

Legacy Business Registry Staff Report

HEARING DATE MARCH 27, 2017

FAXON GARAGE

Application No.: LBR-2015-16-072
Business Name: Faxon Garage
Business Address: 545 Faxon Avenue
District: District 7
Applicant: Walee Gon, President
Nomination Date: June 30, 2016
Nominated By: Supervisor Norman Yee
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
legacybusiness@sfgov.org

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Faxon Garage is a local auto repair and service shop serving the Ingleside neighborhood and surrounding communities since 1948. In the 1940s through the 1960s, most cars serviced at Faxon Garage were American-made from the Big Three auto manufacturers: Chrysler, Ford and Chevrolet. Starting in the 1970s, Americans purchased more imported cars, so Faxon Garage adapted to the change and began servicing all makes. The neighborhood the business serves is primarily residential in nature, with a higher rate of auto ownership than other parts of San Francisco. Faxon Garage is an asset to the community, providing needed services locally so car owners do not need to seek services from auto shops in farther areas of the city. Additionally, the current owner, Walee Gon, has involved Faxon Garage in many community organizations such as the Ocean Avenue Revitalization Collaborative and the Ocean Avenue Association and has contributed to many community events such as the Ocean Avenue Arts and Culture Festival and the Ocean Avenue Octoberfest. The business also annually donates money in support of many local organizations and programs including, but not limited to: the Ingleside Presbyterian Church's black tie dinner, City College of San Francisco's athletic program, and the Lakeshore Elementary School's annual fundraiser.

CRITERION 1: Has the applicant operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years?

Yes, the applicant has operated in San Francisco for 30 or more years, with no break in San Francisco operations exceeding two years:

545 Faxon Avenue from 1948 to Present (69 years).

CRITERION 2: Has the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community?

Yes, the applicant has contributed to the Ingleside neighborhood's history and identity.





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EDWIN M. LEE, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS
REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

The Historic Preservation Commission recommended the applicant as qualifying, noting the following ways the applicant contributed to the neighborhood's history and/or the identity of a particular neighborhood or community:

- Faxon Garage is associated with the ever-evolving car culture and needs of the Ingleside neighborhood and surrounding communities.
Faxon Garage has contributed to the Ingleside community's history and identity by adapting and continuing to adapt to the auto repair and service needs of the community.
The 1921 property has not been previously evaluated by the Planning Department for potential historical significance.
The business received a Certificate of Honor from the Board of Supervisors on May 18, 2010, and a Recognition of generous support award from the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library.

CRITERION 3: Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms?

Yes, Faxon Garage is committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define its neighborhood-based auto repair services.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

The Historic Preservation Commission recommends that Faxon Garage qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) and recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions.

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Location off of Ocean Avenue in the Ingleside neighborhood.
Adaptability to serve the needs of car owners with American and internationally-made cars.
Garage space(s) to work on cars.
Signage facing Faxon Avenue.

CORE PHYSICAL FEATURE OR TRADITION THAT DEFINES THE BUSINESS

Following is the core physical feature or tradition that defines the business that would be required for maintenance of the business on the Legacy Business Registry.

- Automotive repair and maintenance services.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the San Francisco Small Business Commission include Faxon Garage currently located at 545 Faxon Avenue in the Legacy Business Registry as a Legacy Business under Administrative Code Section 2A.242.

Richard Kurylo, Manager
Legacy Business Program



Small Business Commission Draft Resolution

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LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. _____

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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR FAXON GARAGE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 545 FAXON AVENUE.

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 March 27, 2017, the San Francisco Small Business Commission reviewed documents and correspondence, and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry application; therefore





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BE IT RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission hereby includes Faxon Garage 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 Faxon Garage:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:

- Location off of Ocean Avenue in the Ingleside neighborhood.
• Adaptability to serve the needs of car owners with American and internationally-made cars.
• Garage space(s) to work on cars.
• Signage facing Faxon Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Faxon Garage on the Legacy Business Registry:

- Automotive repair and maintenance services.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on March 27, 2017.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

RESOLUTION NO. _____

- Ayes -
Nays -
Abstained -
Absent -





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Application Review Sheet

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CRITERION 3: Is the applicant committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms? Yes No

NOTES: NA

DELIVERY DATE TO HPC: February 1, 2017

Richard Kurylo
Manager, Legacy Business Program





Member, Board of Supervisors
District 7

City and County of San Francisco

NORMAN YEE

June 30, 2016

Dear Director Regina Dick-Endrizzi:

I am writing to nominate Faxon Garage at 545 Faxon St to the Legacy Business Registry. The owner's contact info is below:

Walee Gon
faxongarage@sbcglobal.net
415-587-1063

Faxon Garage is a minority and family-owned auto maintenance and repair shop established in 1960 and currently located on Ocean Ave. It is a Diamond- and nationally certified business with personalized service. Faxon Garage specializes in suspension wheels, tires and alignment. The owner, Walee Gon, runs his business on the model of educating the customer in an honest, clear, and understandable way so that they can make their own informed decisions. Walee also donates to local community events and organizations, such as the Ocean Avenue Arts and Culture Festival.

