

SAN FRANCISCO
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION No. ???

ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO INITIATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE PARK BRANCH LIBRARY LOCATED AT 1833 PAGE STREET AS LANDMARK NO. ???.

1. **WHEREAS**, on September 2, 2009, Charles Chase, President, Historic Preservation Commission, requested a hearing to consider initiation of Landmark Designation of the Park Branch Library located at 1833 Page Street on Assessor's Block 1229, Lot 031, as a Landmark 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 Park Branch Library's 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 Park Branch Library appears 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 warrants 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. Exterior composition and materials.
 - b. The paneled vestibule.
 - c. The spatial volume of the Main Reading Room.
5. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that by postponing initiation of the landmark designation until after completion of the current renovation project, 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

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decision to initiate designation of the Carnegie Libraries after the renovations had been completed;
and

8. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that Department staff has reviewed the current project and found that it will have no impact to the proposed landmark's character-defining features as presented above, so that postponement of the landmark designation initiation until after project completion would not impact the site's historical integrity or eligibility for designation; and
9. 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 held on September 16, 2009.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby disapproves initiation of landmark designation of 1833 Page Street, Park Branch Library, Assessor's Block 1229, Lot 031 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 at the Park Branch Library.

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: