



# SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

**MEMO**

**DATE:** June 10, 2010  
**TO:** Historic Preservation Commission  
**FROM:** Tim Frye, Acting Preservation Coordinator, (415) 575-6822  
**RE:** **Revised Motion for Case # 2008.0968L: Designation of the North Beach Branch Library.**

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On May 19, 2010 the Historic Preservation Commission continued Case # 2009.0968L: Landmark Designation of the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries to its June 16, 2010 hearing.

Please substitute the following draft Motion for the Draft Resolution that was provided in your May 19, 2010 packet. To clarify, the May 19, 2010 Draft Resolution was to withdraw initiation to designate the North Beach Branch Library under Article 10 of the Planning Code. To review to complete case report and materials associated with this case, please refer to the packet that was submitted for the May 19, 2010 hearing. This information can also be found on the Planning Department's website at the following location:

<http://sf-planning.org/ftp/files/Commission/HPCPackets/2008.0968L.pdf>



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## Historic Preservation Commission Draft Motion

HEARING DATE JUNE 16, 2010

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*Hearing Date:* June 16, 2010 (Continued from May 19, 2010)  
*Request Date:* October 7, 2009  
*Case No.:* **2008.0968L**  
*Project Address:* **2000 Mason Street – North Beach Branch Library**  
*Zoning:* (P) Public and/or (OS) Open Space  
*Block/Lot:* 0074/001  
*Property Owner:* Director of City Property  
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**MOTION TO DISAPPROVE A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO PASS AN ORDINANCE THAT WOULD AMEND ARTICLE 10 OF THE PLANNING CODE TO GRANT LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 2000 MASON STREET, THE NORTH BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY, LOT 001 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0074, AS LANDMARK NO.XXX.**

1. WHEREAS, on September 2, 2009, Charles Chase, President, Historic Preservation Commission, requested a hearing to consider initiation of Landmark Designation for the Appleton & Wolfard Libraries in consideration for designation as City Landmarks 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 Appleton & Wolfard Libraries' historical significance per the National Register Criteria, and at its regular hearing on May 19 2010, reviewed the Landmark Designation Case Reports prepared by Johanna Street dated March 26, 2010 and April 23, 2010; and
3. Acknowledging that the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the North Beach 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. Acknowledging, however, that the Historic Preservation Commission understands that the demolition of the North Beach Branch Library and the construction of a new library are currently

under evaluation in a soon to be published Environmental Impact Report (EIR). As part of this process, the proposed project and the alternatives to the project will be vetted by the public, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Planning Commission in order to determine the project or alternative that minimizes impacts to the environment and meets the goals of the City.

**MOVED**, that the Commission hereby **DISAPPROVES** a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to pass an ordinance to amend Article 10 of the Planning Code to grant landmark designation to 2000 Mason Street, the North Beach Branch Library based on the following findings:

## **FINDINGS**

Having reviewed all the materials identified in the recitals above and having heard oral testimony and arguments, this Commission finds, concludes, and determines as follows:

1. The above recitals are accurate and also constitute findings of the Commission.
2. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR), the proposed project and the alternatives to the project will be vetted by the public, the Historic Preservation Commission, and the Planning Commission in order to determine the project or alternative that minimizes impacts to the environment and meets the goals of the City.
3. The EIR also takes into account potential environmental effects other than cultural resources and at this time the Historic Preservation Commission acknowledges that the Planning Department wishes to maintain the greatest flexibility in order to fully evaluate the proposed project against all Planning policies and quality-of-life issues associated with the project.

DECISION

That based upon the Record, the submissions by the Applicant, the staff of the Department and other interested parties, the oral testimony presented to this Commission at the public hearings, and all other written materials submitted by all parties, the Commission hereby **DISAPPROVES** a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to pass an ordinance to amend Article 10 of the Planning Code to grant landmark designation for the property located at Lot 001 in Assessor's Block 0074.

**APPEAL AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF MOTION: APPEAL: Any aggrieved person may appeal this Motion to the Board of Appeals within fifteen (15) days after the date of this Motion No. XXXXX. The effective date of this Motion shall be the date of this Motion. For further information, please contact the Board of Appeals in person at 1650 Mission Street, (Room 304) or call 575-6880.**

I hereby certify that the Historical Preservation Commission ADOPTED the foregoing Motion on June 16, 2010

Linda D. Avery  
Commission Secretary

AYES: X

NAYS: X

ABSENT: X

ADOPTED: