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Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 0664

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Date: May 11, 2011
Case No.: 2011.0473U
Project Address: 2000 Mason Street – San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch
Landmark No.: N/A
Zoning: P (Public)
OS (Open Space) Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 0075/001
Project Sponsor: Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA
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ADOPTING FINDINGS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER REGARDING THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTH BEACH BRANCH (A.K.A. NORTH BEACH LIBRARY), LOCATED AT 2000 MASON STREET, ON LOT 001 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0075, NOMINATION TO THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, On May 3, 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 2000 Mason Street, the San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch, also known as the North Beach Library, on Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 0075, 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 May 18, 2011, the Commission, acting in its capacity as San Francisco's Certified Local Government Commission, reviewed the nomination of the San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch (A.K.A. North Beach Library) located at 2000 Mason Street 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, the San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch (A.K.A. North Beach Library) is significant at the local level for the National Register under Criteria A and C for its association with events stemming from the optimistic fervor in the United States after World War II during which librarians promoted new standards and theories which became the basis of the modern library and as a good example of the Mid-Century Modern Ranch style in San Francisco and representative of the work of a master architect (Appleton & Wolfard) (see attached nomination materials). Designed by the architectural firm of Appleton & Wolfard, the building was constructed in 1959. The nomination's proposed period of significance is 1945-1962.

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 has reviewed the National Register nomination for the property located at 2000 Mason Street, known as the San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch (A.K.A. North Beach Library), on Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 0075, and this Commission has provided the following comments:

- That the Commission considered whether the San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch met the National Register criteria of significance under Criteria A and C, and after several failed motions regarding this question, the Commission could not reach consensus.
- That after several failed motions both for and against recommending the nomination of the San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch for listing on the National Register, the Commission could not reach consensus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs its Recording Secretary to transmit this Resolution, and other pertinent materials in the case file 2011.0473U to the State Historic Preservation Officer.

I hereby certify that the Historical Preservation Commission **ADOPTED** the foregoing Resolution on May 18, 2011.

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San Francisco Public Library North Beach Branch

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Chase, Damkroger, Hasz, Johns, Martinez, and Wolfram

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Matsuda

ADOPTED: May 18, 2011