



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, Al Perez, Lt. Leonard Poggio, and Anthony Schlander

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Laura Thomas

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director Maggie Weiland; 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 5:30 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 April 2, 2024 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document: https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-04/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Apr%202%202024_Draft.pdf

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the April 2, 2024 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Welcome new Commissioner Lt. Leonard Poggio, Law Enforcement Representative; Reminder about Annual Nightlife and Entertainment Summit on Monday, April 29; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: EC Staff to attend Board of Appeals hearing on April 17, 2024 for the following: Appeal No. 24-027 filed by Ben Marcus-Willers, Alice Luong, David Au & Jennifer Kwa (Merchants of Grant Avenue) RE: One Time Outdoor Event Permit No. ECOTE24-046 for LionDanceME's Grant Avenue Performances & Appeal No. 24-028 filed by Brad Saylor (neighbor) RE: EC-1743 LLP permit for Palm House at 2032 Union Street; Corrective Actions: Notice to appear before the Entertainment Commission on May 7, 2024 for possible changes to LLP permit EC-1616 sent to the Brixton for ongoing permit violations. [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]

Regular Agenda:

- a. EC-1773 - Cheryl Creedon, Thomas Creedon, Albert J. Scoma, II and Sancia Scoma of SCOMAS RESTAURANT INC, *dba Scoma's Restaurant*, 1965 Al Scoma Way PIER 47 – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment amplified sound on private patio.

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Motion: Vice President Wang 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

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

- b. EC-1775 – Southern Pacific Brewing LLC, ***dba Southern Pacific Brewing***, 620 Treat Ave - Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on their private patio.

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 Perez, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- c. ECOTE24-088 Goldenvoice, LLC ***dba Portola Music Festival*** – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on 9/28/24 from 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM and 9/29/24 from 1:00 PM – 10:45 PM, located at Pier 80, 401 Cesar Chavez Street.

Motion: President Bleiman 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 Perez, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

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Public Comments:

(=) Sarah Henry (Zoom), Communications Director for the City of Alameda, commented that though Goldenvoice has done a lot to try and mitigate the noise from the festival, the City of Alameda request that the entertainment be done by 10:00pm on Sunday evening.

(=) Elizabeth Dreeson (Zoom), attendee of Portola and resident of San Francisco, asked about what members of the general should be looking out for in terms of community outreach and engagement.

- d. ECOTE24-110 Into the Streets ***dba Downtown First Thursdays*** – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on 5/2/24, 6/6/24, 7/4/24, 8/1/24, 9/5/24, 10/3/24, 11/7/24, 12/5/24, 1/2/25, 2/6/25, 3/6/25, and 4/3/25, from 5:00 PM – 10:00 PM, located at 2nd St between Market St and Folsom St, Jessie St between New Montgomery St and 2nd St, Minna St between New Montgomery St and 1st St, and Natoma St between New Montgomery St and 90 Natoma St / Salesforce Transit Center.

Motion: Vice President Wang 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Andrew Robinson, Executive Director of the East Cut Community Benefit District, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Scott Rowitz, Executive Director of the Yerba Buena Community Benefit District, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Manny Yekutieli, co-founder of the Civic Space Foundation, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Caleb Hilladakis, representative from the Civic Space Foundation, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Michelle Delany (Zoom), representative from 111 Minna Gallery, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Will (Zoom), resident in the neighborhood, commented in support of the permit application.

(=/-) Rebecca (Zoom), resident in the neighborhood, commented with concerns about the noise from the event lasting until 10:00pm and requested that the event to end at 8:00pm.

(=/-) Vicky (Zoom), resident/HOA board member in the neighborhood, commented with concerns

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about the noise from the event lasting until 10:00pm and requested that the event to end at 8:00pm.

(=/-) Podar (Zoom), resident in the neighborhood, commented with concerns about the noise from the event lasting until 10:00pm and requested that the event to end at 8:00pm.

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 7:01 PM