



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Cyn Wang

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 5:31 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: None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]



Support Document: https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-09/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Sept%2019%202023_Draft.pdf

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion approve the meeting minutes; Commission Torres seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Review of Portola Music Festival 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 and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment: None

6. Discussion and possible action to amend Commission versus Administrative Review criteria for making a determination on One Time Event permit applications with outdoor amplified sound and/or outdoor entertainment and requesting extended duration per Article 15.1 of the Police Code (BOS File No. 210285). [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion approve the amendments to the Commission versus Administrative Review criteria; Vice President Bleiman seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the amendments to the Commission versus Administrative Review criteria.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment:

+ Stefano Cassolato commented in favor of the amendments and also praised legislation that would eliminate fees for new businesses. He discussed in details some of the hardships faced by businesses in San Francisco.

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-1728 – Tim Ryan and Elizabeth Ryan of THESE THREE TREES LLC, ***dba The Willows***, 1582 Folsom St – Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business
- b. EC-1725 - Krissy Keefer of DANCE BRIGADE A NEW GROUP FROM WALLFLOWER ORDER, ***dba Dance Mission Theater***, 3316 24th St. – Limited Live Performance

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

Action: The Commission approved the permits with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- c. EC-920 – Lynne Angel and Dawn Huston of EL RIO YOUR DIVE, ***dba El Rio Your Dive***, 3158 Mission St. – Place of Entertainment amendment to include outdoor entertainment and amplified sound in rear patio

Commissioner Torres disclosed that he is a neighbor of the applicant and as Executive Co-Chair of the LGBT Cultural District, they have been in conversations with this business and other businesses in the corridor regarding preservation of entertainment in the neighborhood.

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

Action: The Commission approved the amendment for the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

+ Carol Hill (Zoom) commented in support of the amendments to this permit.

8. Discussion and possible action to amend the permit conditions of Limited Live Performance permit #EC-1716, dba Trinity, located at 1851 Union St, regarding ongoing enforcement actions at the business. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Falzon made a motion to add a condition to this permit which limits the entertainment activity to the first floor only; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to add a condition to this permit which limits the entertainment activity to the first floor only.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

9. 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 6:49 PM