I am proud to nominate Faxon Garage to the Legacy Business Registry and thank you for your serious consideration regarding their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Norman Yee".

Norman Yee

APPLICATION FOR

Legacy Business Registry

Legacy Business Registry is authorized by Section 2A.242 of the San Francisco Administrative Code. The registration process includes nomination by a member of the Board of Supervisors or the Mayor, a written application, an advisory recommendation from the Historical Preservation Commission, and approval of the Small Business Commission.

1. Current Owner / Applicant Information

NAME OF BUSINESS:
Faxon Garage

BUSINESS OWNER(S) (identify the person(s) with the highest ownership stake in the business)
Walee Gron

CURRENT BUSINESS ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE:
545 Faxon Avenue	(415) 587-1063
	EMAIL:
	faxongarage@sbcglobal.net

WEBSITE:	FACEBOOK PAGE:	YELP PAGE:
WWW.FAXONGARAGE.COM	Faxon Garage Inc	Faxon Garage

APPLICANT'S NAME	<input type="checkbox"/> Same as Business Owner
Walee Gron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
APPLICANT'S TITLE	
President	

APPLICANT'S ADDRESS:	TELEPHONE:
545 Faxon Avenue	(415) 587-1063
	EMAIL:
	faxongarage@sbcglobal.net

SAN FRANCISCO BUSINESS ACCOUNT NUMBER:	SECRETARY OF STATE ENTITY NUMBER (if applicable):
0009277	C0397076

NAME OF NOMINATOR: (Completed by OSB Staff)	DATE OF NOMINATION: (Completed by OSB Staff)

2. Business Addresses

ORIGINAL SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	START DATE OF BUSINESS
545 Faxon Avenue	94112	1960
IS THIS LOCATION THE FOUNDING LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS?	DATES OF OPERATION AT THIS LOCATON	
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	M-F 8:30AM - 6:00 PM	

OTHER ADDRESSES (if applicable):	ZIP CODE:	DATES OF OPERATION

Section Two:

Business Location(s).

List the business address of the original San Francisco location, the start date of business, and the dates of operation at the original location. Check the box indicating whether the original location of the business in San Francisco is the founding location of the business. If the business moved from its original location and has had additional addresses in San Francisco, identify all other addresses and the dates of operation at each address. For businesses with more than one location, list the additional locations in section three of the narrative.

ORIGINAL SAN FRANCISCO ADDRESS:	ZIP CODE:	START DATE OF BUSINESS
545 Faxon Ave	94112	1948
IS THIS LOCATION THE FOUNDING LOCATION OF THE BUSINESS?	DATES OF OPERATION AT THIS LOCATON	
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	1948-present	

OTHER ADDRESSES (if applicable):	ZIP CODE:	DATES OF OPERATION
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3. Eligibility Criteria

Attach the business's written historical narrative and supplemental documents as described under section three of the application instruction.

4. San Francisco Taxes, Business Registration, Licenses, Labor Laws, and Public Information Release

Please read the following statements and check each to indicate that you agree with the statement. Then sign below in the space provided.

- I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the business.
- I attest that the business is current on all of its San Francisco tax obligations.
- I attest that the business's business registration and any applicable regulatory license(s) are current.
- I attest that the Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement (OLSE) has not determined that the business is currently in violation of any of the City's labor laws, and that the business does not owe any outstanding penalties or payments ordered by the OLSE.
- I understand that documents submitted with this application may be made available to the public for inspection and copying pursuant to the California Public Records Act and San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance.
- I hereby acknowledge and authorize that all photographs and images submitted as part of the application may be used by the City without compensation.
- I understand that the Small Business Commission may revoke the placement of the business on the Registry if it finds that the business no longer qualifies, and that placement on the Registry does not entitle the business to a grant of City funds.

Walee Gon... 6/10/16
 Name (Print): _____ Date: _____

[Handwritten Signature]
 Signature: _____

Faxon Garage: Legacy Business Application

CRITERION 1

a. Provide a short history of the business from the date the business opened in San Francisco to the present day, including the ownership history. For businesses with multiple locations, include the history of the original location in San Francisco (including whether it was the business's founding and or headquarterd location) and the opening dates and locations of all other locations.

