

BOARD OF APPEALS

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 29, 2024 5:00 P.M.

CITY HALL, ROOM 416, ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE

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(1) PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Board will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting with one exception. When the agenda item has already been reviewed in a public hearing at which members of the public were allowed to testify and the Board has closed the public hearing, your opportunity to address the Board must be exercised during the Public Comment portion of the calendar. Each member of the public may address the Board for up to three minutes. At the discretion of the Board President, public comment and remote public participation may be limited to two minutes per person. If it is demonstrated that public comment and remote public participation will cumulatively exceed 15 minutes, the President may continue Public Comment and/or remote public participation to another time during the meeting.

(2) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible adoption of the May 15, 2024 minutes.

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ITEMS (4A) & (4B) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER

(4A) APPEAL NO. 24-011

<p>JENNIFER MEI and HANMIN LIU, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL</p>	<p>45, 47 & 49 Bernard Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on January 24, 2024, to Tina and Lindsey Huston, of a Site Permit (Upgrade three-story, four-unit apartment consisting of brick foundation, wood frame structure, combination siding, etc. Project work consists of seismic/soft-story foundation upgrade (with nine-foot, rear-yard addition) and includes bringing front bedroom windows to fire exit code size with finish to match existing). PERMIT NO. 2020/08/22/2415. FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. Note: On April 3, 2024, upon motion by Commissioner Swig, the Board voted 4-0-1 (President Lopez absent) to continue this matter to May 29, 2024 so that the permit holders can submit revised plans to comply with changes to the Planning Code, and which remove the conditions imposed by the Planning Commission, namely the requirement to eliminate the roof deck and spiral stair, and to configure the third floor to be identical to the second floor.</p>
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(4B) APPEAL NO. 24-010

<p>TINA HUSTON and LINDSEY HUSTON, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL</p>	<p>45, 47 and 49 Bernard Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on January 24, 2024, to Tina and Lindsey Huston, of a Site Permit (Upgrade three-story, four-unit apartment consisting of brick foundation, wood frame structure, combination siding, etc. Project work consists of seismic/soft-story foundation upgrade (with nine-foot, rear-yard addition) and includes bringing front bedroom windows to fire exit code size with finish to match existing). PERMIT NO. 2020/08/22/2415. FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. See note in (4A) above.</p>
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ITEMS (5A) & (5B) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER

(5A) APPEAL NO. 24-029

<p>JAY MCCALL, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL</p>	<p>49 Sussex Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 21, 2024, to Randy Wonzer, of an Alteration Permit (Revision to Permit Application # 201609168034 to make the following changes: (1) shift kitchen location within main level, (2) replace garage door on front facade with wall and kitchen window, (3) modify landscaping and hardscaping at front setback and within rear yard, (4) replace rear sliding door). PERMIT NO. 2024/01/09/3664. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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(5B) APPEAL NO. 24-030

<p>ADAM KING, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL</p>	<p>49 Sussex Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 21, 2024, to Randy Wonzer, of an Alteration Permit (Revision to Permit Application # 201609168034 to make the following changes: (1) shift kitchen location within main level, (2) replace garage door on front facade with wall and kitchen window, (3) modify landscaping and hardscaping at front setback and within rear yard, (4) replace rear sliding door). PERMIT NO. 2024/01/09/3664. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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(6) APPEAL NO. 24-021

<p>FELIX WAI, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, Respondent</p>	<p>1618-1620 McAllister Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on February 16, 2024, to Felix Wai, of a Notice of Violation & Penalty Decision (The subject property is in violation of the Planning Code for unauthorized Group Housing Use and for work undertaken without Planning Dept. review and approval. The property is authorized for Residential use with two dwelling units. Under the code, each dwelling unit may be occupied by one family. At least 15 people, unrelated by blood, marriage or adoption are residing in the two units. The unauthorized construction work pertains to six dormer windows that do not retain setbacks of three feet from each other and exceed 20% of the subject roof's horizontal area in violation of the requirements set forth in Zoning Administrator Bulletin No. 3). COMPLAINT NO. 2022-011112ENF. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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(7) SPECIAL ITEM

Discussion and Possible Action: The Board will consider proposed changes to various provisions of the Board's Rules with possible adoption of these changes. Although a draft of proposed changes has been posted, any of the Rules may be discussed and/or amended at the hearing on May 29, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT.

Note: The materials for each item on this agenda may include some or all of the following documents: Preliminary Statement of Appeal; Departmental determination being appealed; briefs submitted by Appellants, Permit Holders, Respondent Departments or Other Parties; submittals by members of the public; and correspondence. These items, and any materials related to an item on this agenda that are distributed to the Board members at the hearing, are available for public inspection at the Board's website <https://sf.gov/departments/board-appeals> and upon request by emailing the Board Office boardofappeals@sfgov.org. Please call 628-652-1150 if you have any questions concerning this agenda.

Date posted: **May 17, 2024**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Members of the Board will attend the meeting in-person, and members of the public are invited to attend in-person, by computer, or by telephone as described above. To ensure full public participation in the Board's adjudicatory hearings, the Board will not impose a time limit on the total amount of remote public participation for any agenda items at this meeting. Each member of the public participating remotely will be subject to the three-minute, or if applicable two-minute, time limit noted above.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS VIA TELEPHONE OR ZOOM

By Telephone: Call the phone number and enter the webinar ID listed at the top of the agenda. When you are ready to speak, please dial *9 and this will show a raised hand. Staff will allow you to

Speak when it is your turn. You may have to dial *6 to unmute yourself.

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PROCEDURE AT HEARINGS

Except when the Presiding Officer finds good cause to order the presentations otherwise, the order of presentation of an appeal shall be as follows: (a) the appellant shall speak first and shall be allowed seven minutes to present relevant testimony and evidence. Then the permit holder, representatives of the department, board, commission or person from whose order the appeal is taken, and/or other parties, shall be allowed seven minutes for presentation of relevant testimony and evidence. Three minutes for rebuttal shall be provided to all parties in this same order; (b) the Board may request a departmental response at its own discretion. For rehearing requests and jurisdiction requests, each party shall be allowed three minutes to present testimony and evidence, with no rebuttal.

Other persons desiring to speak before the Board on an appeal may speak once for up to three minutes, unless the presiding officer further limits time uniformly.

Those members of the public who intend to testify about a particular appeal and wish to have the Board give their testimony evidentiary weight for purposes of deciding the appeal are asked to take an oath. Please note that any member of the public may speak without being sworn-in pursuant to their rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code).

SPECIAL NOTES

The Board reserves the right not to start an item on the agenda after 10:00 p.m.

It is possible that the Board may experience technical challenges that interfere with the ability of members of the public to participate in the meeting remotely. If that happens, the Board will attempt to correct the problem but may continue with the hearing as long as the parties to an appeal are able to participate in the meeting, and members of the public attending in-person, as well as anyone who received a disability accommodation to offer remote public comment, are able to observe and offer public comment.

If the Board continues a matter to a specific date that is announced to the parties in the hearing room, no additional mailed notice will be sent. Please call the Board office at (628) 652-1150 for scheduling or other information during regular business hours or visit our website at www.sfgov.org/boa.

The complete Rules of the Board are available for review on our website.

Material submitted by the public for Board review prior to a scheduled hearing before the Board, should be addressed to the Board President, and be received at boardofappeals@sfgov.org, no later than 4:30 p.m. one Thursday prior to the scheduled public hearing. Persons unable to attend the scheduled public hearing may submit written comments regarding a calendared item to boardofappeals@sfgov.org. Comments received before noon on the day of the hearing will be made a part of the official record and will be brought to the attention of the Board at the public hearing.

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Please note that names and addresses included in these submittals will become part of the public record. Submittals may be made anonymously.

Pursuant to Government Code § 65009, if you challenge, in court, the approval of a variance or development permit, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Appeals at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Calendared items are sometimes withdrawn or rescheduled the day of hearing or are taken out of order to accommodate special needs. The Board urges all parties to be present at the hearing from 5:00 p.m. so that everyone has an opportunity to participate in the relevant public hearing when it is called.

PROHIBITION OF SOUND-PRODUCING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION

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American sign language interpreters, translation services and/or sound enhancement will be available upon request by contacting Board staff at (628) 652-1150 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Intérpretes de lenguaje de señas americano, servicio de traducción y/o mejoramiento del sonido estará disponible a petición contactando con personal de la Junta al (628) 652-1150 por lo menos 48 horas antes de la audiencia.

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Ang mga tagapagsalin sa lenggwaheng pasenyas, mga serbisyong pagsasalin at/o mga gamit upang pabutihin ang pakikinig ay maaaring hilingin sa Board Staff sa (628) 652-1150 sa hindi bababa na 48 oras bago mag hearing.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE

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Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force: by mail to Administrator, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689; by phone at (415) 554-7724; by fax at (415) 554-5163; or by e-mail at sotf@sfgov.org. Citizens interested in obtaining a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance may request a copy from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Administrator or by printing Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the internet at www.sfgov.org/sunshine.

LOBBYING ACTIVITY/CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code § 2.100] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Ave., Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone: (415) 252-3100; email ethics.commission@sfgov.org; web site www.sfgov.org/ethics.

Under Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.127, no person or entity with a financial interest in a land use matter pending before the Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors, Building Inspection Commission, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Port Commission, or the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, may make a campaign contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for any of those offices, from the date the land use matter commenced until 12 months after the board or commission has made a final decision or any appeal to another City agency from that decision has been resolved. For more information about this restriction, visit sfethics.org.

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