



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held in-person

Tuesday, September 20th, 2022

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Dori Caminong (Vice President), Lt. Dave Falzon, Laura Thomas, Cyn Wang

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Al Perez

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Senior Analyst Dylan Rice; Commission Secretary May Liang

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BLEIMAN AT 5:38 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. Consideration and possible action to adopt a resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California Government Code Section 54953(e).

[Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document:

<https://sfgov.org/entertainment/sites/default/files/Support%20Documents/SF%20Entertainment%20Commission%20-%20Findings%20Resolution%20for%20Charter%20Commissions%20-%202022-28-22.pdf>



Motion: Commissioner Falzon made a motion to adopt the resolution; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission adopted the resolution.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

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 Comment: None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2022 Commission meetings. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2022-08/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20August%2016%202022_DRAFT.pdf

Motion: Commissioner Caminong made a motion to adopt the minutes; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the August 16, 2022 Commission meetings.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: Update on EC Priorities and Next Steps for Commissioner Working Groups, Update on Annual Nightlife and Entertainment Business Survey; Staff and Office Update: Update on job posting for vacant Junior Sound Inspector position (1840); Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: Briefing re: Notice of Suspension for Public Safety from Sept. 9, 2022 – Sept. 12, 2022 & Director's Order for revised

security plan for #EC-1452 dba Stratos Night Club. [Discussion Item]

Public Comment: None

5. Report from Deputy Director: Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion Item]

Public Comment: None

6. Updates on Nightlife Business Assistance in Response to COVID-19: Ben Van Houten, Business Development Manager, Nightlife and Entertainment Sector with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, provides an update on nightlife business assistance. [Discussion Item]

Public Comment: None

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

Consent Calendar:

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Entertainment Commission, and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission, the public, or staff so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item at this or a future hearing.

Consent Agenda:

- a. EC-1651 – Ahmad Murad of Manbiya LLC, ***dba That's Amore SF***, 1901 Ocean Ave - Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Falzon made a motion to continue this item at the Commission meeting on October 4, 2022; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the item to be heard at the Commission meeting on October 4, 2022.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- b. EC-1652 - Sabrina Thillard of Nunovi, LLC, **dba Ora**, 1519 Polk Street – Limited Live Performance

Public Comments:

= David Doering, resident in neighborhood, had concerns about ventilation of the space

Motion: Commissioner Falzon made a motion to move this item to the Regular agenda; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the item to be moved to the Regular agenda.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

- c. EC-1656– 555 California Restaurant LLC, **dba The Vault Restaurant**, 555 California Street Suite E – concourse level – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- b. EC-1652 - Sabrina Thillard of Nunovi, LLC, **dba Ora**, 1519 Polk Street – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Caminong made a motion to approve the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy and ending indoor entertainment by 10:00pm at the permit location; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy and ending indoor entertainment by 10:00pm at the permit location.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments:

= David Doering, resident in neighborhood

- d. Just Add Music permit #JAM-707 Noise Pop Industries **dba 20th Street Block Party** located at Valencia St between 18th St and 21st St, 19th St between Valencia St and Lexington St, 20th St between Valencia St and Lexington St, for extended hours of outdoor entertainment and amplified sound for a one-time event on 10/15/2022

Motion: Commissioner Caminong made a motion to approve the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy and staff recommendations including adhering to the sound limit set by inspectors and coordinating with other JAM permit holders in the area for their event; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits with the Good Neighbor Policy and staff recommendations including adhering to the sound limit set by inspectors and coordinating with other JAM permit holders in the area for their event.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. EC-1655 - Ben Bleiman, Duncan Ley, and Cory Hunt of Bitter Badger, Inc, **dba California Jack's**, 1548 California Street – Limited Live Performance

President Bleiman recused himself for this item and Vice President Caminong chaired the item.

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to approve the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy, ending indoor entertainment by 10:00pm at the permit location, and staff recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits with the Good Neighbor Policy, ending indoor entertainment by 10:00pm at the permit location, and staff recommendations.

Ayes: Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

President Bleiman rejoined and resumed chairing the meeting.

- f. EC-1653 - Kingston Wu and Paul Volfovski of 1799 Mission Street, LLC, **dba Dahlia Lounge**, 1799 Mission Street, Place of Entertainment

Motion: Commissioner Falzon made a motion to approve the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy and staff recommendations; Commissioner Caminong seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits with the Good Neighbor Policy and staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- g. EC-1654 - David O’Keeffe of Bottom of the 9th, LLC, **dba Candlestick Park**, 747 3rd St. San Francisco, Place of Entertainment

Motion: Commissioner Caminong made a motion to approve the permit with the Good Neighbor Policy and staff and SFPD recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits with the Good Neighbor Policy and staff and SFPD recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

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 Comment: None

ADJOURNMENT at 7:04PM