

# **BOARD OF APPEALS**

## **CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

### **MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021**

#### **REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM**

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

Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney (CAT); Scott Sanchez, Deputy Zoning Administrator, Planning Department (PD); Joseph Duffy, Acting Deputy Director, Department of Building Inspection (DBI); 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: None.

#### **(2) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS**

SPEAKERS: Commissioner Lazarus, Vice President Swig, Commissioner Chang and President Honda welcomed Jose Lopez, the Board's newest commissioner. Commissioner Lopez thanked the commissioners for their warm welcome and stated that he was excited to serve alongside them for the people of San Francisco.

President Honda thanked Supervisor Myrna Melgar, her Chief of Staff, Jen Low, Supervisor Aaron Peskin, his Chief of Staff, Sunny Angulo, and Daly City Council Member Ray Buenaventura for adjourning City Hall, the Board of Supervisors and the Daly City Council Meeting in memory of his father.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

#### **(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Discussion and possible adoption of the July 21, 2021, minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Swig, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the July 21, 2021 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE.

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**ITEMS (4A), (4B), (4C) AND (4D) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER**

**(4A) APPEAL NO. 21-054**

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| ERIC RABINOWITZ, Appellant(s)<br><br>vs.<br><br>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent<br>PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL | 1318 18th Street.<br>Appealing the ISSUANCE on June 14, 2021, to Thomas Frenkel, of an Alteration Permit (construct a wood platform over an existing concrete patio, install automatic door opener and activation switches).<br>PERMIT NO. 2021/0611/2243.<br>FOR HEARING TODAY. |
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**(4B) APPEAL NO. 21-055**

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| BILL JOHNSTON, Appellant(s)<br><br>vs.<br><br>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent<br>PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL | 1318 18th Street.<br>Appealing the ISSUANCE on June 14, 2021, to Thomas Frenkel, of an Alteration Permit (construct a wood platform over an existing concrete patio, install automatic door opener and activation switches).<br>PERMIT NO. 2021/0611/2243.<br>FOR HEARING TODAY. |
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**(4C) APPEAL NO. 21-057**

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| MICHAEL MAGNUSON, Appellant(s)<br><br>vs.<br><br>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent<br>PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL | 1318 18th Street.<br>Appealing the ISSUANCE on June 14, 2021, to Thomas Frenkel, of an Alteration Permit (construct a wood platform over an existing concrete patio, install automatic door opener and activation switches).<br>PERMIT NO. 2021/0611/2243.<br>FOR HEARING TODAY. |
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**(4D) APPEAL NO. 21-058**

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| ARTHUR YASUDA and NANCY SATO, Appellant(s)<br><br>vs.<br><br>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent<br>PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL | 1318 18th Street.<br>Appealing the ISSUANCE on June 14, 2021, to Thomas Frenkel, of an Alteration Permit (construct a wood platform over an existing concrete patio, install automatic door opener and activation switches).<br>PERMIT NO. 2021/0611/2243.<br>FOR HEARING TODAY. |
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ACTION: Upon motion by President Honda, the Board voted 5-0 to continue these appeals to September 22, 2021, so that: (1) the Departments can inspect the subject property to determine what action is necessary to bring the project into compliance with the Planning and Building Codes, and (2) the permit holder can submit revised plans that are Code compliant. The Board further recommended that the deck be set back five feet on each side.

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SPEAKERS: Eric Rabinowitz, appellant (Appeal No. 21-054); Bill Johnston, appellant (Appeal No. 21-055); Michael Magnuson, appellant (Appeal No. 21-057); Arthur Yasuda, appellant (Appeal No. 21-058); Barbi Tice, agent for permit holder; Scott Sanchez, PD; Joseph Duffy, DBI.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ahana Banerjee, Leigh Parsons, Mitch Shaw and Sharon Tetlow spoke in support of the appellants.

Tommy Gill spoke in support of the permit holder.

### **ADJOURNMENT.**

There being no further business, President Honda adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at the following link:

<https://sfgov.org/bdappeal/meeting/board-appeals-july-28-2021-supporting-documents>

A video of this meeting, can be found at the following link:

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