



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director Maggie Weiland, Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Commission Secretary May Liang; Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina; Sound Inspector Asa Jungreis

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: None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]



Support Document: https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Mar%205%202024_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 March 5, 2024 Commission meeting.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, 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: Introduction to new 1840 Part Time Sound Inspector and Overview of Annual Nightlife and Entertainment Summit Agenda; 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. ECOTE24-046 LionDanceME ***dba Grant Avenue Performances***, Grant Ave between California St and Washington St – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor

entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on Saturdays and Sundays, 04/06/24 - 03/30/25 from 10:00am-7:00pm.

- b. ECOTE24-017 Sunset Mercantile **dba Outer Sunset Farmers Market & Mercantile**, 37th Ave between Ortega St and Quintara St – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on Sundays, 04/07/24 - 03/30/25 from 9:00am-2:00pm.

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 Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- c. EC-1757 – Greg Medow of 687 MCALLISTER LLC, **dba Flanagan's Pub**, 3805 Noriega St – Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound in their parklet

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 Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- d. EC-1743 – Jeffrey Davis and Benson Wang of BLUE PLANTAIN LLC, **dba Palm House**, 2032 Union St. – Billiard Parlor and Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound and entertainment in private patio

Vice President Wang recused herself from this agenda item due to being related to one of the owners.

Motion: Commissioner Davis 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, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Andrew Grindstaff, lawyer with Zacks and Freedman for neighbors, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(+) David Landis (Zoom), food writer for SF Bay Times/The Gay Gourmet SF, commented in support of the permit application.

(-) Devon Johnson (Zoom), neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(+) Sean Dowdall (Zoom), customer of Palm House, commented in support of the permit application.

(-) Brad Saylor, neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application.

Vice President Wang came back to the meeting after this item.

- e. EC-1756 - Kash Feng of ORGSF LLC, **dba The Third Floor**, 333 Battery St. – Place of Entertainment including outdoor amplified sound and entertainment on private 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 Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. EC-1759 - Grover Fan, Jeffrey Leung and Thanh Quoc Ly of XIAN FINE FOODS, LLC, **dba Xian Bistro**, 2543 Noriega St. – Place of Entertainment

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 Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- g. EC-1539 – Nicholas Parker, **dba Mercury Café**, 201 Octavia St. – Limited Live Performance amendment to include outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

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 Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- h. EC-1765 – Dennis Leary of Bar Hesperus LLC, **dba Decodance**, 1160 Polk St. – Place of Entertainment Change in Ownership

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to continue the permit application to the next Commission meeting; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission moved the permit application to the next meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- i. EC-1767 - Greg Quinn of No Garnish LLC, **dba The Halfway Club**, 1166 Geneva Ave. – Limited Live Performance including outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on private patio

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 Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

7. Discussion and possible action to amend the permit conditions of Limited Live Performance permit #EC-1601, dba Gestalt, located at 3159 16th St, regarding ongoing enforcement actions at the business. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to recondition their permit to host entertainment only on Fridays until 7:00pm; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission recondition their permit to host entertainment only on Fridays until 7:00pm.

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

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

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:11 PM