



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Cyn Wang (Vice President), Lt. Leonard Poggio, Al Perez, and Laura Thomas

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Maria Davis and Anthony Schlander

**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; Inspector Alex Adams

**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 5:37 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:

H. Brown, of SF Bulldog, commented about wanting entertainment in San Francisco to be like the old rock-and-roll days including allowing casinos and sex workers – he supports entertainment of all kinds in San Francisco. He also is a neighbor to Studio Aurora and support their application for

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an entertainment permit.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: [https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20December%203%202024\\_Draft.pdf](https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20December%203%202024_Draft.pdf)

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the December 3, 2024 Commission meeting.

Ayes: Vice President Wang, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Update on 1840 Part-Time Sound Inspector Hiring Process & Reminder about Entertainment Commission Annual Holiday Party; 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. Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

**Consent Agenda:**

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- a. EC-1804 - Fernay McPherson of MINNIE BELL'S SOUL MOVEMENT LLC, ***dba Minnie Bell's Soul Movement***, 1375 Fillmore St – Limited Live Performance
- b. EC-1826 – Jerry Chan, ***dba Red's Place***, 672 Jackson St – Limited Live Performance
- c. EC-1830 - Dario Barbone of ALIMENTARI AURORA LLC, ***dba Studio Aurora***, 302 Valencia St – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the permits with staff recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits with staff recommendations.

Ayes: Vice President Wang, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

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- d. EC-1820 - Kevin Kynoch and Brandon Phillipa of FIVEYTIME LLC, ***Magnolia Brewing Company***, 1398 Haight St – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to continue the permit application to a future hearing; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue the permit application to a future hearing.

Ayes: Vice President Wang, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Danica Hobza, neighbor living above the business, commented in opposition to the permit application.

(-) Jonathan Lum (Zoom), neighbor living above the business, commented in opposition to the permit application.

(-) Ayah Hamdoun (Zoom), former employee and neighbor living above the business, commented in opposition to the permit application.

- e. EC-1828 - Mohamed Ali Alarkaban of CAFE X ONE INC, *Habibi Lounge*, 26 6th St – Place of Entertainment that includes outdoor amplified sound & Extended Hours Premises

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to continue the permit application to a future hearing; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue the permit application to a future hearing.

Ayes: Vice President Wang, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(=) Rachel Simms, organizer with SRO Collaborative and Tenderloin Housing Clinic, commented about their desire to have the permit application be continued so that there is more time for the neighborhood to have conversations with the business owner about their concerns.

(=) Pratibha Tekkey, with the Tenderloin Housing Clinic, commented about their concerns regarding sound which have not yet been responded to and her desire to have the permit application be continued.

(=) Shirley Jackson, resident of the SRO at Seneca Hotel, commented about the noise produced by the business and wanting the permit application be continued so they can have more time to work out something fair between the neighbors and the business.

(=) Gregg Johnson, resident of the SRO at Seneca Hotel, commented about wanting entertainment in the area and also wanting to make it work for the people living in the neighborhood. He wants to get to know the business better and hope that the permit application be continued.

**8. 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: None

**9. ADJOURNMENT** at 6:50 PM