



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dori Caminong (President)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: 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 5:34 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 December 5, 2023, 2023 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Dec%205%202023_Draft.pdf



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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the December 5, 2023 Commission meeting.

Ayes: 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 Small Business and Police Code Reform Legislative Items; Staff and Office Update: Annual Holiday Party Review and Reminder about New Year's Eve; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to continue the Report from Executive Director to the next meeting; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue the Report from Executive Director to the next meeting.

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

Nays: None

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. 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: None

Regular Agenda:

- a. ECOTE23-396 Down With This Sort Of Thing, LLC ***dba Casements***, 2351 Mission St – Amendment to One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 1/7/24 – 12/6/24, daily from 4pm-10pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- (-) Jennifer Y. (Zoom), neighbor on Capp St., commented with opposition to the permit application.
- (-) Karany Nhim (Zoom), neighbor, commented with opposition to the permit application.
- (-) Phone # -9505 (Zoom), neighbor, commented with opposition to the permit application.

- b. ECOTE23-402 SkyStar Wheel LLC ***dba SkyStar Wheel Fisherman's Wharf***, 2860 Taylor St, parking lot - Amendment to One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor amplified sound with extended duration from 12/27/23 – 4/30/24, daily from 10am-10pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- c. EC-1741 – Fabricius Johannes Wiest of BIERGARTEN LLC, **dba Biergarten**, 424 Octavia St. – Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound and entertainment

Motion: Commissioner Perez made a motion approve the permit with staff recommendations; Vice President Bleiman seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Kurt (Zoom), neighbor, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Dylan Johnson (Zoom), manager at Biergarten, commented in support of the permit application.

- d. EC-1737 – ODC THEATER, **dba ODC Theater**, 3153 17th St. – Place of Entertainment

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 Bleiman, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. EC-1742 - Noelle Calixto and Richard Howard of AVILA PARTNERS, **dba Campus**, 2241 Chestnut St. – Fixed Place Amplified Sound on their rear private patio

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. EC- 1743 - Jeffrey Davis and Benson Wang of BLUE PLANTAIN LLC, *dba Palm House*, 2032 Union St. – Billiard Parlor and Limited Live Performance permit that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on front private patio

Commissioner Wang recused herself to vote for the permit because her cousin is one of the applicants.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to continue this permit to the next Commission meeting because there was not enough Commissioners to vote for the permit; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue this permit to the next Commission meeting because there was not enough Commissioners to vote for the permit.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

Regarding permit application –

(=/-) Andrew Grindstaff (Zoom), attorney representing owner of 3033 Buchanan St., commented that they had issues with noise in the area and would support the permit application if there were changes made to the conditions.

(-) Devin Johnson (Zoom), neighbor, commented in opposition to the permit application.

Regarding continuing the permit application –

(=) Brad Saylor, asked about when the next meeting is and had recommendations about the placement of the poster to notify neighbors about the hearing for this application.

7. 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

8. ADJOURNMENT at 6:49 PM