



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, July 16, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Maria Davis, Al Perez, Lt. Leonard Poggio, and Laura Thomas

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Cyn Wang and Anthony Schlander

**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 5:35 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 June 18, 2024 Commission meetings. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document: <https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-07/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20June%2018%202024.pdf>

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the June 18, 2024 Commission meetings.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: none; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: Update on Appeal No. 24-039 – EC-1783 Place of Entertainment permit for 1217 Lounge; Corrective Actions: none. [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]

Commissioner Perez arrived during this item of the meeting.

Public Comment: None

**6. Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. ECOTE24-256 – Agricultural Institute of Marin, ***dba Clement Street Farmers Market*** – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on Sundays, July 21, 2024 to June 22, 2025 from 10:00am-2:00pm within their approved SFMTA Shared Spaces street closure on Clement Street between Arguello Boulevard and 4th Avenue – entertainment on intersection of Clement St. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

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- b. ECOTE24-242 Agricultural Institute of Marin **dba Stonestown Farmers Market** - One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration every Sunday from 07/21/24 – 5/25/25, 9:00am-10:30am and 11:30am-1:00pm, located at the parking lot at 501 Buckingham Way.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permits with staff recommendations; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

**Regular Agenda:**

- c. ECOTE24-251 Downtown SF Partnership **dba Landing at Leidesdorff** - One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 07/21/24 – 07/20/25, daily from 10:00am - 10:00pm, located at Commercial St between Sansome St and Montgomery St, and Leidesdorff St between Sacramento St and Clay St.

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 Poggio, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- d. EC-1791 - Eiad Eltawil of ELTAWIL BROTHERS LLC, **dba Yasmin**, 799 Valencia St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment & amplified sound in parklet and outdoor amplified sound at front of business

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the permit with amendments to reduce the number of special events to two times per month and important stakeholders (including SFPD, SF Entertainment Commission, and neighbors) would receive notification of the special

events at least two weeks prior, along with the other staff recommendations; Commissioner Perez seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with added amendments and staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Cindy Icke, resident on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, commented in opposition of the permit application.

(-) Suzanne Garwien, resident on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, commented in opposition of the permit application and suggested that they decrease to 1-2 special events permit month.

(-) Charity Martin, resident on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, commented in opposition of the permit application and suggested that they decrease to 1-2 special events permit month.

(+) Jerel Banks, resident on 19<sup>th</sup> Street, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Adelaida Caballero, resident in the area, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Britt Dunn, employee at Yasmin, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Michael Rouppet (Zoom), Co-President of the SF Latinx Democratic Club, commented in support of the permit application.

- e. EC-1764 - ROUND ONE ENTERTAINMENT INC. ***dba Round1 Bowling & Arcade***, 285 Winston Dr Unit B1 – Place of Entertainment, Mechanical Amusement Device, and Billiard Parlor

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 Poggio, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. EC-835 - Yanyi Do of SHIRLEY BELIEVES LLC, ***dba Club Bottoms Up***, 4704 Mission St – Place of Entertainment amendment to include upstairs

Motion: Commissioner Perez 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 Poggio, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Mel Flores, Director for Public Realm at the Excelsior Action Group, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Earnest "EJ" Jones, resident in area, commented in support of the permit application.

(+) Chris Corgas (Zoom), resident in area, commented in support of the permit application.

- g. EC-1230 - Andrew Chun and Jan Wiginton of SCHROEDERS PARTNERS LP, ***dba Schroeder's***, 240 Front St – Place of Entertainment amendment to include outdoor amplified sound in parklet

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 Poggio, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- h. EC-1796 - A-N SFD OWNER, L.L.C., ***dba Beacon Grand Hotel***, 450 Powell St – Place of Entertainment Commissioner Perez left early for an excused reason.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

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Nays: None

Public Comments:

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

- i. EC-1798 - ALISON COOK and ISAI CUEVAS of CUEVAS LLC, *dba Donaji*, 3161 24th St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound in parklet

Motion: Commissioner Thomas 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 Poggio, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- j. EC-1995 - Ludovic Racinet, John Hayes, and Stroy Moyd of THE FUNCTION SF LLC, *dba The Function*, 1414 Market St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**7. Election of Vice President:** This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of Vice President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Nomination: President Bleiman nominated Commissioner Wang as Vice President of the SF Entertainment Commission; Commissioner Davis seconded the nomination.

Action: The Commission voted Commissioner Wang as the Vice President of the SF Entertainment Commission.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**8. Election of President:** This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Nomination: Commissioner Thomas nominated Commissioner Bleiman as President of the SF Entertainment Commission; Commissioner Poggio seconded the nomination.

Action: The Commission voted Commissioner Bleiman as the President of the SF Entertainment Commission.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Poggio, 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 7:31 PM