



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, August 6, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Al Perez and Lt. Leonard Poggio

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Commission Secretary May Liang; Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina; 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 5:34 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:

Douglas Engman, former Commissioner for Board of Appeals and City Planning Commission, commented about a charter amendment on the ballot to abolish several City Charter Commissions and sunset every Commission established by a City ordinance by the end of 2025.

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This is a direct attack on public process, the Commission structure, and citizens to influence, comment, challenge, and approve actions by City government. The ballot proposes to also remove Board of Supervisor approval for Mayoral appointees and the Mayor can appoint and remove any Commissioner at will. Lastly, it will rescind compensation for Commissioners. This ballot measure needs to be opposed and Mr. Engman urges the Commission to fight and defeat this ballot proposal. The Board of Supervisors has an alternative proposal on the ballot which will have a two-year study on City Commissions and make recommendations to the Board to make changes to the Charter or law.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2024 Commission meetings. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: <https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-08/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20July%2016%202024.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 July 16, 2024 Commission meetings.

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

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: Update on Appeal No. 24-039 – EC-1783 Place of Entertainment permit for 1217 Lounge; 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:

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- a. EC-1548 – Aaron Paul, Jake Roberts, Eric Passetti of Shakey Jake’s LLC., **dba Macondray**, 2209 Polk St – Limited Live Performance amendment to include amplified sound & entertainment in parklet
- b. EC-1800 - Jorge Courtade of AMOR DIGITAL, **dba Amor Digital**, 5137 Mission St – Limited Live Performance
- c. EC-1801 - Anna Chen and Cui Ying Liang, **dba Bibbiti**, 1533 Taraval St – Mechanical Amusement Device

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 Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

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- d. EC-1799 - David Competente, Kelly (Toan) Nguyen, and Frank Zhang of 260 Kearny Street LLC, **dba Mr. Mahjong’s**, 260 Kearny St – Place of Entertainment & Extended Hours Premises

Motion: Commissioner Davis 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 Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

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 6:05 PM

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