



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

### Regular Meeting

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, 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 5:32 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 Ignacio Vera Giglio spoke about outreach to neighborhoods for permit application. He feels that they are not effective and gave some possible solutions including using Nextdoor for government agencies and mailing the letters. He feels that the Commission should help the event



organizers to do better outreach to the neighborhood.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: [https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-02/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Feb%206%202024\\_Draft.pdf](https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-02/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Feb%206%202024_Draft.pdf)

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the February 6, 2024 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: Reminder to please do your annual Sunshine and Ethics Training and Form 700s by the due date of Tuesday, April 2, 2024; Staff and Office Update: Update on hiring process for 1840 Part Time Sound Inspector vacancy, and update on Commission appointments for Seats 1, 2, and 7; 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. 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-1752 – Jeannie Kim and Jakub Przybyszewski of KPP BEER INC, ***dba Fermentation Lab***, 1700 A Post St. – Limited Live Performance
- b. EC-1758 – GOLDEN GATE PERFORMING ART INC, ***dba San Francisco Gay Men’s Chorus***, 170 Valencia St. – Limited Live Performance
- c. EC-1760 – Kevin Sullivan, Deborah Sullivan, Steve Franklin and Claudia Franklin of 4 WINDS SF INC, ***dba Sully’s Marina Lounge***, 2138 Chestnut St. – Limited Live Performance & Billiard Parlor
- d. ECOTE24-023 Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association ***dba Inner Sunset Farmers Market***, Irving Lot between 8th Ave and 9th Ave – Amendment to One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on Sundays, 03/10/2024 - 12/29/2024 from 9am - 1pm.
- e. ECOTE24-025 Pacific Coast Farmers’ Market Association ***dba Castro Farmers Market***, Noe St between Market St and Beaver St – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on Wednesdays, 04/3/2024 - 11/13/2024 from 3pm - 7pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**Regular Agenda:**

- f. EC-1687 –Syzygy Academy, ***dba Syzygy***, 395 South Van Ness Ave Suite 4 – Limited Live Performance

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- (+) Nick DeRenzi, artist at Syzygy, commented in support of the permit application.
- (+) Kyle Brown, participant at Syzygy, commented in support of the permit application.
- (+) Anthony Floccari, musician at Syzygy, commented in support of the permit application.
- (+) R. Tyler McLaughlin, artist at Syzygy, commented in support of the permit application.
- (+) Samantha Ong, participant at Syzygy, commented in support of the permit application.

- g. EC-1724 – UNIVERSAL LIFE CORRAL LLC, **dba The Stud**, 1123 Folsom St & 1125-1127 Folsom St. – Place of Entertainment

Commissioner Davis recused herself from this agenda item due to her involvement in The Stud Collective.

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

- (+) Bob Goldfarb (Zoom), Executive Director of the Leather and LGBTQ Cultural District, commented in support of the permit application.

Commissioner Davis came back to the meeting after this item.

- h. EC- 1745 - Shawn Camacho, Shawn Naputi, and Marc Dimalanta of HAFA BAY, LLC, **dba Prubechu**, 2224 Mission St – Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound & entertainment in private patio

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 Davis, Commissioner Perez, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Joel Becker, neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(+) Stefano Cassolato commented in support of the permit application.

(-) Amy Kitty (Zoom), neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application.

- i. EC- 1751 - Masao Kuribara of SASALA DINING USA INC, ***dba Hinodeya Ramen Union Square***, 219 O'Farrell St – Extended Hours Premises for food service only

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations and an amendment to the hours for the permit regarding their late-night services; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations and an amendment to the hours for the permit regarding their late-night services.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- j. EC- 1753 - Christopher Milstead of MAGSTEAD INC., ***dba Driftwood***, 1225 Folsom St – Place of Entertainment

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- k. ECOTE24-024 Pacific Coast Farmers' Market Association **dba Fillmore Farmers 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 on Saturdays, 03/09/2024 - 12/28/2024 from 9am - 1pm.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations of weekly entertainment; Vice President Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations of weekly entertainment.

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

Nays: Commissioner Perez

Public Comments:

(=) Antonio Ignacio Vera Giglio, neighbor, commented in support of the permit application but did not think the outreach to the neighbors was sufficient.

(+) Mia Simmans, Farmers Market Manager, commented in support of the permit application

(-) E. Ciurana (Zoom), neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application

(-) Isabella (Zoom), neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application

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

(=) Emily (Zoom), commented in support of the permit application but also shared complaints about the street closures and how it impacts emergency access.

(=) Jason Rodriguez, commented about more details of the market including that the musicians play for tips and clarified about how low the sound usually is at the market.

- l. ECOTE24-021 Brothers For Change INC, **dba Soulful Sundays**, O'Farrell St between Fillmore St and Steiner St – Amendment to One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration, March 10, 2024 to October 27, 2024, Sunday from 11:00am - 5:00pm.

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations of weekly entertainment; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations of weekly entertainment.

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

Nays: Commissioner Perez

Public Comments:

(=) Elizabeth Stahl, President of the Kimball Park Condo Association, commented in support of the permit application for doing it twice a month.

(=) Antonio Ignacio Vera Giglio, neighbor, commented that he didn't hear anything in the last few Sundays, did not receive the outreach letter from the event organizer, and would like it to not be on every Sunday.

(=) Madelaine Eaton (Zoom), neighbor, commented that the events on the street should be limited to twice a month.

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

(-) Isabella (Zoom), neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application

(=) Anne (Zoom), neighbor, commented that the events are not the issue but the noise from the events are too loud and should be lowered.

(-) Katrina Wong, neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit 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 8:34 PM