



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

### Regular Meeting

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Dori Caminong (President), Ben Bleiman (Vice President), Al Perez, Laura Thomas, and Cyn Wang

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director Maggie Weiland, Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; 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 5:35 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:

- (-) Antonio Vera Giglio, neighbor speaking about amplified sound complaint regarding events on Fillmore Street not listed on the evening's agenda.
- (-) Adrian Maestas, neighbor speaking about amplified sound complaint regarding events on Fillmore Street not listed on the evening's agenda.



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

Support Document: [https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-10/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Oct%203%202023\\_Draft.pdf](https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-10/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Oct%203%202023_Draft.pdf)

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the October 3, 2023 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: Update on Police Code Reform Legislation BOS File No. 230861; Staff and Office Update: Debrief on APEC 2023, Update on Hiring Process for Jr. Sound Inspector Position, and Reminder about Annual Holiday Party; 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 and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to deprioritize responding to 311 complaints at SF Mix; Commission Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to deprioritize responding to 311 complaints at SF Mix for the SF Entertainment Commission Sound Inspectors.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment:

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**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 and Possible Action 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-1044 – Agnes Victoria-Stiener and Zoltan Stiener of JOOK HOUSE ENTERTAINMENT LLC, ***dba The End Up***, 401 6TH ST. – Place of Entertainment amendment to include outdoor entertainment and amplified sound in rear patio
- b. EC-1730 - Jeremy Paz of SINOMBRESF LLC, ***dba Sinombre***, 312 HARRIET ST. – Limited Live Performance
- c. EC-1735 - Eric Passeti of Alcyone, LLC, ***dba Tequila Mockingbird***, 86 2<sup>nd</sup> St. – Limited Live Performance
- d. EC-1739 - Ken Lowe of AMERICANESSE INC, ***dba Ace Wasabis Rock and Roll Sushi***, 3339 Steiner St. – Fixed Place Amplified Sound at the front of the business
- e. EC-1740 - Jennifer Corwin of TIA MARGARITA INC, ***dba Tia Margarita***, 300 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. - Fixed Place Amplified Sound at the front of the business

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

Action: The Commission approved the permits with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**Regular Agenda:**

- f. EC-1729 – Richard Leider, Christopher Lehman, and Alan Guy of PO BRO LP, ***dba Taco Rouge***, 1500 BROADWAY ST. – Place of Entertainment including outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- g. EC-1731 – Kurt Zdesar and Philip Noble of Chotto Matte (San Francisco) LLC, ***dba Chotto Matte***, 100 STOCKTON ST. – Place of Entertainment including outdoor entertainment and outdoor amplified sound in their private rooftop terrace

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- h. EC-1687 - Seon (Nobel) Yoo of Syzygy Academy, ***dba Syzygy Academy***, 395 South Van Ness Ave Ste 4. – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to continue the time to a future Commission hearing; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

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

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Kayla Smith, member of the Syzygy Collective, spoke about the hope to get a Limited Live Performance permit.

(+) Anthony Floccari, member of the Syzygy Collective, spoke about the hope to get a Limited Live Performance permit.

- i. EC- 1732 - Richard Lugo Zavala and Geoffrey Stott of CHECKIN LLC, ***dba The Check-In***, 201 Ocean Ave. - Limited Live Performance permit that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

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 Caminong, Vice President Bleiman, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) David Hooper, New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, supported the permit application.

- j. EC-1733 - Mike Saremy, Mahmoud Khossoussi, Ali Azimdoost, and Sasha Soofi of AMERICAN BITES, INC., ***dba American Bites***, 478 Green St. – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations and applicant's request of: Indoor entertainment allowed 10 times per month; of the 10 entertainment events, 5 events shall end by 8pm and 5 events shall end by 10pm; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations and applicant's request of: Indoor entertainment allowed 10 times per month; of the 10 entertainment events, 5 events shall end by 8pm and 5 events shall end by 10pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Stan Hayer, Telegraph Hill Dwellers, opposed the permit application.

(-) Ian Kloville, neighbor, opposed the permit application.

(-) Kelly Kersting, neighbor, opposed the permit application.

- k. EC-1734 - ALEXANDER'S STEAKHOUSE INC, **dba One65**, 165 O'Farrell St. – Fixed Place Amplified Sound at the front of the business

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- l. EC-1736 - Bradley Birt, Nate Valentine, Jeff Jurow, and Britt Miller of BACK BAR LLC, **dba Lost Resort**, 2736 20<sup>th</sup> St. – Fixed Place Amplified Sound on their private patio

Motion: Vice 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 Caminong, Vice President Bleiman, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and 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

**10. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:47 PM