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PLANNING DEPARTMENT Director's Report

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Post 1906 Reconstruction Period Buildings Designated as a Landmark District

On April 9, 2013, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors joined the Planning and Historic Preservation Commissions in unanimously approving the landmark district status to eight buildings on and near Market Street, citing the architectural significance of each building. All of the buildings in the newly granted Market Street Masonry Landmark District are separated along a stretch of Market Street, but are similar in structure and known for their association with San Francisco's reconstruction after the 1906 earthquake and fire.

The Planning Department's vision under the Market and Octavia Plan is to create a balance of new development while retaining historical features around Market Street. This designation of the Masonry Landmark District aligns with the department's goal to revitalize and share San Francisco's unique character.



Photo: 150 Franklin Street building, part of the Market Street Masonry Landmark District.

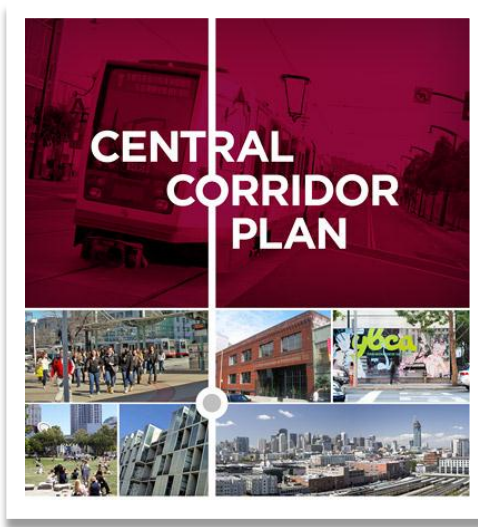
Priority Permit Program for Small Businesses Approved

The San Francisco Planning Commission unanimously approved the Small Business Priority Processing Pilot Program, a program designed to make it easier and quicker for San Francisco small businesses to get planning permits.

Developed in collaboration with the Planning Commission, the Small Business Commission, the Mayor's Invest in Neighborhoods Program, and the Office of Small Business, this new program will save small business owners time by guaranteeing qualified projects a Commission hearing within 90 days of application, a process that can otherwise take as long as six months. The program will also include dedicated City staff, and a shorter, simpler internal review process.

The two-year pilot program took effect immediately upon approval.

Planning Department Steps into Second Phase of the Central Corridor Plan



The department published the Central Corridor Draft Plan, a plan that supports growth and public improvements along and around the transit-rich South Street corridor in the South of Market area. The Central Corridor project was first initiated in 2011, and the Draft Plan is the culmination of two years of idea gathering and public conversations about the future of the area between 2nd and 6th, adjacent to the new Central Subway.

The Central Corridor Plan is being managed by the Planning Department in collaboration with San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, and other agencies, and builds on past and current planning efforts within the vicinity.

The department encourages businesses, residents and neighborhood groups to provide their input and opinion on the Central Corridor Plan over the coming months at <http://centralcorridor.sfplanning.org>.

New Planning Commission Economic Stimulus Policy

The San Francisco Planning Commission established a one-time opt-in economic stimulus policy to foster the implementation of projects that have been delayed by the recent economic recession. The policy is intended to rejuvenate development projects generally approved more than three years ago, which would otherwise require re-approval by the Planning Commission at a public hearing.

Sponsors of eligible projects who wish to enroll in the policy must respond to the Planning Department before June 3, 2013. Projects that are eligible to participate will be required to obtain a Building Permit to construct the project before October 14, 2014.

PUBLIC EVENT:

Public Scoping Meeting on the Environmental Impact Report for the Central Corridor Area Plan

SF Planning Department invites you to join the public scoping meeting for the Environmental Impact Report on the Central Corridor Area Plan. The goal of the meeting is to encourage the public to provide oral comments that will assist the department in reviewing the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis and information that will be contained in the Environmental Impact Report for the project.

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: The Mendelson House, 737 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA 94107

If you cannot make it out to the meeting, written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 2013. Written comments should be sent to Sarah Jones, San Francisco Planning Department at 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94013, or sent by email to Jessica Range at jessica.range@sfgov.org.