wider rectangular windows on the upper floors on all facades except that facing Beach. Enlarged windows or openings topped by a flattened arched cornice also appear occasionally in the regular window pattern. These are found on either side of the main entry,

ARCHITECTURE:
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on the third floor facing the courtyard near Jefferson and on the same facade at second floor level opening onto balconies overlooking the courtyard. The latter in particular, may be original--directly below their sill level regularly spaced recesses into the brick wall are seen. These apparently at one time supported beams which may have been structural members of a loading platform no longer extant. The 1919 Sanborn map indicates that such a platform once existed in this area, between the building and a spur track, both of which were removed to develop the courtyard.

Currently, the two upper floors are occupied by offices uses. The lower floors are used for storage and shops by the California Department of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the maritime exhibit on the Hyde Street Pier.

The structure is heavily studded with tie rod anchor plates each embellished with a five pointed star. Other decorative elements consist of black, closely spaced gas lights on standards in the sidewalk area of Hyde Street. Identical bracketed lanterns flank the principal entry and are found on the pilasters of the Beach Street facade; they also mark the secondary entrance on Jefferson Street.

Although a 20th Century structure, the building exemplifies the genre of warehouses which were once predominant in the northern waterfront area of San Francisco. Because many have been razed, this building, at this location is of utmost significance to the Fisherman's Wharf area. Located opposite the terminal of the Hyde Street Cable car, it establishes--or has the capacity to do so--the character of the area for those arriving. It calls to mind the past waterfront uses; it sets the standard for scale and proportion in the area, and its straightforward expression of brick as a building material is a preview of what is to be found in the vicinity. It is a most fitting backdrop not only for the activity of the cable car turntable, but for the entire park. When examined in the total context of the area, it is difficult to imagine a more appropriate structure.

SURROUNDING LAND
USE AND ZONING:

The zoning is C-2 (Community Business Districts) and is also located in the Northern Waterfront Special Use District No. 2. The height limit is 40 feet. In recent years, this entire area has experienced a transition from industrial uses dependent upon a waterfront location to leisure-oriented commercial uses and small offices occupying, for the most part, renovated structures. Immediate neighborhood uses include: to the east, The Cannery; to the north, Fish Alley; to the west, State Historic Maritime Park (including the Hyde Street Pier); and to the south, a brick office building containing a wine museum is nearing completion.