Sidney Weiss and Harold Henton started Faxon Garage in 1948. The business did well, despite competition from a handful of other auto-serving businesses in the area. In the early 1950s, Weiss obtained the Faxon building from Henry Horns and Sons by swapping another San Francisco building he owned.

In 1953, a fire destroyed five customers' cars and caused the roof of the building to collapse. After recovering from the fire, Mr. Weiss bought out partner Harold Henton and assumed full ownership of Faxon Garage.

Weiss and Henton, who stayed on as an employee, managed five mechanics to service mostly American-made cars throughout the 1950s. In 1960, Harold Henton retired and Weiss incorporated the business in order to accommodate future business expansion. Weiss also hired Larry Nolan, recently graduated from high school, to work as an apprentice. Nolan assumed ownership of the business from Weiss in 1968.

Throughout the 1970s, Faxon Garage developed its business model, which was to repair, replace and upgrade worn parts with modern safety components in classic American-made cars. Gradually, American-made cars became replaced with foreign cars, and new mandatory safety systems proliferated.

Walee Gon, who worked at Kragen Auto parts while in high school and opened auto accessory shop called Mach III while in college, bought Faxon Garage from Nolan, who remains as the building's owner.

b. Describe any circumstances that required the business to cease operations in San Francisco for more than six months?

Operations have been uninterrupted since the business began.

c. Is the business a family owned business? If so, give the generational history of the business.

The business is not family owned, but was passed down through a succession of owners.

d. Describe the ownership history when the business ownership is not the original owner or a family owned business.

Sidney Weiss and Harold Henton started the business in the late 1940s. Weiss bought out Henton in 1953 and assumed ownership of the business. Weiss sold the business to

his apprentice, Larry Noland, in 1968. Noland owned and operated the business until he sold it to Walee Gon in 2005.

e. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30 years, the applicant will need to provide documentation of the existence of the business prior to current ownership to verify it has been in operation for 30+ years. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.

See supplemental materials.

f. Note any other special features of the business location, such as, if the property associated with the business is listed on a local, state, or federal historic resources registry.

According to Larry Noland, owner of the Faxon Garage building, the building was originally a horse and buggy stable, and later a winery. Customers would bring their own refillable gallon jugs and purchase a gallon of either red or white wine for 29 cents from 1,000 gallon casks that were kept downstairs.

CRITERION 2

a. Describe the business's contribution to the history and/or identity of the neighborhood, community or San Francisco.

The OMI (Oceanview, Merced Heights, Ingleside), as a residential neighborhood, has seen a higher share of auto ownership than other parts of the city, and businesses that served the needs of residents to keep their cars serviced were and remain an important part of the neighborhood fabric.

Faxon Garage's location off Ocean Avenue ensured that neighbors had a local shop to take their cars for maintenance and service, rather than having to go all the way across town to the garages surrounding Van Ness Avenue.

More than just existing as the nearest garage, Faxon Garage has adapted to business trends over the decades, ensuring its livelihood and avoiding becoming a specialty shop with limited value to the local area.

b. Is the business (or has been) associated with significant events in the neighborhood, the City, or the business industry?

The types of cars serviced by Faxon garage tell the history of American automobile ownership. In the 1940s through the 1960s, most cars serviced at Faxon Garage were American-made from the Big Three auto manufacturers: Chrysler, Ford and Chevrolet.

Starting in the 1970s, Faxon Garage saw more imported cars, replacing the classic design of American cars with boxier designs and cheaper, more easily replaceable parts. Faxon Garage adapted to the change and serviced all makes.

c. Has the business ever been referenced in an historical context? Such as in a business trade publication, media, historical documents?

No historical references have been made to the applicant's knowledge.

d. Is the business associated with a significant or historical person?

Weiss, Nolan and Gon have all been significant at the neighborhood level as local mechanics who have provided service to generations of car owners.

e. How does the business demonstrate its commitment to the community?

Current owner Walee Gon has been involved in community organizations since 2004 starting with the Ocean Avenue Revitalization Collaborative (OARC) and continuing to serve as a board member of the Ocean Avenue Association. Gon served as board chair of the OAA in 2015.

Faxon Garage contributes to community events. During the years that the OMI Cultural Participation Project produced the Ocean Avenue Arts and Culture Festival at Faxon Avenue right in front of the garage, Gon contributed funding for the festival. Gon also contributed funding for the Ocean Avenue Octoberfest in 2016.

