



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, June 4, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, and Anthony Schlander

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Al Perez, Lt. Leonard Poggio, and Laura Thomas

**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

#### 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 5:36 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 May 21, 2024 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document: [https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20May%2021%202024\\_Draft.pdf](https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20May%2021%202024_Draft.pdf)

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the May 21, 2024 Commission meetings.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: none; 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 Agenda:** None

**Regular Agenda:**

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to move item d first on the regular agenda; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission moved the item first to be discussed under the regular agenda.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

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- d. EC-1783 – Karlo Avassapian of Next Level SF LLC, **dba 1217 Lounge**, 1217 Sutter St – Place of Entertainment and Extended Hours Premises

Motion: President Bleiman made a motion to continue the item to the next hearing; Vice President Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue the item to the next hearing.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: 2 minutes for comments on this item

(+) Member of the mosque commented in favor of continuing the item to the next hearing.

(+) Soha, representative from the Chinatown Community Center, commented in favor of continuing the item to the next hearing so they can get more information and interpretation.

(+) Ahmed D., a community activist, commented in favor of continuing the item to the next hearing.

(+/-) Omar Al-Ejel, SF resident and member of the mosque, commented in favor of continuing the item to the next hearing and in opposition to the permit application.

(-) Izzudeen A. commented in opposition to the permit application.

(=) Kashif A., Board member of the SF Interfaith Council, commented to clarify what will be happening next.

(-) Hanin Benchohva (Zoom), SF resident and member of the mosque, commented in opposition to the permit application.

(=) Abdul Farid (Zoom), commented to clarify what will be happening next.

- a. ECOTE24-136 – Chadwick Baumbach of FX Entertainment LLC, **dba Hawthorn – Recurring Events on Maiden Lane**, Maiden Lane between Kearny Street and Grant Avenue– One-Time Outdoor Event Permit with Extended Duration from June 7, 2024 to May 18, 2025, from 5:00pm-10:00pm Tuesdays through Fridays and from 12:00pm-10:00pm each Saturday.

Motion: Commissioner Schlander 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, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- b. EC-1777 – Robert Wait of Greenhound Inc., **dba The Page**, 298 Divisadero St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment in the parklet

Motion: President Bleiman 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, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- (-) Albert Sammons Jr., neighbor, commented in opposition to the permit application.
- (-) Tony Kalaveras, neighbor, commented in opposition to the permit application.
- (+) Tom Drohan, musician, commented in support of the permit application.
- (+) Jose Segue, customer, commented in support of the permit application.
- (-) Belinda, neighbor, commented in opposition to the permit application.
- (+) Cedar Wingeta, employee of The Page, commented in support of the permit application.

- c. EC-1782 - Trelawny Bruce & Leslie Natali of BLSF2, INC. **dba Badlands SF**, 4121 18th St – Place of Entertainment change in ownership

Motion: Vice President Wang 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, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. ECOTE24-213 - David Yocom and Aaron Wong of Page Street Fit, LLC, **dba Page Street Fit** – recurring amplified sound at 1235 Fell St – One Time Outdoor Amplified Sound Permit with Extended Duration from June 4th, 2024 to June 3rd, 2025 from 4:30pm – 7:30pm Monday – Friday and 9am – 5pm on Saturdays but shall not exceed 6 hours

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Kristi Highum, neighbor from Broderick Place, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(-) Edward Chen, neighbor from Broderick Place, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(-) Venda Chanova, neighbor from Broderick Place, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(+) Brian Esterle, customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Maddie Zug, neighbor and customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Sarah Cohan, neighbor and customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Nathan Hsieh, customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Neha Gupta, neighbor and customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Antonina Wong, customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Jules Landry-Simard, customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Alexandra Halleur, neighbor and customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

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

(+) Jeremy Snyder (Zoom), neighbor and customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(-) Suzanne Martin (Zoom), neighbor from Broderick Place, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(+) Chris Yip (Zoom), customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Derek Roberts (Zoom), neighbor and customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(-) Alison Wong (Zoom), neighbor from Broderick Place, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(+) Amanda Hui (Zoom), customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Jordan Fuller (Zoom), customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

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(+) Kristen Einthoven (Zoom), customer of Page Street Fit, commented in support of the permit application.

- f. EC-1792 - Petr Seckar of PAPRIKA RESTAURANT LLC, *dba Paprika*, 3324 24th St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment in the parklet

Motion: President Bleiman 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, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**7. Discussion and possible action regarding the appeal of Hugo Gamboa vs. the Entertainment Commission regarding Limited Suspension by the Executive Director of Limited Live Performance permit #EC-1616 dba The Brixton from May 25, 2024 to June 9, 2024.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

The applicant had rescinded their appeal for the Limited Suspension.

**8. Discussion and possible action to amend the permit conditions of Limited Live Performance permit #EC-1616, dba The Brixton, located at 2140 Union St, regarding ongoing enforcement actions at the business.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to limit entertainment for The Brixton to Fridays and Saturdays only from 6:00pm to 9:00pm; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to recondition The Brixton's permit to limit their entertainment to Fridays and Saturdays only from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Gabriel La Mothe (Zoom), commented in support of limiting entertainment for The Brixton.

(+) Gavin Parsons (Zoom), HOA President of 2148 Union St., commented in support of limiting entertainment for The Brixton.

**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 7:52 PM