Small Business Commission
Resolution

HEARING DATE JUNE 12, 2017

CANESSA GALLERY

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 025-17-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2016-17-046
Business Name: Canessa Gallery
Business Address: 708 Montgomery Street
District: District 3
Applicant: Zach Stewart
Nomination Date: December 12, 2016
Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR
CANESSA GALLERY, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 708 MONTGOMERY 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 June 12, 2017, 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 Canessa Gallery 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 Canessa Gallery:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Tradition of regularly hosting various cultural and community meetings and events.
- Gallery and performance spaces.
- Business model that supports new, emerging and established artists with a focus on allowing artists to showcase and promote their work and engage in conversation with friends, the public and other artists.
- Location of the business in the Canessa Printing Co. building on Montgomery Street within the North Beach neighborhood.
- Design by Italian-American architect Luigi Mastropasqua that includes Asian-inspired round windows incorporated into a Palladian façade, recessed fenestration throughout the primary façade and applied lettering “Canessa Printing Co.” below a bracketed cornice.
- Mezzanine above and open to the gallery space thought to have been constructed by shipbuilders and is supported only by slender metal poles.
- Gallery space at the second floor that includes original pine flooring and remnants of the Canessa Printing Co. such as small brass fittings that swing out from the walls that are still-working gaslights.
- Staff recommends that exterior features outlined in the Article 10 Jackson Square Landmark District landmark designation that are relevant to the Canessa Printing Co. building continue to be maintained.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Canessa Gallery on the Legacy Business Registry:
- Art gallery.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on June 12, 2017.

Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

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