Small Business Commission
Resolution

HEARING DATE JUNE 26, 2017
RUSSIAN HILL BOOKSTORE

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 027-17-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2016-17-078
Business Name: Russian Hill Bookstore
Business Address: 2162 Polk Street
District: District 3
Applicant: Carol Spencer, Owner/Sole Proprietor
Nomination Date: March 9, 2017
Nominated By: Supervisor Aaron Peskin
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR RUSSIAN HILL BOOKSTORE, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 2162 POLK 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 26, 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 Russian Hill Bookstore 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 Russian Hill Bookstore:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Russian Hill location.
- Function as a bookstore selling new and used books.
- Business model that includes an inventory of curated and hand-picked used books bought and sold to the people who live in the neighborhood.
- Offering of general used books, new books in classics and best-sellers, antiquarian and rare books, comics, children's books and toys.
- Offering of stationary, cards, postcards and notecards created by local artists and printers.
- Tall pine bookshelves that line the wall from floor to ceiling.
- Ladders and library stools inside the store.
- Classic discount book bin outside of the store.
- Participation in community events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Russian Hill Bookstore on the Legacy Business Registry:
- Retail book sales.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on June 26, 2017.

[Signature]
Regina Dick-Endrizzi
Director

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