



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Land Use and Transportation Committee**

City Hall  
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*Members: Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, Aaron Peskin*

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**Monday, September 9, 2024**

**1:30 PM**

**City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250**

**Regular Meeting**

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**Present:** 3 - Myrna Melgar, Dean Preston, and Aaron Peskin

*The Land Use and Transportation Committee met in regular session on Monday, September 9, 2024, with Chair Myrna Melgar presiding. Chair Melgar called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.*

## **ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On the call of the roll, Chair Melgar, Vice Chair Preston, and Member Peskin were noted present.*

*A quorum was present.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

*Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email ([john.carroll@sfgov.org](mailto:john.carroll@sfgov.org)) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.*

## **AGENDA CHANGES**

*There were no agenda changes.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

### **240772 [Commemorative Street Name Designation - "Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr. Street" - 1500 Block of Grove Street]**

**Sponsors: Preston; Ronen, Dorsey, Stefani, Melgar and Peskin**

Resolution adding the commemorative street name "Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr. Street" to the 1500 Block of Grove Street to honor the legacy and life of Aubrey Abrakasa, Jr., and to bring attention to his tragic death and the need for action against gun violence.

07/16/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

07/19/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Public Works for informational purposes.

08/30/24; NOTICED. Ten-Day Notice for September 9, 2024 Land Use and Transportation Committee hearing posted online and mailed, pursuant to Public Works Code Section 789, et seq.

*Supervisors Melgar and Peskin requested to be added as co-sponsors.*

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Paulette Brown; Chief William Scott (San Francisco Police Department); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Kevin Benedicto; John Avalos; Speaker; Scott Ejikas; George Durhan; Ebony; Cara Valasquez; JConr B. Ortega; Mary Tanto; Kathy Hall; Cora McCoy; Ed; spoke in support of the hearing matter.*

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

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

**240804 [Various Codes - Greater Downtown Community Benefit District Master Permitting for Entertainment Activation Program]****Sponsor: Peskin**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to establish the Greater Downtown Community Benefit District Master Permitting for Entertainment Activation Program ("Greater Downtown Activation Program") to coordinate and streamline permitting for Community Benefit District-sponsored public events taking place at certain locations in the Greater Downtown Area, and to designate Greater Downtown Activation Program locations as Entertainment Zones to allow the off-site consumption of alcoholic beverages purchased at businesses within the Entertainment Zone during events; amending the Public Works Code to establish the requirements for the Greater Downtown Activation Program; amending the Fire Code to establish a new permit type for the Greater Downtown Activation Program; amending the Police Code to exempt Greater Downtown Activation Program events from Amplified Sound, Limited Live Performance, and Entertainment Permit requirements; affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and directing the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to forward this Ordinance to the California Building Standards Commission upon final passage.

07/30/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 8/29/2024.

09/03/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Public Works, Fire Dept and Entertainment Commission for informational purposes. Referred to Planning Dept. for CEQA determination.

09/04/24; TRANSFERRED to Land Use and Transportation Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Nate Horrell (Office of President Aaron Peskin); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Michelle Meady; Robbie Silver; Ken Rich; John Anderson; JConn B. Ortega; spoke in support of the hearing matter.*

**Member Peskin moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 9, Line 5, by changing 'SFMTA' to 'San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency', Lines 6-7, by changing 'comply with the Transportation Code, including' to 'be reviewed and approved by the', and Lines 8-12, by changing 'approval for temporary closures associated with Permits with a duration of two years or less, or San Francisco Municipal Transportation ("SFMTA") Board approval for long term closures associated with Permits with a duration of over two years' to 'consistent with Transportation Code, Division I, Article 6, or by the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency ("SFMTA") Board of Directors consistent with Transportation Code, Division II, Article 200'; on Page 10, Line 8, by adding 'and Mark Lane', and Line 9, by adding 'and on Mark Lane between Harlan Place and Bush Street'; on Page 14, Lines 4-5, by adding 'and all establishments holding permits or licenses from ABC that are located on either side of said locations'; on Page 16, Line 22, by changing 'Authority' to 'Agency'; on Page 21, Line 4, by striking 'General Manager of the'; on Page 25, Line 22, by striking 'enclosed by surrounding buildings'; on Page 27, Line 19, by changing 'Authority' to 'Agency'. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

**Member Peskin moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Land Use and Transportation Committee meeting of September 16, 2024. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

**240693 [Park Code - Yerba Buena Gardens]**

Ordinance amending the Park Code to allow dogs and certain types of athletic activities in Yerba Buena Gardens; to clarify that existing law prohibits the riding of bicycles and electric scooters in the Gardens; and to make a non-substantive correction regarding the authority of the Real Estate Division. (Real Estate Department)

06/17/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

06/25/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Land Use and Transportation Committee, expires on 7/25/2024.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Andrico Penick, Director (Real Estate Division); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

**Chair Melgar moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Melgar, Preston, Peskin

**ADJOURNMENT**

*There being no further business, the Land Use and Transportation Committee adjourned at the hour of 2:44 p.m.*

*N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Land Use and Transportation Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.*