



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

July 26, 2012

Mr. Milford Donaldson
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RE: COMMENTS OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Case No.: 2012.0033ACEF
Project Name: 55 Laguna Street Mixed Use Project

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

This letter is in response to the Mayor's Office of Housing of the City and County of San Francisco (MOH) request for review and comment on the documents that were prepared pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the proposed project. Specifically, MOH has requested review and comment on the following documents:

- VerPlanck Historic Preservation Consulting, *Historic Property Survey Report: 55 Laguna Street, Former UC Berkeley Laguna Extension Rehabilitation Project, San Francisco, California* (March 22, 1012);
- Letters, from MOH to Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer (April 3, 2012 and May 15, 2012);
- Letters, from MOH to Reid Nelson, Office of Federal Agency Programs, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (April 24, 2012 and June 18, 2012);
- Letters, from the Office of Historic Preservation to MOH (April 24, 2012 and June 18, 2012); and,
- Draft Memorandum of Agreement between the City and County of San Francisco and the California State Historic Preservation Officer Regarding the San Francisco State Teacher's College, San Francisco, San Francisco County, California (Draft, May 30, 2012).

The Historic Preservation Commission (Commission) held a public hearing on July 18, 2012, to review and comment on the above-mentioned documents. Planning Department staff presented the attached staff report. This letter contains the Commission's view on the effects this undertaking could have upon historic properties within the APE. This letter will also be forward to MOH, the Project Sponsor, and any other interested parties.

After the staff presentation and discussion of the matter the Commission made the following comments:

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1. The Commission does not agree that the Sacred Palm tree should be moved as it may jeopardize the health of the tree.
2. The Commission noted that the Historic Property Survey Report was written before the Project was modified by the Commission during the Certificate of Appropriateness hearing for the three local landmarks – Richardson Hall, Woods Hall, and Woods Hall Annex. The modified project reduced the level of impact to Richardson Hall by eliminating some proposed openings in that location. The approval also allowed for the addition of several new window openings at the Buchanan Street and Haight Street facades of Woods Hall.

Public Comment

No members of the public commented on the project at the hearing. Two letters were submitted by email regarding the noticing of the hearing (attached).

The HPC appreciates the opportunity to participate in review of this Section 106 document.

Sincerely,



Charles Edwin Chase, President
Historic Preservation Commission

ATTACHMENTS

Planning Department staff report for Case No. 2009.0418F
Letters from Mary Miles and Cynthia Servetnick to the Commission.