Faxon Garage annually donates money in support of the following organizations and programs: Ingleside Presbyterian Church's black tie dinner; St. Francis Episcopal Church's annual fundraiser; City College of San Francisco's athletic program sponsorship; Lowell High School's annual fundraiser; Aptos Middle School's printing sponsorship; Lakeshore Elementary School's annual fundraiser.

f. Provide a description of the community the business serves.

From the 1940s to early 1950s, Ocean Avenue and the surrounding area was a predominately African-American neighborhood. Young working class black families settled into Hunters Point, Fillmore and the OMI, as those neighborhoods had houses that were affordable and accessible to most black working class families.

Gradually, the African-American population dwindled and the neighborhood is now mostly comprised of Asian and white residents. Faxon Garage has long served a diverse customer base of families who rely on their economy automobiles in the more suburban neighborhood of OMI.

In addition to serving families, young professionals and elderly residents, Faxon Garage provides services to the owners and employees of other local businesses in the area.

g. Is the business associated with a culturally significant building/structure/site/object/or interior?

The building in which Faxon Garage is housed tells of the neighborhood history as a streetcar suburb from the early days when streetcars were drawn by horses. Also, the building's former use as a winery is unique and speaks to the broad array of business uses that historic commercial buildings accommodate over decades of occupancy.

The Faxon Garage building, built in 1921, is a single-story commercial building adjacent to the Ocean Avenue business district, which is made up of many such single-story buildings, many of which were erected in the first half of the 20th century.

h. How would the community be diminished if the business were to be sold, relocated, shut down, etc.?

If Faxon Garage ceased to exist, much of its customer base would have to travel outside of the neighborhood for automotive services. Faxon Garage is a convenient local shop for Ingleside car owners.

CRITERION 3

a. Describe the business and the essential features that define its character.

Faxon Garage services cars of all makes and models, and has adapted to many trends throughout the history of the business. Where American-made muscle cars were once popular, Faxon now serves owners of foreign-made economy cars.

Faxon Garage is a full-service garage, offering preventative maintenance services, complete diagnostics, front-end work and repairs. Faxon Garage has a front area where tire and under-the-hood work is conducted, and a back area with car lifts for more rigorous tasks.

b. How does the business demonstrate a commitment to maintaining the historical traditions that define the business, and which of these traditions should not be changed in order to retain the businesses historical character? (e.g., business model, goods and services, craft, culinary, or art forms)

The mechanics at Faxon Garage strive to maximize value to their customers by scheduling and performing maintenance to prevent the need for catastrophic repair. This is the business model that has ensured that generations of long-term customers remain with Faxon Garage instead of seeking auto service elsewhere.

Please see supplemental videos for further explanation of Faxon Garage's customer-informative business model.

c. How has the business demonstrated a commitment to maintaining the special physical features that define the business? Describe any special exterior and interior physical characteristics of the space occupied by the business (e.g. signage, murals, architectural details, neon signs, etc.). Does the building occupied by the business relate to the immediate neighborhood?

No fundamental alterations have been made to the interior or exterior characteristics of Faxon Garage. The garage is on a side street of Ocean Avenue, so the relationship between the garage and the main street is that drivers enter and exit the garage away from the main flow of traffic in the area.

d. When the current ownership is not the original owner and has owned the business for less than 30years; the applicant will need to provide documentation that demonstrates the current owner has maintained the physical features or traditions that define the business, including craft, culinary, or art forms. Please use the list of supplemental documents and/or materials as a guide to help demonstrate the existence of the business prior to current ownership.

See attached supplemental documents.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

FAXON GARAGE, INC.

FILED
in the Office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

JUN 1 1960

FRANK M. JORDAN, Secretary of State
By *[Signature]* Deputy

ARTICLE ONE:

The name of this corporation is:

FAXON GARAGE, INC.

ARTICLE TWO:

The corporation's purposes are:

1. To engage primarily in the repair, maintenance and servicing of motor vehicles.
2. To engage generally in owning, leasing, operating, and managing a garage for motor vehicles; to manufacture, buy, sell, rent, store, prepare, and care for motor vehicles of all kinds, their parts, appurtenances, accessories, supplies, tools, equipment, and all other personal property of every kind and description, and the doing and performing of any and all acts or things necessary, proper, or convenient for or incidental to the furtherance or the carrying out of the powers or purposes herein mentioned.
3. To engage in any business related or unrelated to those described in clauses 1 and 2 of ARTICLE TWO and from time to time authorized or approved by the board of directors of this corporation.
4. To exercise any and all rights and powers which a corporation may now or hereafter exercise.
5. To act as principal, agent, joint venturer, partner or in any other capacity which may be authorized or approved by the board of directors of this corporation.

