



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 0685

HEARING DATE: JULY 18, 2012
CONTINUED FROM: APRIL 4, 2012 & JUNE 6, 2012

Date: July 18, 2012
Case No.: **2011.0420U**
Project Address: **Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue**
Historic Landmark: Landmark. No. 84; Civic Center Historic District
Zoning: P (Public) Zoning District
Height/Bulk: OS/96-X
Block/Lot: 0786A/001
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ADOPTING FINDINGS PER SECTION 8(C) OF APPENDIX J OF ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLANNING CODE FOR THE INTERIOR ALTERATIONS AND THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION AT THE VETERANS BUILDING AT 401 VAN NESS AVENUE (ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0786A, LOT 001; LANDMARK NO. 84), LOCATED WITHIN CIVIC CENTER HISTORIC DISTRICT, P (PUBLIC) ZONING DISTRICT AND OS/96-X HEIGHT AND BULK DISTRICT.

PREAMBLE

1. WHEREAS, on March 3, 2012, the Project Sponsor (Tara Lamont of the City and County of San Francisco, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Architecture) on behalf of the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center submitted information on the proposed project to the San Francisco Planning Department for the Veterans Building at 401 Van Ness Avenue (Block 0786A, Lots 001).
2. WHEREAS, Article 10, Appendix J, Section 8 of the San Francisco Planning Code states that the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board shall be consulted on any proposed interior alterations to the publicly accessible spaces of properties owned and operated by the Art Commission, the War Memorial Board of Trustees, the Library or the Asian Art Museum, regardless of whether a Certificate of Appropriateness is required.
3. WHEREAS, City Charter 4.135 established the Historic Preservation Commission. All duties and responsibilities of the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board ("LPAB") are under the purview and responsibility of the Historic Preservation Commission.

4. WHEREAS, on July 18, 2012, the Department presented the proposed project to the Historic Preservation Commission. The Commission's comments on the interior alterations associated with the proposed project would be forwarded to the War Memorial Board of Trustees for consideration.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed the proposed project at the Veterans Building at 401 Van Ness Avenue, on Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 0786A, and this Commission has provided the following comments:

- The proposed interior alterations are appropriate, and are consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation; and,
- The documentation and presentation of the building's history beyond 1936 is deficient and is lacking in detail. Additional information should be obtained and documented on the building's association with Veterans groups (including the development of the various posts represented in the subject property) and related organizations.

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 No. 2011.0420U to the War Memorial Board of Trustees.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Historic Preservation Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 18, 2012.

Linda D. Avery
Commission Secretary

AYES: Chase, Hasz, Johns, Matsuda

NAYS: Martinez, Wolfram

ABSENT: Damkroger

ADOPTED: July 18, 2012