



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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

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 5:37 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 19, 2023, 2023 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]



Support Document: https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-12/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Dec%2019%202023_Draft.pdf

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

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

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Update on hiring process for 1840 Part Time Sound Inspector vacancy, and update on Commission vacancies for Seats 1, 2, and 7. Save the Date for Annual Nightlife and Entertainment Summit – Monday, April 29, 2024; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: Notice of Limited Suspension by Executive Director of the Entertainment Commission dba Trinity EC-1716, 1851 Union St, Friday, January 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. to Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. [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. 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. ECOTE24-009 Foodwise **dba Mission Community Market**, La Placita at 22nd St and Bartlett St – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on Thursdays from 3/14/24 – 11/14/24, from 4pm-6pm.
- b. EC-1744 – Shannon Amitin and Cabure Bonugli of ROSEBUD GALLERY, **dba Rosebud Gallery**, 839 Larkin St. – Limited Live Performance
- c. EC-1746 – Kevin Kynoch and Clement Puiggali of LOPAC GROUP LLC, **dba Fly Bar**, 762 Divisadero St. – Limited Live Performance
- d. EC-1748 – Adam Bergeron and Jaimi Holker of CINEMASF Inc, **dba 4 Star Theater**, 2200 Clement St. – Limited Live Performance
- e. EC-1749 – Aaron Paul, Eric Passeti, and Jacob Roberts of ZHUZH BAR LLC, **dba Zhuzh**, 1548 California St. – Limited Live Performance
- f. EC-1750 - SALUHALL SF INC., **dba Saluhall**, 945 Market St. – Limited Live Performance

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

Action: The Commission approved the permits with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- g. EC-1714 – Sunny Mehra of ROKA AKOR SAN FRANCISCO LLC, **dba Roka Akor**, 801 Montgomery St. – Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound in their parklet

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- h. ECOTE23-381 On the Ground Catering, **dba Friday Night Market**, O'Farrell St between Fillmore St and Steiner St – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration, February 9, 2024 to August 2, 2024, Fridays from 4:00pm - 9:00pm.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to move this item to the next Commission hearing; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission moved the permit to the next Commission hearing.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- (-) Antonio Vera Giglio (Zoom), neighbor, commented that he did not receive any outreach for this event and opposed the event.
- (-) Elizabeth Stahl, President of the Kimball Park Condo Association, commented that this event is too loud and would like to limit the number of times it happens.
- (-) Adrian Maestas, neighbor, commented that this event attracts people to the area to party afterward which is loud as well.
- (-) Dov (Zoom), neighbor, commented that this event is too loud.
- (-) Anne (Zoom), neighbor, commented that she does not want this event every Friday.

- i. ECOTE24-021 Brothers For Change INC, **dba Soulful Sundays**, O'Farrell St between Fillmore St and Steiner St – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration, February 18, 2024 to October 27, 2024, Every other Sunday (1st and 3rd Sundays) from 11:00am - 5:00pm.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion approve the permit with staff recommendations: staff recommends that applicant redo their outreach to the neighborhood with the correct information to allow feedback from the community in the area. During this time, we allow the event, at the discretion of the Executive Director, for a trial period of two Sundays: February 18 and March 3, 2024. They can then return for the March 5, 2024 hearing for further conditioning and discussion about approval for the event going forward with the schedule of allowing

entertainment for the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month starting on March 17, 2024 to October 27, 2024; Vice President Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with the above staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Marqus H., Brothers for Change, commented in support of the permit application, emphasizing that this is the Fillmore Jazz District and neighbors should expect live entertainment.

(+) Mark Alexander, Brothers for Change, commented in support of the permit application, stating that the noise produced after the event was not part of the event.

(+) Gayle Hart, The Geez Freeze, commented in support of the permit application.

(=) Elizabeth Stahl, President of the Kimball Park Condo Association, commented that these events are great but the problem is the loudness of the noise when DJs are playing.

(=) Adrian Maestas, neighbor, commented that he is happy with every other Sunday but thinks that the event hours are still too long.

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

(-) Antonio Vera Giglio (Zoom), neighbor, commented that he did not get the outreach for this event and there are problems beyond the van with the DJ set up during these events.

- j. ECOTE23-407 Civic Center Community Benefit District ***dba Fulton Plaza Music Activations***, Fulton St between Larkin St and Hyde St – Amendment to One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 2/8/24 – 8/31/24, daily from 10am-8pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- k. ECOTE23-186 Downtown San Francisco Partnership ***dba Performances at Landing at Leidesdorff***, Commercial St between Sansome St and Montgomery St, and Leidesdorff St between Sacramento St and Clay St – Amendment to One Time Outdoor Event Permit to

host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 2/8/24 – 7/20/24, daily from 10am-10pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- I. ECOTE24-012 The Mid Market Foundation ***dba Busk It!***, Market Street between 5th Street and 8th Street at various sidewalk and private property locations – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on 2/17/24 from 11am-8pm, and 2/19/24 – 11/17/24 daily from 10am-2pm and 5pm-7pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- m. EC-1738 – Jamila Keba of WAVE COLLECTIVE LLC, ***dba Wave Collective***, 663 Haight St. – Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound and entertainment on rear patio

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Sarah Katz-Hyman, Haight to Laugh, commented in support of the permit application.

- n. EC-1747 – Trung Tran of 577 HOWARD STREET LLC, **dba ZOE**, 579 Howard St. – Place of Entertainment

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 Wang, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

8. Election of Vice President: This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of Vice President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman nominated and motioned for Commissioner Wang to be elected Vice President of the Commission; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission elected Commissioner Wang as Vice President.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

9. Election of President: This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Thomas nominated and motioned for Commissioner Bleiman to be elected President of the Commission; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission elected Commissioner Bleiman as President.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

10. 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

11. ADJOURNMENT at 7:46 PM

