Small Business Commission
Draft Resolution

HEARING DATE NOVEMBER 13, 2017
HWA RANG KWAN MARTIAL ARTS CENTER

LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY RESOLUTION NO. 049-17-LBR

Application No.: LBR-2017-18-003
Business Name: Hwa Rang Kwan Martial Arts Center
Business Address: 90 Welsh Street
District: District 6
Applicant: Master Steve Rapport, Owner
Nomination Date: July 5, 2017
Nominated By: Supervisor Jane Kim
Staff Contact: Richard Kurylo
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ADOPTING FINDINGS APPROVING THE LEGACY BUSINESS REGISTRY APPLICATION FOR HWA RANG KWAN MARTIAL ARTS CENTER, CURRENTLY LOCATED AT 90 WELSH 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 November 13, 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 Hwa Rang Kwan Martial Arts 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 Hwa Rang Kwan Martial Arts Center:

Physical Features or Traditions that Define the Business:
- Offering traditional martial arts classes (Taekwondo, Hapkido and Kumdo) and other self-defense classes.
- Offering its space for local martial arts clubs and groups to practice who cannot otherwise afford to rent spaces of their own.
- Motto, “the friendly place to condition your mind, body and soul.”
- Five tenets of Taekwondo that the school does its best to instill in students: Courtesy, Integrity, Self-Control, Perseverance, and Indomitable Spirit.
- Logo containing the laurel wreath that symbolizes peace, the traditional Korean weapon (danbong – short stick) in the Taekwondo fist, the Um/Yang symbol and the Rose of Sharon hibiscus (national flower of Korea).
- Moral on the front of the building at 90 Welsh Street that features one of the school’s most talented former Taekwondo Black Belts: Michelle Bolong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Small Business Commission requires maintenance of the below listed core physical feature or tradition to maintain Hwa Rang Kwan Martial Arts Center on the Legacy Business Registry:
- Martial arts training.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED by the Small Business Commission on November 13, 2017.

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Ayes – 5: Adams, Dwight, Tour-Sarkissian, Yee Riley, Zouzounis
Nays – 0
Abstained – 0
Absent – 2: Dooley, Ortiz-Cartagena