Restriction of right
to amend articles
Yes

6. To transact business in the State of California or in any other jurisdiction of the United States of America, or elsewhere in the world.

The foregoing statement of purposes shall be construed as a statement of both purposes and powers, and the purposes and powers of each clause shall, except where otherwise expressed, be in nowise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms or provisions of any other clause but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers.

ARTICLE THREE:

The principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located in the City and County of San Francisco, State of California.

ARTICLE FOUR:

1. The number of directors of this corporation is three.
2. The names and addresses of the persons who are appointed to act as first directors are:

Henry H. Pierce	425 Bush Street San Francisco, California.
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Parker Allen	425 Bush Street San Francisco, California.
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Joanna M. Evans	360 Hyde Street San Francisco, California.
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3. The number of directors may be changed from time to time by a by-law duly adopted by the shareholders fixing or changing the number of directors.

ARTICLE FIVE:

This corporation is authorized to issue only one class of shares of stock; the total number of such shares is 25,000 and all such shares shall have a par value of \$1.00 per share, and an aggregate par value of \$25,000.00.

ARTICLE SIX:

1. Before there can be a valid sale or transfer of any of the shares of the corporation by any holder thereof, he shall first offer said shares to the corporation and then to the other holders of common shares in the following manner:

(a). Such offering shareholder shall deliver a notice in writing by mail or otherwise to the secretary of the corporation stating the price, terms, and conditions of such proposed sale or transfer, the number of shares to be sold or transferred, and his intention so to sell or transfer such shares. Within ten days thereafter, the corporation shall have the prior right to purchase all or any full number of such shares so offered at the price and upon the terms and conditions stated in such notice. Should the corporation fail to purchase all of said shares, at the expiration of said ten-day period, or prior thereto upon the determination of the corporation to purchase none or only a portion of such shares so offered, the secretary of the corporation shall, within five days thereafter, mail or deliver to each of the other shareholders a notice setting forth the particulars concerning shares not so purchased by the corporation described in the notice received from the shareholder. The other shareholders shall have the right to purchase all of the shares specified in said secretary's notice by delivering to the secretary by mail or otherwise a written offer or offers to purchase all of any specified number of such shares upon the terms so described in the secretary's notice if such offer or

offers are so delivered to the secretary within ten days after mailing or delivering such secretary's notice to such other shareholders. If the total number of shares specified in such offers so received within such period by the secretary exceeds the number of shares referred to in such secretary's notice, each offering shareholder shall be entitled to purchase such proportion of the shares referred to in said notice to the secretary, as the number of shares of this corporation, which he holds, bears to the total number of shares held by all such shareholders desiring to purchase the shares referred to in said notice to the secretary.

(b). If all of the shares referred to in said notice to the secretary are not disposed of under such apportionment, each shareholder desiring to purchase shares in a number in excess of his proportionate share, as provided above, shall be entitled to purchase such proportion of those shares which remain thus undisposed of, as the total number of shares which he holds bears to the total number of shares held by all of the shareholders desiring to purchase shares in excess of those to which they are entitled under such apportionment.

(c). If none or only a part of the shares referred to in said notice to the secretary is purchased, as aforesaid, by the corporation or in accordance with offers made by other shareholders within said ten-day period, the shareholder desiring to sell or transfer may dispose of all shares of stock referred to in said notice to the secretary not so purchased by the corpora-

tion or by the other shareholders, to any person or persons he may so desire; provided, however, that he shall not sell or transfer such shares at a lower price or on terms more favorable to the purchaser or transferee than those specified in said notice to the secretary.

(d). Within the limitations herein provided, this corporation may purchase the shares of this corporation from any offering shareholder, provided, however, that at no time shall this corporation be permitted to purchase all of its outstanding voting shares. Any sale or transfer or purported sale or transfer of the shares of the corporation shall be null and void unless the terms, conditions, and provisions of this ARTICLE SIX are strictly observed and followed.

2. Each common shareholder of this corporation shall be entitled to full pre-emptive or preferential rights, as such rights are defined by law, to subscribe for or purchase his proportional part of any shares which may be issued at any time by this corporation.

ARTICLE SEVEN:


Subject to the right of shareholders to adopt, amend or repeal by-laws, by laws other than a by-law or amendment thereof changing the authorized number of directors, may be adopted, amended or repealed by the board of directors.

