



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### MINUTES

Meeting was held in-person

**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

### Regular Meeting

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Dori Caminong (Vice President), Lt. Dave Falzon, Al Perez, Laura Thomas, Stephen Torres, and Cyn Wang

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Commission Secretary May Liang;

#### 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 5:32 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.

Commissioner Torres arrived during this item.

#### Public Comment:

= Michael Petrelis made comments regarding the negative impact on nightlife and businesses in the Castro District Corridor due to Another Planet's management of the Castro Theater. He



demands that the Entertainment Commission hold a hearing about the impacts about the Castro Theater and about the closing movie theaters of CGV on Van Ness.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Commission meetings. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: [https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Feb%207%202023\\_Draft.pdf](https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-02/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Feb%207%202023_Draft.pdf)

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the February 7, 2023 Commission meetings.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comment:

- Michael Petrelis stated that the minutes from February 7, 2023 did not fully reflect his comments made during that meeting. He reiterates that he had critical comments against Commissioner Torres regarding his involvement in the Castro Theater. His name was also spelled incorrectly in those minutes.

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: Assemblymember Haney introduced AB 374 on cannabis lounges to allow them to add food and non-alcoholic drink preparation and ticketed entertainment events; Mayor Breed's State of the City Address and release of the City's Downtown Recovery Plan; Update on legislative items introduced by Supervisor Dorsey to expand entertainment on Folsom and 11th Street as well as to expand access to LLPs, patios, and 30-day permitting; Staff and Office Update: none; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [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. 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-1672 – Allison Snopek and Scott Nielson of Intersection for the Arts, *dba Intersection for the Arts*, 1446 Market St. - Limited Live Performance

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**Regular Agenda:**

- b. EC-1675 - Hyomin (Ryan) Lee of the Hwaro Group Inc, *dba The Korner Store Bites & Vibes*, 4516 Mission St. – Limited Live Performance with outdoor amplified sound

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- c. EC-1398 – Thomas Frenkel, Dan Serot, and Brad Serot of Two Brothers ODH, Inc, ***dba Finnegan’s Wake***, 937 Cole St. – Limited Live Performance amendment to include outdoor amplified sound

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang (Vice President Caminong stepped out of the meeting for a moment and was not present for the vote)

Nays: None

Public Comments:

In-person:

+ Julian Barber made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake

Via Zoom audio:

- David Newman, with wife Adele, made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake having indoor amplified sound but object to continued amplified sound outdoors

+ Robin Stein made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake

Via Zoom chat:

+ Jaime J. made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake

+ Marika Minczeski made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake

+ Elaine Yang made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake

+ Alex Eisner made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake

+ Ryan W. made comments in support of Finnegan’s Wake

**7. Discussion and possible action to amend the permit conditions of Limited Live Performance permit #EC-1545 dba Adobe Books located at 3130 24<sup>th</sup> Street, San Francisco, CA 94110 at the request of the Commission.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Falzon made a motion to continue this item at the Commission hearing on March 21, 2023 to give the applicant time to create a security plan that the Commission can review before further discussion and possible actions; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission will continue this item at the Commission hearing on March 21, 2023 to give the applicant time to create a security plan that the Commission can review before further discussion and possible actions.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Wang (Commissioner Torres left the meeting during this item and was not present for the vote)

Nays: None

Public Comments:

In-person:

- + Javier Cervantes made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Carlos Sandoval made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Siena LaMere made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Matt Robidout made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Andrew McKinley made comments in support of Adobe Books

Via Zoom audio:

- + James S. made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Floyd Tangeman made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Prasant Nukalapati made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Phone # ending in -9300 made comments in support of Adobe Books, asked for help from the Commission to assist in mediating with the neighbors
- + Chanaye made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Buck Bito made comments in support of Adobe Books

Via Zoom chat:

- + Deji Lasi made comments in support of Adobe Books
- + Michael made comments in support of Adobe Books

**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 8:12 PM