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June 6, 2005

City Council

Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: ADDITION OF SIERRA 2 COMMUNITY CENTER TO THE SACRAMENTO REGISTER AS A LANDMARK (M03-228)

LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2791 – 24th Street
APN: 013-0041-001
Council District 5

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends the item be passed for publication of title and continued to June 28, 2005 (a).

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 21, 2005

SUMMARY:


This item is presented at this time for approval of publication of title pursuant to City Charter, Section 32.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Prior to publication of an item in a local paper to meet legal advertising requirements, the City Council must first pass the item for publication. The City Clerk then transmits the title of the item to the paper for publication and advertising the meeting date.

City Council
RE: Sierra 2 Community Center Landmark Designation and addition to Sacramento Register (M03-228)
June 6, 2005

Respectfully submitted,


Gary Storehouse
Planning Director

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:



ROBERT P. THOMAS
City Manager

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ORDINANCE NO.

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SACRAMENTO REGISTER TO DESIGNATE AND ADD THERETO A NEW LANDMARK TO BE KNOWN AS THE SIERRA 2 COMMUNITY CENTER. (APN: 013-0041-001) (M03-228)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:

SECTION 1

Pursuant to Sections 15.124.170 and 15.124.230 of Chapter 15.124 of Title 15 of the City Code, the Sacramento Register is amended by adding thereto the Landmark property to be known as the Sierra 2 Community Center, located at 2791 – 24th Street, Sacramento, California; APN 013-0041-001.

SECTION 2

Pursuant to Sections 15.124.170 and 15.124.230 of Chapter 15.124 of Title 15 of the City Code, the City Council makes the following findings in support of its action set forth in Section 1 above to designate the “Sierra 2 Community Center” as a Landmark and add it to the Sacramento Register.

Based upon the material presented as part of the administrative record, of the duly noticed hearing conducted by this Council on June 28, 2005, to consider the nomination of the Sierra 2 Community Center as a Landmark and its addition to the Sacramento Register, including the recommendation from the Design Review & Preservation Board, the staff reports and nomination materials attached thereto, and the testimony presented at hearings on the nomination, the City Council makes the following findings in support of

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its action to designate the Sierra 2 Community Center as a Landmark and add it to the Sacramento Register:

1. The property meets two of the Criteria for Sacramento Register Landmark eligibility pursuant to City Code Title 15, Chapter 15.124, section 15.124.170-A(1)a:

(iii) it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;

The main structure is an excellent example of its architectural style (Spanish, specifically Andalusian, Revival). The principal building is an excellent representative of neighborhood school facilities constructed during the 1920s in a number of Sacramento neighborhoods, in response to the growth and prosperity of the city at that time. The design and scale of the building are inviting. The interior, with its window-lit hallways, stairways and classrooms, creates a comfortable environment, both for students when it functioned as a grammar school and currently for visitors and users of the Center.

(iv) it represents the work of an important creative individual or master.

The building is a good example of the architectural design team comprised of well-known and respected architects Dean and Dean, E.C. Hemmings, Jens Peterson and George C. Hudnutt. These architects were responsible for the design of many buildings in Sacramento during the early twentieth century, contributing substantially to the character of the city at that time and since.

2. Adoption of this Landmark promotes the maintenance and enhancement of the significant features and characteristics of the Landmark pursuant to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

3. Adoption of the Landmark promotes the maintenance and enhancement of the historic materials and fabric, as well as the appearance, of the Landmark.

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4. Adoption of the Landmark is consistent with the City's Preservation Element of the General Plan.
5. Adoption of the Landmark will afford the property the use of the California Historical Building Code.
6. Adoption of the Landmark helps to protect historic resources of the City of Sacramento. The property will be subject to Chapter 15.124 of the City Code, noting Section 15.124.380 pertaining to development project reviews involving properties in City ownership, as is the case with the Sierra 2 Community Center.
7. Adoption of the ordinance designating the Sierra 2 Community Center as a Landmark will add the property to the Sacramento Register.
8. This complex of buildings at this site has important historical and architectural worth, and its designation as a landmark is reasonable, appropriate and necessary to protect, promote and further the goals and purposes of Chapter 15.124 of the City Code.

SECTION 3

Pursuant to Section 15.124.230 of Chapter 15.124 of Title 15 of the City Code, the following are identified as the significant features and characteristics of the Sierra 2 Community Center designated as a Landmark on the Sacramento Register pursuant to Section 1 above:

Significant Features & Characteristics:

The principal building as it now stands is comprised of two structures, which were connected to form one structure. The 1929 additions to the building enhanced its Spanish/Mediterranean attributes, introducing a walled courtyard between the original school block and the auditorium.

All elements, materials, surfaces and finishes, of the original design of the structures and landscape/site features, which includes materials and forms consistent with the

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Spanish/Mediterranean Revival style of architecture, both exterior and interior, including simple but graceful massing, use of smooth stucco exterior walls, metal railed balconies, terra cotta embellishments at entrances, arched openings and arcades, multi-paned windows within inset openings, grille work and decorative chimney massing.

The original roof, now missing, of mission tile is recognized as a significant feature, to be replaced when possible.

Sierra School is restrained in its design and decorative treatment. The two primary entries, at opposite ends of the principal north-south wing, are set back and framed with austere pilasters and architraves, each with a metal railed balcony above. The balcony is accessed from recessed, glazed double doors that open from the hall. The balcony is repeated in the end wall of the single story projecting north wing. Small grill-covered windows flank both doors with a circular window on the wall opposite the main entrance. At the rear of the building, a covered loggia supported by arched openings provides access between rear classrooms on the exterior of the building. Tall, stucco chimneys, one on the north with a hipped opening and one on the south end with a battered profile, add interest and reference the tall, elaborated chimneys common on Spanish Style buildings.

The auditorium, while simple in concept, is embellished with stucco buttresses along the sidewalls and a portico with a tiled roof supported on arched columns, and with its original gutter system. The interior of the portico is richly embellished with tile work, and the double entry doors are paneled and glazed and are trimmed with heavy studs. Mission tile grillwork is found on the sidewalls of the portico and at the apex of the gable end. Brick, geometric grillwork is also introduced on the auditorium side walls. The doors connecting into the main school structure at the auditorium's south wall are large, double wood paneled doors.

Original interior elements throughout the building, except restrooms, are included as significant features, including high floor to ceiling heights and ample window openings; hallway/classroom clearstory windows and entry alcoves; wide and high, light-filled hallways with terra cotta walls and concrete floors; two, wide main double-backing stairways with large stairwell multi-paned windows, decorative plaster balusters and newel posts, and wooden handrails; multiple paneled doors with inset openings throughout; multi-paned windows, framing, muttons and trim dimensions, inset openings, and materials throughout; kindergarten room radiators, fireplace with wood mantel, brick hearth and plaster chimney, and lockers; auditorium space and stage elements, including trusses, iron railings at both sides of the stage/stairs to seating areas, floor and wall tiles and screens, and deep insets for windows and doors; and,

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green room entry circular stained glass window with exterior grill.

SECTION 5

The City Clerk of the City of Sacramento is hereby directed to add the Sierra 2 Community Center as a Landmark to the Sacramento Register.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION:

PASSED:

EFFECTIVE:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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