

BOARD OF APPEALS

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2021 **REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: President Darryl Honda, Vice President Rick Swig, Commissioner Ann Lazarus and Commissioner Tina Chang.

Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney (CAT); Scott Sanchez, Deputy Zoning Administrator, Planning Department (PD); Julie Rosenberg, Executive Director; Alec Longaway, Legal Assistant.

(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 may be limited to two minutes. If it is demonstrated that comments by the public will exceed 15 minutes, the President may continue Public Comment to another time during the meeting.

SPEAKERS: Georgia Schuttish stated that she sent in a document to the commissioners which was sent by the Planning Department to DBI regarding demolition calculations made for Planning Code Section 317. She stated that she thought it would be useful for the Board given that it sometimes hears projects that fall under Section 317. She noted that the Planning Commission has the power to adjust the thresholds for demolition calculations and further noted that these thresholds have not been changed since 2009.

(2) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

SPEAKERS: Vice President Swig, Commissioner Lazarus and Commissioner Chang gave their condolences to President Honda on the passing of his father.

President Honda spoke about the passing of former Commissioner Arnold Chin and offered his sincere condolences, on behalf of the Board, to Mr. Chin's family. President Honda further acknowledged Arnold Chin's contributions to the Board when he served as a commissioner from 1999 to 2002.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Carl Macmurdo from the taxi industry stated that 18 years ago Arnold Chin presided over many taxi medallion revocation cases. Mr. Macmurdo stated that Commissioner Chin was extremely fair and compassionate.

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(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible adoption of the July 7, 2021, minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Swig, the Board voted 4-0 to adopt the July 7, 2021, minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

(4) APPEAL NO. 21-053

<p>JACQUELINE MATHERN, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, Respondent</p>	<p>1230 Goettingen Street.</p> <p>Appealing the ISSUANCE on June 3, 2021, to Luan-Vu Le, of a Variance Decision (the proposal is to construct a single family, three-story building on a vacant, substandard lot; Planning Code section 134 requires the rear yard to be at least 30% of the lot depth; the proposed building will cover the entire lot and provide no rear yard and therefore a rear yard variance is required; Planning Code Section 135 requires 300 square feet of useable open space for each dwelling unit and the project proposes only 93 square feet of useable open space on a 2nd floor deck and therefore a useable open space variance is required; the proposed bay windows do not meet Planning Code requirements for windows projecting over the public right of way and therefore a permitted obstruction variance is required; the Zoning Administrator granted the requested variances).</p> <p>CASE NO. 2020-005122VAR. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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ACTION: Upon motion by President Honda, the Board voted 4-0 to continue this matter to August 18, 2021, so that the determination holder can come back with a revised proposal. The Board recommended that: (1) the third story be removed, (2) if a roof deck is proposed, it be set back at least three feet from each of the adjacent property lines, (3) the determination holder meet with the neighbors to discuss privacy elements that could be incorporated into the project to address impacts, and (4) the project not contain a stair penthouse.

SPEAKERS: Kathy Gower, agent for appellant; Luan-Vu Le, determination holder; Bill Guan, agent for determination holder; Scott Sanchez, PD.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Laureta Valencia, Joseph Bojanowski, Lee Murphy, Sam Pun, Jan Markles and Marconi Miseray spoke in opposition to the project.

An anonymous caller spoke in support of the project.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, President Honda adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

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