



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### MINUTES

Meeting was held in-person

**Tuesday, May 16, 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; Senior Analyst 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 5:30 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 Comment:

= Barry Taranto (Zoom) commented that 11<sup>th</sup> St. at Folsom St. is a mess between midnight to 3am due to entertainment venues allowing double parking on the street and not being good neighbors because of this.



**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2023 Commission meetings. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: [https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20April%2018%202023\\_Draft.pdf](https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-04/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20April%2018%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 April 18, 2023 Commission meetings.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Reminder about the SF Entertainment and Nightlife Summit 2023; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment: None

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

Public Comment: None

**6. Updates on Nightlife Business Assistance:** 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-1692 – Carlos Muela and Luis Muela of MISSION BAY GOLF INC., ***dba Parklab Gardens***, 1379 4th St. – Fixed Place Amplified Sound

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to move this permit item to the Regular Agenda; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission moved this permit item to the Regular Agenda.

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

Commissioner Falzon was assisting with issues with public meeting attendees and was not present for the vote.

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- b. EC-1695 - Jordan Langer, Pete Glikshtern, and Dave Peterson of Non Plus Ultra, Inc, ***dba The Mint***, 88 5th St. – Limited Live Performance, including indoor and outdoor entertainment and outdoor amplified sound in their private courtyard
- c. EC-1395 - David Kiely and Keith Cochrane of TWO SMART GUYS LLC., ***dba Mars Bar and Restaurant***, 798 Brannan St. – Limited Live Performance amendment to include outdoor amplified sound

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit items b and c with staff recommendations.

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

Commissioner Falzon was assisting with issues with public meeting attendees and was not present for the vote.

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**Regular Agenda:**

- a. EC-1692 – Carlos Muela and Luis Muela of MISSION BAY GOLF INC., ***dba Parklab Gardens***, 1379 4th St. – Fixed Place Amplified Sound

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with an amendment to the conditions of having 6 hours of entertainment, replacing the original 8 hours allowed; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with an amendment to staff recommendations of 6 hours of entertainment, replacing the original 8 hours allowed.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- Deanna Terzian, resident of Mission Bay, commented in opposition of the permit
- Amit Desai, resident in the neighborhood, commented in opposition of the permit
- Deborah Sesich, resident in the neighborhood, commented in opposition of the permit
- + Ryen Motzek, customer of the permit location, commented in support of the permit

- d. ECOTE23-064 FX Entertainment LLC, ***dba Hawthorn***, 46 Geary St. – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration, May 30, 2023 to March 31, 2024, Mondays-Fridays from 4-10pm and Saturdays-Sundays from 12-10pm within their approved Shared Spaces street closure on Maiden Lane between Kearny Street and Grant Avenue.

Motion: Commissioner 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 Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments:

+ KC Chaudhuri commented in support of the permit

- e. ECOTE23-120 San Francisco Eagle, dba ***SF Eagle Bar***. Eagle Plaza on 12th St between Bernice St and Harrison St – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration, 5/17/23 - 3/31/24, daily, various times.

Motion: Commissioner Torres 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 Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- Anonymous neighbor's emailed comment read by Commission Secretary Liang was in opposition of the permit

- f. ECOTE23-121 Eye Zen Presents, dba ***OUT of Site: Sylvester, The Mighty Real***. Indoor locations at 1506 Haight St and 1399 Haight St – One Time Indoor Event Permit to host indoor entertainment for more than 12 days at the same premises, 5/23/23 - 10/1/23, various dates and times.

And

ECOTE23-122 Eye Zen Presents, dba ***OUT of Site: Sylvester, The Mighty Real***. Multiple outdoor locations on Haight St between Divisadero St and Clayton St; and 815 Buena Vista Avenue West – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment with extended duration, 5/23/23 - 10/1/23, various dates and times.

Motion: Vice President Caminong 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:

= C. Burke (Zoom), resident in the neighborhood, asked for clarification of the sound at Haight and Masonic. Senior Analyst Rice shared his email address so that the resident can get in contact directly for an answer to his question.

- g. EC-1685 – Claudia LeGarie and Tibor Szabo, **dba Galleria Boheme**, 2391 Mission St. – Limited Live Performance

Motion: President Bleiman 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 Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Torres

Public Comments:

- Conan Mattisson, neighbor of the permit location, commented in opposition of the permit
- + KC Chaudhuri commented in support of the permit
- Elliot Levy, neighbor at 3491 20<sup>th</sup> St, commented in opposition of the permit
- + Steven Karp, JSR Karp5 L.P., commented in support of the permit
- = Stefano Cassolato made comments regarding the zoning of the permit location. Deputy Director Azevedo was asked by President Bleiman to speak about the zoning of the location.
- + Philip Lesser, Mission Merchants Association, commented in support of the permit
- Trixxie Carr (Zoom), neighbor of the permit location, commented in opposition of the permit
- David (phone number ending in -1582 over Zoom) commented in opposition of the permit
- Michael Nultyt (Zoom) commented in opposition of the permit

The Commission asked Mr. Steven Karp, who is the landlord of the permit location, to answer some questions regarding the permit.

- h. EC-1688 - Ryen Motzek and Xiaofei Zhou of Pristine Parking Inc, **dba The City Station**, 701 Valencia St. – Limited Live Performance with outdoor entertainment and amplified sound in their private parking lot

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- + Amesia Doles, vendor at permit location (Botanic Panic), commented in support of the permit
- + Mattie Loyce, vendor at permit location running the monthly market, commented in support of the permit
- + Stefano Cassolato commented in support of the permit
- + Nik Quarustrom, neighbor of the permit location, commented in support of the permit
- Annie (Zoom), neighbor of the permit location, commented in opposition of the permit

- i. EC-1690 - Jordan Langer, Pete Glikshtern, and Dave Peterson of Non Plus Ultra, Inc, **dba SVN West**, 10 South Van Ness., Limited Live Performance permit that includes indoor entertainment and outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on their private patio

Motion: Vice President Caminong made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Torres 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:

- = Michael Nulty (Zoom) commented about permit applicant needing to find other ways to reach out to the neighborhood and not depending on building managers to pass on the message.
- = Barry Taranto (Zoom) commented about finding a designated location at this venue to stage taxis for their patrons.

- j. EC-1615 - Elizabeth Borgna of HEMLOCK TAVERN SF, LLC, **dba Hemlock Tavern**, 1131 Polk St., Place of Entertainment

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

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

+ Michael Nulty (Zoom) commented in support of the permit

President Bleiman returned to chairing the meeting after the last permit item.

**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

**9. ADJOURNMENT** at 9:12 PM