



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, Lt. Leonard Poggio, Anthony Schlander, and Laura Thomas

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Al Perez

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Commission Secretary May Liang; Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina

SPEAKER KEY:

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition of an item; and
- = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 5:34 PM

2. General Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. With respect to agenda items, members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes at the time such item is called.

Public Comments:

Barry Taranto (Zoom), a member of the SF Taxi Workers Alliance, commented on his disapproval for President Bleiman's stance on Prop L. He asked if the Commission has voted for the stance on Prop L in order for President Bleiman to make his stance public. He also added that many of the

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arguments against Prop L are false, elaborating with further information.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Commission meetings. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-09/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20August%2020%202024_Draft.pdf

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the August 20, 2024 Commission meetings.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: see item 6; Staff and Office Update: 1840 Part-time Sound Inspector position update, Update on Entertainment Commission Annual Retreat; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

5. Report from Senior Inspector: Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

6. Updates on Nightlife Business Assistance: Ben Van Houten, Director of Nightlife Initiatives, Nightlife and Entertainment Sector with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, provides an update on nightlife business assistance. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

7. Update on Overdose Prevention in Nightlife Campaign: Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice and SFDPH Director of Overdose Prevention Eileen Loughran report on outreach activities during Overdose Awareness Month in August. [Discussion Item]

Public Comments: None

8. Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Consent Agenda:

- a. EC-1691 - Gary Rulli and Jeannie Rulli of EMPORIO RULLI AT CHESTNUT ST, ***dba Rulli Ristobar***, 2300 Chestnut St – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- b. EC-1805 – Papa Clark Inc, SSJ LLC, McGalliard Incorporated, Busacca Blake Williams LLC of DARLING SF LLC, ***dba Darling SF***, 2263 Chestnut St – Fixed Place Amplified Sound & Billiard Parlor

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Vice President Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Stefano Cassolato commented in support of the permit application.

- c. EC-1806 - Nathan Valentine, Jamal Blake-Williams, Joe Poz, Kami Investments, and WWP Investments of MIXED BROTHERS LLC, **dba April Jean**, 1371 Grant Ave – Place of Entertainment

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- d. EC-1809 - Brooke Lloyd and Robert Sill of OPEN MY TAB LLC, **dba Teeth**, 2323 Mission St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on the rear patio

President Bleiman recused himself from this item due to personal connections with the applicant.

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Bella Rodas, Sister from Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity, commented in opposition to the permit application, stating disruption of daily and weekend prayers.

(-) Laryn Kovalik (Zoom), neighbor to the venue, commented in opposition to the permit application.

- e. EC-1810 - Martina McGrath of 834 IRVING INC, **dba 834 Irving Inc**, 834 Irving St – Place of Entertainment change in ownership that includes outdoor amplified sound on the rear patio and Billiard Parlor

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Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. EC-1811 - Onur Ozkaynak of CHA3M CORP, ***dba Cha Cha Cha***, 2327 Mission St – Limited Live Performance that includes amplified sound at the front of the business

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

9. Discussion and possible action to amend the permit conditions of Place of Entertainment permit #EC-1665, *dba Cavana*, located at 108 Channel St, regarding adding special events to their permit at the request of the permit holder. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: President Bleiman made a motion to amend the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the amendments for the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Edgardo Cambon, SF musician who plays at Cavana, commented in support of the

amendments for the permit.

(+) Matt Henderson (Zoom), SF resident, commented in support of the amendments for the permit.

(+) Natalie Linan (Zoom), Mission Rock resident, commented in support of the amendments for the permit.

(+) Lee Severino (Zoom), General Manager of Luma Hotel SF, commented in support of the amendments for the permit.

(+) Jeremy Lui (Zoom), previous Mission Rock resident and connected to Luma Hotel SF, commented in support of the amendments for the permit.

10. Commissioner Comments & Questions; New Business Request for Future Agenda Items:

This item is to allow Commissioners to introduce agenda items for future consideration, and to make announcements. [Action item and Announcements]

Public Comments:

Barry Taranto (Zoom) commented about needing a taxi zone for the Oktoberfest on Front St. event and there was a taxi zone for the Portugal. The Man event at the Civic Center. Both events were mentioned during Commissioner Comments.

11. ADJOURNMENT at 7:27 PM