

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_**

**ADOPTING FINDINGS RELATED TO INITIATION OF LANDMARK DESIGNATION OF THE**

<b>Parkside Branch Library:</b>	<b>Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001</b>
<b>Marina Branch Library:</b>	<b>Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001</b>
<b>Merced Branch Library:</b>	<b>Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001</b>
<b>Eureka Valley Branch Library:</b>	<b>Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095</b>

**AS LANDMARK NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

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 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 as part of the Landmark Designation Initiation Case Report dated September 16, 2009; and
3. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the Parkside Branch Library, the Marina Branch Library, the Merced Branch Library, and the Eureka Valley Branch Library appear 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 warrant consideration for landmark designation; and
4. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that the following list of features should be considered for preservation under the proposed landmark designation as they appear to relate to the building's historical significance and to retain historical integrity; and
  - a. One-story in height with double height main reading rooms, an open floor plan, and an overall residential "ranch-style" character.
  - b. A strong flat and/or a soft (low-pitch) asymmetrical gable roof form with a combination of exposed and boxed rafters, moderate to wide projecting eaves with soffits that contain recessed exterior lighting.
  - c. Residential or park-like landscaping in immediate vicinity with small in-ground masonry planters.
  - d. Trellis or pergola structures attached to the exterior of the building incorporated as part of the entrance, or installed adjacent to the structure.

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- e. A mixture of natural materials: use of light woods, exposed masonry, terrazzo, and cork.
    - i. Stacked bond masonry (concrete units or brick). Occasionally with raked vertical mortar joints and horizontal joints pointed flush to strengthen verticality
    - ii. Wood beams and elements are often molded or glue laminate with clear varnish
  - f. Interior fireplace and hearth
  - g. Outdoor reading areas or patios accessed through sliding glass doors flanked by large fixed windows.
  - h. Based on historic photographs all window and door systems are comprised of standard extruded components with a clear or dark finish. The Carey & Company report alludes to wooden sash windows; however, none were observed during site visits and all historic photos reviewed depict metal windows.
  - i. Fenestration patterns have either a strong vertical or horizontal expression through the overall shape of the window opening or through the mullion arrangement. Windows are also grouped into large bays that overlook entries, and pedestrian or landscaped public areas. Windows or glass block are occasionally located in the clerestory or extended up to eaves or in gable.
  - j. Light fixtures are commonly fluorescent light boxes with slatted diffusers.
    - i. Sometimes comprised of about 8 light boxes and arranged in a square doughnut configuration.
    - ii. Sometimes rectangular in shape and installed end to end for the width or length of the room.
  - k. Exterior sign is comprised of non-illuminated metal pin letters
5. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that by postponing initiation of the landmark designation until after completion of the current renovation project for the Parkside and the Merced Branch Libraries, the Historic Preservation Commission would ensure that the operations of the library and the public's access to the resource can resume as quickly as possible; and
6. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that postponement of the landmark designation initiation would allow the Historic Preservation Commission and the Planning Department to seek out the required funding for preparation of a landmark designation report and provide sufficient time for staff to inspect the site and evaluate the historical integrity of the proposed landmark; and
7. The Historic Preservation Commission finds that postponement of the landmark designation initiation until after project completion would be consistent with the Landmark Preservation Advisory Board's decision to initiate designation of the Carnegie Libraries after the renovations had been completed; and
8. The Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed documents, correspondence and oral testimony on matters relevant to the proposed initiation of landmark designation, at a duly noticed public hearing

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held on September 16, 2009.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby approves initiation of landmark designation of the Marina Branch Library, Assessor's Block 0469, Lot 001 and the Eureka Valley Branch Library, Assessor's Block 3564, Lot 095 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code at this time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby disapproves initiation of landmark designation of the Parkside Branch Library, Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001 and the Merced Branch Library, Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001 pursuant to Article 10 of the Planning Code at this time; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Historic Preservation Commission hereby directs Planning Department staff to calendar initiation of landmark designation for review by the Historic Preservation Commission at a public hearing to be held subsequent to the completion of the Branch Library Improvement Program project currently underway Parkside Branch Library, Assessor's Block 2351, Lot 001 and the Merced Branch Library, Assessor's Block 7236, Lot 001.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Commission at its meeting on September 16, 2009.

Linda Avery  
Commission Secretary

AYES:

NOES:

EXCUSED: