

**SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 25, 2022

4:30 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400

1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONERS

Sharky Laguana, President

Miriam Zouzounis, Vice-President;

Lawanda Dickerson; Cynthia Huie; William Ortiz-Cartagena; Tiffany Carter

1. Call to order and roll call

Present – Carter, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis (late)

Absent – Laguana

Meeting began 4:31pm

2. Approval of Legacy Business Registry Applications and Resolutions (Discussion and Action Item)

Richard Kurylo, Legacy Business Program Manager, introduced ten Legacy Business Registry applications: Buddha Lounge, Inc., Buena Vista Café, Far East Café, Helmand Palace, Latin Jewelers, Paxton Gate, Sai's Vietnamese Restaurant, San Francisco Carts and Concessions, Inc., Small Frys Children's Store, Valentino Market.

Public comment:

Jacob Bintliff, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mandelman, recommended approval of Small Fry and Paxton Gate.

Stan Roth, Stanley Steamers Hot Dog Carts

Representative of Valentino Market

Lawrence Liu, SBDC, spoke in support of Helmand's Palace

Charles Wong, Sai's Vietnamese Restaurant

Hathem Alzen, Helmand's Palace

Representative of Far East Cafe

Commissioner comment: Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena, Commissioner Dickerson, Commissioner Huie, Commissioner Carter, Vice President Zouzounis all thanked the business owners for their dedication and work.

Motion in favor of ten resolutions approving legacy businesses: Commissioner Huie

2nd: Commissioner Dickerson

Ayes – Carter, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent – Laguana

3. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes (Discussion and Action Item)

No members of the public requested to speak.

Motion: Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena

2nd: Commissioner Huie

Ayes – Carter, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Absent – Laguana

4. General Public Comment (Discussion Item)

No members of the public requested to speak.

5. Director's Report (Discussion Item)

Director Tang provided updates regarding two merchant walks to inform businesses about ABE/accessibility grants, the recent OEWD grant to provide rent relief which received over \$11 million in funding requests. \$2 million will be rewarded to a total of 160 businesses.

No members of the public requested to speak.

Commissioner comments: Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena thanked OSB staff for participating in the merchant walks.

6. Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)

Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena noted that he's working with community members to prep for street vendor legislation. Commissioner Huie gave an update about planned art walks she is organizing throughout the city. First is in Sunset. Commissioner Carter said SF Black Wall Street has a new incoming cohort of black entrepreneurs. Vice President Zouzounis noted that Polk merchants have been discussing a bar's change of use to allow offsale alcohol and the impacts that it may have on other liquor stores. Also wanted to get more information about SF's restaurant meals program and EBT accessibility to businesses. How can the City better support?

No members of the public requested to speak.

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:37pm