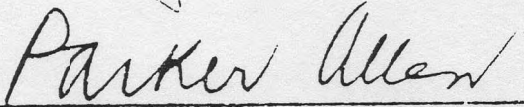
ARTICLE EIGHT:

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these articles of incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed

by statute, and all rights conferred upon shareholders herein are granted subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purpose of forming this corporation under the laws of the State of California, the undersigned, constituting the incorporators of this corporation, including the persons named hereinabove as the first directors of this corporation, have executed these articles of incorporation this 27th day of May, 1960.


Henry H. Pierce


Parker Allen


Joanna M. Evans



Faxon Garage circa 1950



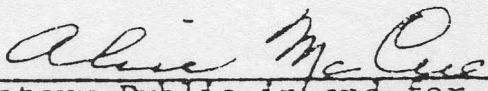




STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
CITY AND COUNTY OF) SS.
SAN FRANCISCO)

On this 27th day of May, 1960, before me, a Notary Public in and for the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, personally appeared HENRY H. PIERCE, PARKER ALLEN and JOANNA M. EVANS, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same, and that they are the directors named therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.



Notary Public in and for said
City and County of San Francisco,
State of California

[Faint notary seal and text]

News Briefs

PG&E Road Work Finishing

If you have ever wondered what those additional charges on your PG&E bill were for, PG&E's recent roadwork on Ocean, Plymouth and Monterey Avenues is your answer.

With a little help from the California Public Utilities Commission, ratepayers have funded a \$600 million City-wide project to replace old cast iron gas lines with new plastic pipes which are safer during an earthquake and don't rust, according to spokesman Joe Molica.

The ongoing project started in the mid 1980s and will finish at the end of July this year.

—Anthony Myers

City College Hosts Academy Of Sciences Exhibit Items

City College of San Francisco held a ribbon-cutting ceremony along with an open house in April for its new four-floor walking tour of exhibit items on long-term loan from the California Academy of Sciences. "Walk Through The Story of Time and Life" is in the basement of Science Hall at the City College of San Francisco Ocean Campus, 50 Phelan Ave.

For more information, visit www.ccsf.edu/Departments/History_of_Time_and_Life.

—Alex Mullaney

Update: Ingleside Library Reopens In September

The Ingleside Branch Library will be shifting from its currently leased facility in the historic Bank of America building to its brand new home on Ocean Avenue a few blocks away in September, according to Mindy Linezky of the Branch Library Improvement Program.

Construction of the new facility began in February of last year. Fougerson Architecture/Group 4 designed the approximately 6,000 square feet and one story high

building.

For more information, visit www.sfppl.org/news/htip/inglesideconstruction.htm.

—Alex Mullaney

Local Automotive Repair Shop Sets Out To Help OARC

Long-time neighborhood auto repair shop Faxon Garage will be helping the Ocean Avenue Revitalization Collaborative offset lost funds from City budget cuts by donating 5 percent of total sales at the request of any customer, according to owner Walee Gon.

Gon, a member of the OARC committee since its inception, wanted to help cover the gap in the funds to ensure OARC's continual efforts in serving its community.

"The more the community participates on this campaign, the more OARC will receive from Faxon Garage," he said.

Starting May 1, there is no cost to the customer and there is no minimum transaction amount for the 5 percent to go to the OARC.

The OARC's goal is to revitalize the area by increasing cleanliness, promoting the shopping district, supporting the existing businesses, attracting resources for physical improvements, monitoring important development projects along the corridor, addressing safety concerns, building community pride and coordinating the work of community groups.

—Alex Mullaney

Update: CCSF's Joint-Use Facility Still Underway

On City College of San Francisco's portion of the Balboa reservoir site, cranes, bulldozers and orange-vested workers are visible working on frames of the Joint-Use Facility, a building that will be shared with San Francisco State University. The building will house programs like child development, community health and possibly environmental sustainability classes, according to Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities

Management James Blomquist.

Additionally, the physical structures have many environmental benefits like a living roof and geothermal heating and cooling.

Blomquist also said that the building will be trying for a Platinum LEED rating, making it one of the most environmentally friendly buildings in the entire community college system.

—Anthony Myers

Sunnyside Conservatory Under Construction

The San Francisco historic landmark Sunnyside Conservatory, located at 236 Monterey Blvd. between Congo & Baden streets, is undergoing a 10-month, nearly \$4 million renovation after decades of neglect. The City's second most famous conservatory has survived a half dozen owners, the 1906 earthquake and demolition when it was slated to become an apartment complex in the 1970s.

In a joint effort by the Friends of the Sunnyside Conservatory and the San Francisco Department of Parks and Recreation that began in 2000, the 111-year-old conservatory's elegant Victorian redwood octagonal structure will be preserved, its foundation partially redone and pipes and wiring modernized by its September completion date. BCCI, the local construction company handling the reconstruction, will also install new rooftops, copper gutters, windows and doors.

