
**SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 11, 2022

4:30 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONERS

Sharky Laguana, President

Miriam Zouzounis, Vice-President;

Lawanda Dickerson; Cynthia Huie; William Ortiz-Cartagena, Tiffany Carter

1. Call to order and roll call

Present – Dickerson, Laguana, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent – Carter, Huie

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

2. BOS File #220240 Community Policing Plans - Foot/Bike Patrol (Discussion and Action Item)

Alan Wong, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mar presented this item, which would make the Police Department create a Community Policing Plan (“CPP”) at each district police station, that, among other strategies, incorporates a foot and bike patrol deployment and includes a community process for eliciting input.

Commissioner comments: Commissioner Zouzounis asked how this proposal fits in with larger conversations around Police funding and staffing? Alan clarified it is not linked to any budget amount or hiring requirements. That will likely be discussed at the 4/28 PSNS Committee meeting. Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena noted that the Mission experiences a constant rotation of Station Captains so they need stability to make this effective. People of color are sensitive to this issue so Mar’s office should outreach. Commissioner Dickerson agreed about the need for a consistent relationship with SFPD. Her neighborhood experiences shootings, violent crimes, then sees SFPD for a week, and then they disappear again. They want police to deter crime, not to come into Bayview and do policing. Director Tang asked about the implementation component of this proposal. Alan noted it will be updated annually. President Laguana asked what exactly a CPP entails. Alan noted it goes beyond bike/foot patrols to include language access, reducing the language barriers between community and SFPD. He also asked how SFPD feels about this – Alan noted they are supportive. Commissioner Zouzounis asked about community participation.

Public comment:

- Janet Tarlov, SFCDMA
- Stephene Cornell, SFCDMA

Motion to recommend this proposal: President Laguana

2nd: Commissioner Dickerson

Aye: Dickerson, Laguana, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent: Carter, Huie

3. BOS File #220264 Adult Sex Venues (Discussion and Action Item)

The commission heard this proposal to amend the Planning Code to define Adult Sex Venue and principally permit, conditionally permit, or prohibit Adult Sex Venues. Jacob Bintliff presented, explaining the historical context, highlighting stigmatizing regulatory measures that came about during the 1980’s AIDS epidemic. This

seeks to address those punitive laws and allow adult sex venues in neighborhoods that are historically LGBTQ. He reviewed the Planning Commissions recommended amendments.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Zouzounis asked if this impact any current businesses. Jacob answered that it does not negatively impact any current businesses. It just helps new spaces open. Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena thanked Sup. Mandelman for the outreach around this proposal – they talked with several cultural districts to ensure buy in. President Laguana wanted to flag that this may need some amendments to allow other uses and not have unintended consequences. He also flagged that other business uses, like bars, have more rigorous processes and those should be considered for streamlining along with Adult Sex Venues.

Public comment:

- Ken Row, Owner of Eros. In support.
- Gabby, part of Transgender District. In support.
- Bob Goldfard, LBGTQ Leather Cultural District. In support.

Motion to recommend this proposal: President Laguana

2nd: Vice President Zouzounis

Aye: Dickerson, Laguana, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent: Carter, Huie

4. Resolution Making Findings To Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(E) (Discussion and Action Item)

No members of the public requested to speak.

Motion to recommend this proposal: President Laguana

2nd: Commissioner Dickerson

Aye: Dickerson, Laguana, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent: Carter, Huie

5. Small Business Survey 2022 (Discussion Item)

The Commission reviewed a draft Small Business survey which is a follow up to a survey conducted in 2020 to gauge the impact of COVID-19 on small businesses in San Francisco.

Commissioner Comments: Commissioner Zouzounis wanted to make the questions actionable in terms of policy recommendations. President Laguana suggested including a specific question around obstacles in applying for aid, a question about experiences with public safety, vandalism, graffiti, etc. Commissioner Dickerson suggested including an option to indicate if the process was intimidating or overwhelming to owners. President Laguana also suggested asking about ADA lawsuits that may have occurred in the past year.

Public comment: Janet Tarlov, Glen Park Merchants. Suggested asking about OLSE violations or ADA lawsuits.

6. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes (Discussion and Action Item)

No members of the public requested to speak.

Motion to approve 3.28 meeting minutes: Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena

2nd: President Laguana

Aye: Dickerson, Laguana, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent: Carter, Huie

7. General Public Comment (Discussion Item)

No members of the public requested to speak.

8. Director's Report (Discussion Item)

Director Tang reminded the Commission about ADA grants and the ongoing outreach being done. The rent relief grant program closed. SF Shines is offering professional design services. OSB is hiring a staff person for the Neighborhood Anchoring Business Program and the application is open. Small business week is coming up. No members of the public requested to speak.

9. Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)

President Laguana noted that he emailed the SBAC and got a very thorough reply from Martha about his question. Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena noted that he's working with Calle 24 and MEDA to do street vendor outreach in advance of the new program. Commissioner Zouzounis asked how the Commission can better engage BIPOC businesses in restaurant week or small business week. Ramadan coincided with restaurant week, for example.

No members of the public requested to speak.

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.