



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, Lt. Leonard Poggio, 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

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 Comments: None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes. Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document: https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-12/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20December%2017%202024_Draft.pdf

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the December 17, 2024 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Calendar updates; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

5. Report from Senior Inspector: Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: 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:

- a. EC-1831 - Feray Sozer of THE PERA LLC, *dba Royal Ground Coffee*, 2216 Polk St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to continue the permit application to a future hearing; Vice President Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue the permit application to a future hearing.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- b. EC-1820 - Kevin Kynoch and Brandon Phillipa of FIVEYTIME LLC, ***dba Magnolia Brewing Company***, 1398 Haight St – Limited Live Performance

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

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

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- c. EC-1828 - Mohamed Ali Alarkaban of CAFE X ONE INC, ***dba Habibi Lounge***, 26 6th St – Place of Entertainment that includes outdoor amplified sound & Extended Hours Premises

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations but adjusted indoor entertainment end times to Thursdays-Saturdays at 2:00am; Vice President Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations but adjusted indoor entertainment end times to Thursdays-Saturdays at 2:00am.

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

Nays: Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Poggio

Public Comments:

(=) Pratibha Tekkey, representative from the Tenderloin Housing Clinic (THC), commented that the clinic feels neutrally about the application. They were able to meet with the owner before the Commission meeting and are cautiously optimistic. They want to make sure that residents are educated about 311 as a resource for them if there are issues.

(-) Kelly Burse (Zoom), neighbor to Habibi Lounge, commented in opposition to the permit

application, stating concerns about noise and unruly patrons loitering and blocking access for residents.

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 Comments: None

8. ADJOURNMENT at 7:05 PM