Once reopened, the conservatory should become a community center, hosting concerts, art classes, weddings, tea parties, children's story time and other events.

For more information, visit www.sunnysideconservatory.org.

—Alex Mullaney

Improvement Project Slated For Balboa Park

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department has teamed up with the Trust for Public Land to begin a \$3.5 million improvement project at Balboa Park. During an April 15 meeting at Lick-Wilmerding High School, residents gave their feedback concerning the lack of picnic tables, and how to maintain the neighborhood atmosphere of a park that sees a heavy rotation of regional athletic events.

Jacob Gilchrist of the Trust for Public Land suggested that better signs at the entrances to the park and the addition of some garbage cans would be a good start. The project is in the design stage and must be completed by fall 2011.

For more information about the Trust for Public Land, visit www.tpl.org/tier3_cd.cfm?content_item_id=22332&folder_id=266.

—Anthony Myers

OMI International Family Festival Needs Your Help

Street festivals are being squeezed in this harsh economy, so how are things looking for the OMI International Family Festival?

Maria Picar, of the OMI Cultural Participation Project, who spearheads the festival said, "We're scheduled to proceed as planned, but we are scaling down a bit and are in the midst of fundraising. The festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2009 from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. I'm welcoming any donors at this point."

For more information, visit www.omi-cpp.org.

—Alex Mullaney

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Walee Gon

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Supervisor John Avalos
May 18, 2010



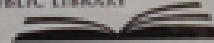
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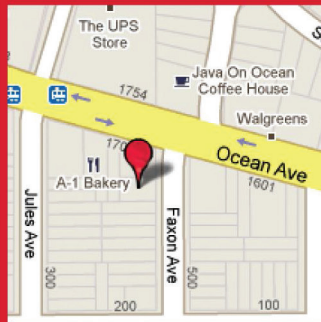
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Happy New Year!

Faxon Garage gives back to the community by helping Ingleside Presbyterian church at 1345 Ocean Avenue cover expenses. Donate \$30 or over and you'll receive a Faxon Garage gift certificate for an oil change with a safety and brake inspection- a \$65 value.



Faxon Garage

Video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qZxR-vid-Ng>

The screenshot displays a YouTube video player interface. The main video area shows a man, Walee Gon, President of Faxon Garage, speaking. The video title is "FAXON GARAGE WALEE GON PRESIDENT" and it is a "DIAMOND CERTIFIED VIDEO PROFILE". The channel name is "Faxon Garage- Diamond Certified Video Profile" with 449 views. The video was published on Sep 27, 2012. The description states: "Faxon Garage provides a wide range of maintenance and repair services for most types of domestic and foreign vehicles at its San Francisco facility. The company handles heavy-duty jobs such as engine and...". The right sidebar shows a list of recommended videos, including "Brian Filzmaurice General Contractor: Diamond Certified Video Profile", "Home made Sheetmetal Brake - Metal Bender - enhancements", "PremierGarage- Diamond Certified Video Profile", "Minivan Conversion", "B & B Locksmith & Security, Inc. - Diamond Certified Video Profile", "Fagni Online Shop", "Нюштра бунітніцка мавік - Экз Кааіфа", "The shopkins ice cream truck review", and "B2 Perfection Auto Body - Diamond Certified Video Profile".

OMI Neighbors In Action...a community organization of neighbors helping neighbors

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Attn: Richard Kurylo, Legacy Business Program Manager
Office of Small Business
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1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

January 30, 2017

I am writing to demonstrate my support for Faxon Garage as they pursue Legacy Business status.

Faxon Garage has long served automobile owning-residents in the OMI, and Walee Gon's charitable involvement has helped improve the neighborhood in many ways, from neighborhood events to school fundraiser contributions.

Legacy Business status would be an appropriate tribute to Faxon Garage's position in the community.

