



SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 718 HEARING DATE NOVEMBER 6, 2013

RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARTICLE 10 LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF 1712-1716 FILLMORE STREET, HISTORICALLY KNOWN AS MARCUS BOOKS AND JIMBO'S BOP CITY, LOT 020 IN ASSESSOR'S BLOCK 0684, AS LANDMARK NO. XXX PURSUANT TO 1004.1 OF THE PLANNING CODE

1. WHEREAS, on June 15, 2011, at the request of the former property owner, Greg Johnson, and with the support of the Planning Department, the Historic Preservation Commission added 1712-1716 Fillmore Street to the Landmark Designation Work Program; and
2. WHEREAS, architectural historian consultant Stacy Farr, who meets the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards, prepared the Landmark Designation Report for 1712-1716 Fillmore Street which was reviewed by the property owner and Department staff for accuracy and conformance with the purposes and standards of Article 10; and
3. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of September 18, 2013, reviewed Department staff's analysis of 1712-1716 Fillmore Street's historical significance per Article 10 as part of the Landmark Designation Case Report dated September 11, 2013; and
4. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the 1712-1716 Fillmore Street nomination is in the form prescribed by the HPC and contains supporting historic, architectural, and/or cultural documentation; and
5. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 1712-1716 Fillmore Street conveys its association with significant persons, Raye and Julian Richardson, and significant events as embodied by its association with Jimbo's Bop City and Marcus Books; and
6. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that 1712-1716 Fillmore Street appears to meet the eligibility requirements per Section 1004 of the Planning Code and warrants consideration for Article 10 landmark designation; and
7. WHEREAS, the Department has determined that landmark designation is exempt from environmental review, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class Eight - Categorical); and

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8. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission finds that the boundaries and the list of character-defining features, as identified in the draft Landmark Designation Report, should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they relate to the building's historical significance and retain historical integrity; and
9. WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Commission, at its regular meeting of September 18, 2013, approved the nomination and initiation of Article 10 landmark designation of 1712-1716 Fillmore Street, as described in Resolution No. 710,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby recommends to the Board of Supervisors the landmark designation of 1712-1716 Fillmore Street, Assessor's Block 0684, Lot 020 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code.

FINDINGS

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

1. The proposed designation is consistent with the General Plan priority policies pursuant to Planning Code section 101.1 and furthers Priority Policy No. 7, which states that historic buildings be preserved, for reasons set forth in the September 11, 2013 Case Report.
2. The documentation of the proposed landmark meets the standards of Section 1004(b), and identifies the location and boundaries of the landmark, a description of the characteristics of the landmark that justify its designation, and a description of the particular features that should be preserved.
3. The Planning Department conducted due diligence in informing the new property owners, Nishan and Suhaila Sweis, of the Article 10 landmark designation process and implications.
4. The proposed designation will protect a valuable historic resource.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Historic Preservation Commission at its meeting on November 6, 2013.

Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

AYES: Commissioners Hasz, Wolfram, Hyland, Matsuda, Pearlman, Johnck, and Johns

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: November 6, 2013