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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Final Approval Date: September 1, 2023
Case No.: 2023-006215ENV
Project Title: United Nations Plaza Activation Project
Project Address: 1122 Market Street
Zoning: P - Public
Block/Lot: 0351039, 0351041, 0351046
Lot Size: 130,000 square feet
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: Dan Mauer, Project Manager
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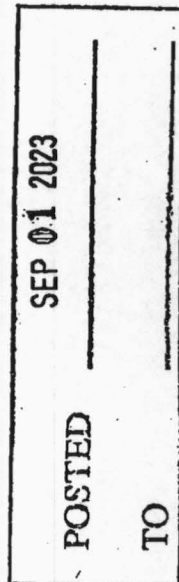
To: County Clerk, City and County of San Francisco
 City Hall Room 168
 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources, and San Francisco requirements, this Notice of Exemption is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

Attached fee: \$79 filing fee

Project Description

The San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department proposes the United Nations (UN) Plaza Activation Project that involves installing a smooth surface with skateable elements on the surface. The project would require modification of the existing red brick plaza and installation of reversible, red-tinted concrete to match the brick color. UN Plaza is approximately 150,000 square feet with approximately 90,000 square feet of red brick paving. This project proposes modifying and repurposing approximately 13,000 square feet of red brick some of which is in need of repair, into a skateboard activation. Some of the salvageable bricks would be incorporated into the skating elements and any remaining salvageable bricks would be stored on Treasure Island for future reuse. There are approximately 80,000 bricks on Treasure Island today; this stockpile, along with new bricks as needed, would provide enough material to revert the area back to brick. To create a reversible installation, the sublayer would be protected with a layer of felt prior to installing the concrete and skate elements.



Additional activation elements, such as chess tables, Teqball tables, ping pong tables, and exercise equipment, would be included throughout UN Plaza to offer a variety of activation opportunities throughout the space. The brick surfacing does not need to be modified with these other activation elements. Some of the elements would need to be bolted down to provide a safe playing surface. Any damaged bricks would be replaced when the activation elements are removed or replaced.

Determination

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project on August 1st, 2023. The Public Works Director provided authorization for the Recreation and Parks Department to carry out the project. The project was officially approved on September 1st, 2023 when no appeal of the Categorical Exemption was filed during the 30-day appeal period. A copy of the documents may be examined at the Planning Department, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA, 94103 in file no. 2023-006215ENV and 2023-006215PRJ.

1. An Exemption from Environmental Review has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA under:
 - Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268)
 - Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
 - Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
 - Categorical Exemption. Class 1 (Sec. 15301) and Class 3 (Sec. 15303)
 - Statutory Exemption. State code number: _____
 - Community Plan Exemption (Sec. 21083.3; 15183)

2. This project in its approved form has been determined to be exempt from environmental review because it fits the definition of the above-stated classes of categorical exemption and would not trigger any of the exceptions to the issuance of a categorical exemption.

Rich Hillis
Planning Director



By Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

9/1/2023
Date

cc: Dan Mauer, Project Manager
Supervisor Preston, District 5