Sincerely,



Mary C. Harris
President, OMI Neighbors In Action

Filing Date: February 1, 2017
Case No.: 2017-001414LBR
Business Name: Faxon Garage
Business Address: 545 Faxon Avenue
Zoning: NCT (Ocean Avenue Neighborhood Commercial Transit)/
45-X Height and Bulk District
Block/Lot: 6934/001A
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BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Faxon Garage is a local auto repair and service shop serving the Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside (OMI) neighborhoods along Faxon Avenue. The business was founded in 1948 by Sidney Weiss and Harold Henton during a time when other auto-related businesses in the area created a level of competition; the business succeeded despite this competition. From its beginning in 1948 until the 1970s, Faxon Garage serviced cars made from the Big Three auto manufacturers at the time: Chrysler, Ford and Chevrolet. By the 1970s, the types of cars being serviced changed to now include foreign-made cars. The neighborhood that the business serves is primarily residential in nature, with a higher rate of auto ownership than other parts of San Francisco. Faxon Garage works to cater to the needs of its residents who seek car repair services as well as services needed by the surrounding businesses. Because the neighborhood has a high dependency on cars, the business has become an asset to the community, providing for the local needs so that car owners do not need to seek services from auto shops in farther areas of the city, such as Van Ness Avenue. Additionally, the current owner, Walee Gon, has involved Faxon Garage in many community organizations such as the Ocean Avenue Revitalization Collaborative and the Ocean Avenue Association and has contributed to many community events such as the Ocean Avenue Arts and Culture Festival and the Ocean Avenue Octoberfest. The business also annually donates money in support of many local organizations and programs including, but not limited to: the Ingleside Presbyterian Church's black tie dinner, City College of San Francisco's athletic program, and the Lakeshore Elementary School's annual fundraiser.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Review Criteria

1. *When was business founded?*

1948

2. *Does the business qualify for listing on the Legacy Business Registry? If so, how?*

Yes, Faxon Garage qualifies for listing on the Legacy Business Registry because it meets all of the

eligibility Criteria:

- i. Faxon Garage has operated for 69 years.
 - ii. Faxon Garage has contributed to the Ocean View, Merced Heights, and Ingleside (OMI) community's history and identity by adapting and continuing to adapt to the auto repair and service needs of the community. When the business was founded in 1948, the majority of the services offered were based on the community's American-made cars and their needs. However, over the years the business has evolved to include repair services for American and internationally made cars.
 - iii. Faxon Garage is committed to maintaining the physical features or traditions that define its neighborhood-based auto repair services.
3. *Is the business associated with a culturally significant art/craft/cuisine/tradition?*
- The business is associated with the ever-evolving car culture and needs of the OMI neighborhood.
4. *Is the business or its building associated with significant events, persons, and/or architecture?*
- Unknown. The 1921 property has not been previously evaluated by the Planning Department for potential historical significance. The property is considered a "Category B Property" that requires further review per the Planning Department's CEQA review procedures for historical resources.
5. *Is the property associated with the business listed on a local, state, or federal historic resource registry?*
- No.
6. *Is the business mentioned in a local historic context statement?*
- No.
7. *Has the business been cited in published literature, newspapers, journals, etc.?*
- The business has not been cited in published literature but has received a Certificate of Honor from the Board of Supervisors on May 18, 2010 and a Recognition of generous support award from the Friends of the San Francisco Public Library

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business

Location(s) associated with the business:

- 545 Faxon Avenue

Recommended by Applicant

- Location off of Ocean Avenue in the OMI neighborhood
- Adaptability to serve the needs of car owners with American and internationally-made cars

Additional Recommended by Staff

- Garage space(s) to work on cars
- Signage facing Faxon Avenue



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Historic Preservation Commission Resolution No. 852 HEARING DATE MARCH 1, 2017

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ADOPTING FINDINGS RECOMMENDING TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY NOMINATION FOR FAXON GARAGE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 545 FAXON AVENUE (BLOCK/LOT 6934/001A).

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; and

WHEREAS, the subject business has contributed to the Ocean View, Merced Heights, Ingleside (OMI) 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 March 1, 2017, the Historic Preservation Commission reviewed documents, correspondence and heard oral testimony on the Legacy Business Registry nomination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission** hereby recommends that Faxon Garage qualifies for the Legacy Business Registry under Administrative Code Section 2A.242(b)(2) as it has operated for 30 or more years and has continued to contribute to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission** hereby recommends safeguarding of the below listed physical features and traditions for Faxon Garage.

Location (if applicable)

- 545 Faxon Avenue

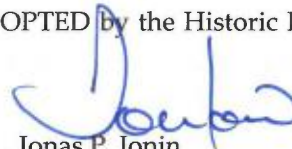
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- Signage facing Faxon Avenue

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission's** findings and recommendations are made solely for the purpose of evaluating the subject business's eligibility for the Legacy Business Registry, and the Historic Preservation Commission makes no finding that the subject property or any of its features constitutes a historical resource pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(a).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the **Historic Preservation Commission** hereby directs its Commission Secretary to transmit this Resolution and other pertinent materials in the case file 2017-001414LBR to the Office of Small Business.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was **ADOPTED** by the Historic Preservation Commission on March 1, 2017.



Jonas P. Ionin
Commission Secretary

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ADOPTED: March 1, 2017