Small Business Commission
Resolution
HEARING DATE SEPTEMBER 9, 2019
SAN FRANCISCO ZEN CENTER

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 062-19-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2018-19-070
Business Name: San Francisco Zen Center
Business Address: 300 Page Street
District: District 5
Applicant: Myles Cowherd, Development Director
Nomination Date: June 19, 2019
Nominated By: Supervisor Vallie Brown
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR SAN FRANCISCO ZEN CENTER, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 300 PAGE STREET.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Administrative Code Section 2A.242, the Office of Small Business maintains a registry of Legacy Businesses in San Francisco (the “Registry”) to recognize that longstanding, community-serving businesses can be valuable cultural assets of the City and to be a tool for providing educational and promotional assistance to Legacy Businesses to encourage their continued viability and success; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years; or

WHEREAS, the subject business has operated in San Francisco for more than 20 years but less than 30 years, has had no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years, has significantly contributed to the history or identity of a particular neighborhood or community and, if not included in the Registry, faces a significant risk of displacement; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the neighborhood’s history and identity; and

WHEREAS, the subject business is committed to maintaining the physical features and traditions that define the business; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing held on September 9, 2019, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission hereby includes San Francisco Zen Center in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission recommends safeguarding the below listed physical features and traditions at San Francisco Zen Center:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Traditional Zen practices and vision.
- Spaces for quiet, reflection, meditation, and compassion, including the courtyard garden and large common rooms.
- The balance of residential and educational spaces.
- A focus on service and interacting with communities outside the Zen Center.
- The original features of the Morgan-designed building.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain San Francisco Zen Center on the Legacy Business Registry:
- Training and residence featuring Soto Zen Buddhism.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on September 9, 2019.

Resignation Dick-Endrizzi
Director

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Ayes – 6: Adams, Dooley, Dwight, Laguana, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis
Nays – 0
Abstained – 0
Absent – 1: Yee Riley