



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

### Regular Meeting

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Cyn Wang (Vice President)

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director Maggie Weiland, Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Commission Secretary May Liang; 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 5:35 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 19, 2024 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]



Support Document: [https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Mar%2019%202024\\_Draft.pdf](https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Mar%2019%202024_Draft.pdf)

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the March 19, 2024 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Reminder about the Annual Nightlife and Entertainment Summit on Monday, April 29; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment: None

**5. Report from Deputy Director:** Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion for the Brixton to appear in front of the Commissioners on the May 7, 2024 Commission meeting; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Brixton will be asked to appear in front of Commissioners at the May 7, 2024 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**6. Updates on Nightlife Business Assistance:** Ben Van Houten, Business Development Manager, Nightlife and Entertainment Sector with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, provides an update on nightlife business assistance. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment: None

**7. Report on Survey Key Findings:** Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice shares the findings from the Entertainment Commission’s survey to measure the continued impacts of the pandemic on local entertainment and nightlife businesses. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment:

(+) Stefano Cassolato applauded Project and Communications Manager Rice for collecting and summarizing the data from local business about their needs and hope this information is shared with City Leaders to create actions that can support the industry.

**8. 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:** None

**Regular Agenda:**

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to move item 8d first because of the interpreter for the applicant; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved move item 8d first because of the interpreter for the applicant.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- d. EC-1762 - Salvador Aguirre Soria, ***dba Los Yaquis***, 324 South Van Ness Ave – Place of Entertainment

Motion: President Bleiman made a motion to continue the item to the next Commission meeting; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit to be continued to the next Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Matt Condon, neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(-) Jess Nguyen, neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(-) Brendan Falkowski, neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(+) Luis Escobar, employee of Los Yaquis, commented in support of the permit application and clarified some of the asks for the permit.

(-/=) Michael Gallagher (Zoom) , neighbor, commented in opposition of the permit application but also open to dialogue with the business applicant.

- a. EC-1754 – KALW PUBLIC MEDIA, INC, **dba KALW Public Media**, 220 Montgomery St. Suite 100 – Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations and with the added condition that the permit expires if and when their Planning Temporary Use Authorization expires; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations and with the added condition that the permit expires if and when their Planning Temporary Use Authorization expires.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Sam S. (Zoom), neighboring business owner, commented in opposition of the permit application.

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

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: None

- c. EC-1771 – Michael McCaffery & Kristen McCaffery of KGMGM LLC, **dba Mr. Digby's**, 1199 Church St– Limited Live Performance including outdoor entertainment and amplified sound at the front of the business and in their parklet.

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, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. EC-1763 – Moscone Center, **dba Moscone Center**, 800 Howard St – Limited Live Performance including outdoor entertainment on the Moscone Campus

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. EC-1766 - Joshua Fernandez and Karim Salgado of SUGAR MACK INC, **dba Legacy North Beach Bar**, 1326 Grant Ave – Change in Ownership Place of Entertainment that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

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, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

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

- g. EC-1768 - Flicka McGurrin of SWEETIES LLC, **dba Sweetie's**, 475 Francisco St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment amplified sound in their parklet

Motion: President Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit with entertainment allowed four days per month from 4:00pm-10:00pm and with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with entertainment allowed four days per month from 4:00pm-10:00pm and with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Dominique Tunentine, neighbor, commented in opposition to the permit application.

(-) Anthony Barbas, neighbor, commented in opposition to the permit application.

(-) Bill Johnson, neighbor, commented in opposition to the permit application.

(-) Giamni Arnoldi, neighbor/property owner, commented in opposition to the permit application.

- h. EC-1770 – Pete Sittnick of Land and Sea Restaurants LLC, **dba Epic Roasthouse**, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on their private patio.

Motion: President Bleiman 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: None

**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 8:26 PM