



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, Matt Haney

Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445

Thursday, May 13, 2021

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Gordon Mar, Catherine Stefani, and Matt Haney

The Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, May 13, 2021, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at (www.sfgovtv.org) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Mar, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Haney were noted present.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

210348 [Liquor License Transfer - 3347-24th Street - 24 Bart Liquor Store]

Hearing to consider that the transfer of a Type-21 off-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to Binaya Pokharel, doing business as 24 Bart Liquor Store, located at 3347-24 Street (District 9), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

04/06/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Planning and Police Departments for comment and recommendation.

04/09/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

04/22/21; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Planning Department submitted their recommendation for approval: Recommend approval for 3347 24th Street for an ABC Type-21 License per Planning Code, Sections 102, 249.60, and 754. All areas devoted to the display and sale of the alcoholic beverages must occupy less than 15% of the occupied floor area of the establishment.

05/07/21; RESPONSE RECEIVED. The Police Department submitted a response recommending approval with the following conditions:

1) Petitioner(s) shall actively monitor the area under their control in an effort to prevent the loitering of persons on any property adjacent to the licensed premises as depicted on ABC-253.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Officer Joel Salmonson (Police Department); David Villa-Lobos (CLA Consulting); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

A determination that the public convenience or necessity would be served was recommended by the committee.

Chair Mar moved that this Hearing be PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A RESOLUTION, making a determination that the transfer of a Type-21 off-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to the applicant will serve the public convenience or necessity. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

Resolution determining that the transfer of a Type-21 off-sale general beer, wine, and distilled spirits liquor license to Binaya Pokharel, doing business as 24 Bart Liquor Store, located at 3347-24 Street (District 9), will serve the public convenience or necessity of the City and County of San Francisco, in accordance with California Business and Professions Code, Section 23958.4; and requesting that the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control impose conditions on the issuance of the license. (Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee)

Chair Mar moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

210269 [Hearing - Innovation and Human-Centered Design in City Services]**Sponsor: Haney**

Hearing to discuss the efforts by the City and County of San Francisco to innovate and improve City services, with a focus on human-centered and user-centered design; including, but not limited to technological improvements in ensuring equitable access to City services, and collaboration across City departments to improve user-experience and create intuitive pathways to City resources for residents; and requesting the Office of Civic Innovation, Digital Services, Department of Technology, Committee on Information Technology, and Office of the City Administrator to report.

03/09/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

03/17/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of Civic Innovation, Digital Services, Department of Technology, Committee on Information Technology, and Office of the City Administrator for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Matthias Jamie, Director (Committee on Information Technology); Linda Gerull, Director, and Carrie Bishop (Department of Technology); Dee Prasad, Interim Executive Director (Office of Civic Innovation); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

Chair Mar moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

210272 [Hearing - Addressing Commercial Shoplifting in Neighborhood Small Businesses and Anchor Stores]**Sponsor: Safai**

Hearing to review the rise in commercial shoplifting in neighborhood small businesses and anchor stores like Walgreens, Safeway, and CVS; and requesting the Police Department, Adult Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department, Office of the District Attorney, Walgreens, CVS, and Safeway to present.

03/09/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

03/17/21; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Police Department, Adult Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department, Office of the District Attorney for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Ahsha Safai (Board of Supervisors); Brendan "Ben" Dugan (CVS); Jason Cunningham (Walgreens); Raj Vaswani, Lili Gamero, and Peter Walsh (Police Department); David Campos (Office of the District Attorney); Rachel Michelin (California Retailers Association); Katherine Miller, Chief Probation Officer (Juvenile Probation Department); Karen Fletcher, Chief Probation Officer, and Tara Agnese (Adult Probation Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Ken Lomba, President (San Francisco Deputy Sheriffs Association); Alex Randall; Doug Welsh; Speaker; spoke on various concerns related to the hearing matter.

Chair Mar moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Mar, Stefani, Haney

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee adjourned at the hour of 3:07 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.