

Ocean Terrace

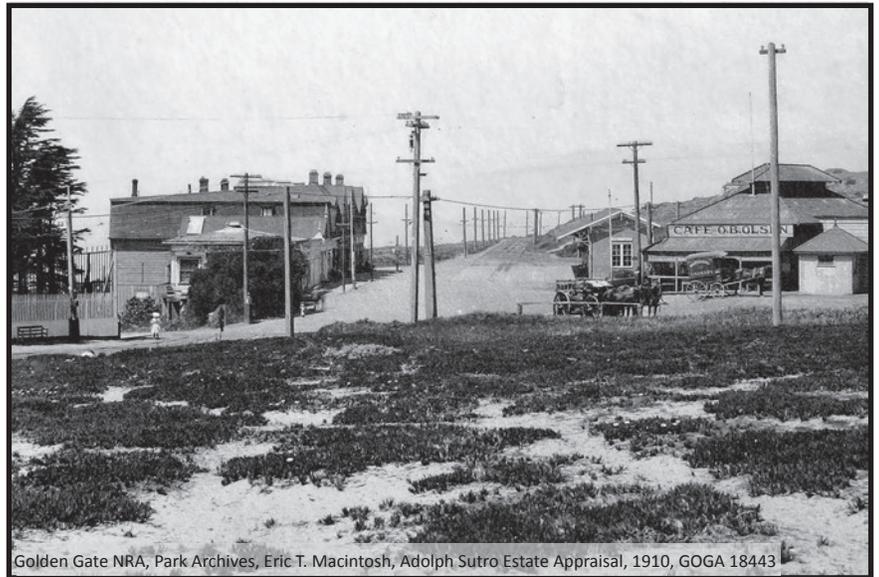
Adolph Sutro began developing a commercial area across the street from the Ferries & Cliff House Railway train depot between 1889 and 1894. Known as Ocean Terrace, the development consisted of three wooden buildings, including a large commercial block that housed two saloons, two restaurants, and three storefronts.

Across from the Ocean Terrace development, on the northeast corner of 48th Ave. and Pt. Lobos Ave. were sheds, a dwelling, the SF Fire Department's Chemical Station 8, and a saloon called the Sutro Heights Casino.

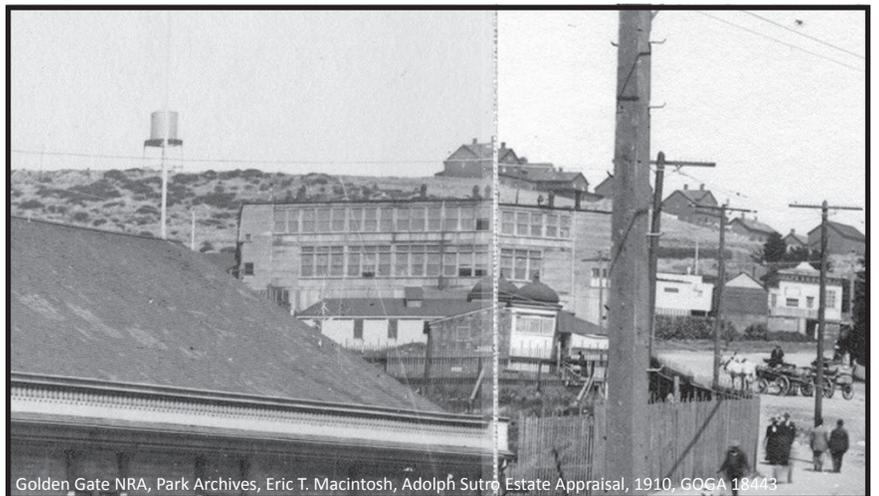
The architecture at Ocean Terrace was simple and functional, especially in comparison to the grandiose forms of the Cliff House and Sutro Baths. The Ocean Terrace buildings were built on very simple brick or wooden pilings for foundations, evidenced by several brick piers uncovered by archaeologists during excavations in 2006.

The development was short lived, for almost all surface traces of the Ocean Terrace buildings had disappeared by the 1920s. Today the area is graced by mature cypress trees.

Top: Ocean Terrace ca. 1910 viewed from location of today's Seal Rock Inn; *Middle:* Ocean Terrace from Sutro Depot, ca. 1910; *Bottom:* Ocean Terrace looking northwest, ca. 1903.



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