



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Motion No. 0139

HEARING DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2011

Date: October 13, 2011
Case No.: **2011.1048U**
Project Address: **1020 Francisco Street (a.k.a. Sinton House)**
Zoning: RH-1 (Residential, House, One-Family)
40-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 0476/002C
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ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER THAT 1020 FRANCISCO STREET (A.K.A. THE SINTON HOUSE), LOT 002C IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0476, BE NOMINATED TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THAT THE OFFICE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROCESS THE NATIONAL REGISTER NOMINATION.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, On August 24, 2011, Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer forwarded a request to the San Francisco Planning Department (hereinafter "Department") for review and comment on the nomination of 1020 Francisco Street, also known as the Sinton House, on Lot 002C in Assessor's Block 0476, to the National Register of Historic Places (hereinafter "National Register").

Pursuant to the Certified Local Government Agreement between the Office of Historic Preservation (hereinafter "OHP") and the City and County of San Francisco, the Historic Preservation Commission (hereinafter "Commission") is provided with a sixty (60) day review and comment period to provide written comments to the OHP before the State Historical Resources Commission takes action on the above-stated National Register nomination.

The National Register is the official list of the Nation's cultural resources worthy of preservation. The National Register's criteria for evaluating the significance of properties were designed to recognize the

accomplishments of all peoples who have made a contribution to the Nation's heritage in the areas of Events, Persons, Design/Construction, and Information Potential. The four National Register criteria are designed to guide state and local governments, federal agencies and others in evaluating potential entries into the National Register.

At its hearing on October 19, 2011, the Commission, acting in its capacity as San Francisco's Certified Local Government Commission, reviewed the nomination of 1020 Francisco Street (A.K.A. Sinton House) to the National Register.

In reviewing the nomination, the Commission has had available for its review and consideration reports, photographs, and other materials pertaining to the nomination contained in the Department's case file, and has reviewed and heard testimony and received materials from interested parties during the public hearing on the Project.

According to the nomination's summary, 1020 Francisco Street is significant at the local level for the National Register under Criteria B, C, and G for its association with Eleanor (Nell) Sinton, an influential expressionist artist, and for its association with the work of master architects John A. Porporato and William Wurster (see attached nomination materials).

The Commission agrees that the property is locally significant under Criteria B (person) and G (significance within the last 50 years) for its association with artist Eleanor (Nell) Sinton but questions whether the property is significant under Criterion C based upon the information provided in the nomination report. The building does not retain enough visual integrity to exemplify Porporato's original design of an Italian Renaissance dwelling and the report does not provide enough information about the building's interior to substantiate its significance for its association with William Wurster. The Commission also thinks that more information is needed about Sinton's detached artist studio if it was her primary work space.

Properties listed in the National Register of Historic Places are automatically included in the California Register of Historical Resources and afforded consideration in accordance with state and local environmental review procedures.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby **recommends** that the property located at 1020 Francisco Street, also known as the Sinton House, on Lot 002C in Assessor's Block 0476, be nominated to the National Register of Historic Places and **further recommends** the State Historic Preservation Officer to process the National Register nomination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs its Recording Secretary to transmit this Motion, and other pertinent materials in the case file 2011.1048U to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Motion was **Adopted** by the Historic Preservation Commission on October 19, 2011.

Linda Avery
Recording Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Chase, Damkroger, Hasz, Martinez, Matsuda, and Johns
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioner Wolfram
ADOPTED: October 19, 2011