



Mission Dolores Neighborhood Association

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Timeline – Mission Dolores Neighborhood Survey Work

August, 2005 – The current version of MDNA was founded in response to the increased demolition of historic resources in our area and to educate the public on the historic importance of the Mission Dolores neighborhood, as a sub-area of the Mission District. Our primary goal is to get non-profit status, raise the funds to complete a draft historic context statement, and then a final context statement and historic survey. We also commit to supporting the diversity of the neighborhood. This is all clearly outlined in our mission statement.

January 13, 2006 – We sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the San Francisco Study Center, which agrees to be our fiscal sponsor.

August 16, 2006 – The San Francisco Historic Preservation Fund Committee (HPFC) awards us a \$25,000 grant. We also receive \$2,500 from San Francisco Victorian Alliance and additional funds from our membership. Soon after we hire Carol Roland, PhD to complete our draft historic context statement.

September 19, 2007 – The San Francisco Landmarks Board unanimously adopts Draft Mission Dolores Neighborhood Historic Context Statement. Throughout the process we work closely with planner Matt Weintraub. At the hearing, the Planning Department endorses the document.

November, 2007 – We launch our web site with a link to our adopted context statement, together with our mission statement, and other informative information. Over 60,000 people visit the site in the first year alone.

December, 2007 – As part of the Market Octavia Plan Historic Context Statement adoption resolution, the Landmarks Board requires that the Planning Department identify the Mission Dolores Neighborhood by an historic descriptive text and by map. Moses Corrette is the planner.

December, 2007 – The Planning Department’s “City Within a City – Draft Mission District Historic Context Statement” is unanimously adopted. Yet as a requirement for adoption, the Landmarks Board resolution asks that the document clarify by both text and map that the complete boundaries of the Mission Dolores Neighborhood are a sub-area of the Mission District, and no other district. This resolution officially takes our neighborhood over to Sanchez to pick up the complete Mission Dolores Archeological District. Matt Weintraub is the planner.

May 30, 2008 – Market & Octavia Area Plan Historic Survey is adopted by The Board of Supervisors.

September, 2008 – MDNA hires Carey & Company to complete our final context statement and all survey work in our neighborhood that hasn’t been completed by the Planning Department.

November, 2008 – The San Francisco Historic Preservation Fund Committee (HPFC) awards MDNA a \$46,500 grant to complete the project. We also receive \$1,500 from Skyline Realty, \$500.00 from Bi-Rite, and additional funds from our membership. In addition to the many letters of support, on December 11, 2008, we receive a

letter of congratulations from Mayor Gavin Newsom (available on this web site under Documents).

March 17, 2010 – The new San Francisco Historic Preservation Commission unanimously adopts our final historic context statement and survey. Matt Weintraub is the planner.

July 21, 2010 – The Market & Octavia Plan Historic Survey Augmentation is adopted. Yet as a requirement for an adoption resolution, the Historic Preservation Commission instructs the Planning Department to identify the neighborhood area on all 24 523 Historic Survey B Forms as Mission Dolores. Moses Corrette is the planner.

August 17, 2010 – The MDNA Board meets with Planning Director John Rahaim and Tim Frye, planner. In the meeting, the director agrees that:

1. The Planning Department will change the text and mapping for all relevant surveys and context statements to reflect the findings of our adopted survey and context statement. This will include showing the boundaries of our neighborhood, when appropriate.
2. While we understand that the Planning Department doesn't have a formal map of San Francisco neighborhoods, when identifying our neighborhood for any purpose, they will use the name Mission Dolores.

January 17, 2011 – The Planning Department brought back our adopted survey and context statement for a public hearing at the HPC to clarify the language of the adoption resolution, so that Mission Dolores Park and the Dolores Street Median were properly identified as being part of our adopted survey and also contributors to the historic district Carey & Company identified. The HPC voted

unanimously that they were, and the language was clarified. In the end, the Planning Department endorsed this resolution.

August 12, 2011 – Page & Turnbull completes the Draft Historic Resource Evaluation Report (HRER) for Mission Dolores Park. This report was triggered by our adopted survey and Rec & Park's plans to rehabilitate the park. The project is being funded by a 11.7 million dollar bond measure passed in 2008, which MDNA endorsed.

The HRER clearly states that the entire park, designed in 1905 by master gardener, John McLaren, is both a contributor to the Mission Dolores Neighborhood 1906 Fire Survivors and Reconstruction Historic District and individually eligible to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This also means that "Any projects which contemplate alterations to the park are therefore subject to review by the San Francisco Planning Department, and should be carried out in compliance with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties* pursuant to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act)."

Both the Draft HRER and the Mission Dolores Neighborhood Historic Context Statement and Survey are available for review on the Grants and Documents page of our web site.

Fall, 2012 – The Final HRER is completed by Page & Turnball for Mission Dolores Park. Rec & Park then announces that the renovation is on target for completion. Yet in doing so, the plan has been revised so that ithe park will not lose its significance as an historic resource.

May 22, 2013 – MDNA received \$49,694.00 grant from the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workplace Development (OEWD) to hire Carey & Company to complete a National Register Historic District nomination for the western portion of the Mission Dolores Neighborhood. In doing so, they will complete the survey work on the east side of Dolores and revise our unanimously adopted historic context statement by extending the period of signifiante to approximately 1945 (which was requested by the HPC upon adoption).

Summer, 2013– a. An excellent renovation of the parsonage building at 200

Dolores is near completion. *b.* The former Second Church of Christ Scientist at 651 Dolores novation is in the process of completion and should be completed in 2014. *c.* The former Golden Gate Lutheran Church at 601 Dolores, which was brilliantly renovated by board member Siamak Akhavan, is currently being transformed into the new middle school for the Childrens Day School. Siamak is also renovating 651 Dolores. *d.* MDNA was instrumental in saving all three buildings, which at one time had demolition permits on them.

April 20, 2015 – The Children’s Day School opens their new Middle School at 601 Dolores. They start with 117 students ranging from fifth to eighth grade.

December 15, 2015 – Siamak Akhavan completes his adaptive reuse condo project at 651-655 Dolores. All 4 condos are then sold in 2016.

January 16, 2016 – The renovation of Mission Dolores Park is completed and the park reopens. Our adapted Mission Dolores Neighborhood Historic Context Statement and Survey are instrumental in triggering the Historic Resource Evaluation (HRE) commissioned by Rec & Park and produced by Page & Turnbull. These documents are responsible in saving the John McLaren design and keeping the park an historic resource. (This document was downloaded from our web site over 10,000 times in just one week during the public meetings for the park.)

More updates to come soon.