

BOARD OF APPEALS

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

5:00 P.M., REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

THE PUBLIC MAY JOIN THE MEETING BY COMPUTER OR TELEPHONE:

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(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.

(2) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible adoption of the March 10, 2021 minutes.

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(4) APPEAL NO. 21-004

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| <p>EDWARD RIGGINS, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, Respondent</p> | <p>135 3rd Avenue.</p> <p>Appealing the DENIAL of a Rear Yard Variance (Variance Decision issued to Edward Riggins on January 6, 2021) (the proposal is to demolish an existing second story deck and spiral staircase within the required rear yard of the 3-story, single-family house and replace them with a new horizontal expansion with spiral staircase and a roof deck; the subject property has a required rear yard of 54 feet; the existing building is noncomplying, as a portion of the building and the existing deck encroach approximately 17 feet into the required rear yard; the proposed project would be within the required yard and needs a rear yard variance; the Zoning Administrator denied the variance on a determination that the project does not meet any of the five findings required by Planning Section 305(c)).</p> <p>CASE NO. 2020-006556VAR.</p> <p>FOR HEARING TODAY.</p> |
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(5) APPEAL NO. 21-008

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| <p>LANCE CARNES, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent</p> | <p>46 Cragmont Avenue and 80 Junipero Serra Blvd. (nearest address location).</p> <p>Appealing the ISSUANCE on January 28, 2021, to the Bureau of Urban Forestry, of a Public Works Order (Approval to remove four hazardous street trees at two different locations: (1) 46 Cragmont Avenue: Tree # 1 for removal; BUF needs to look into the feasibility of replacement at other locations nearby on the block or within the district; the Eucalyptus tree has dead branches within the canopy and there is a concern that the tree could fail at its roots; the tree basin takes up half the sidewalk and would not allow for four feet minimum clearance for ADA; (2) 80 Junipero Serra Blvd: three trees for removal with replacement; Tree # 6 (large stem failure), Tree # 8 (branch failure from old pruning cuts), and Tree # 10 (similar condition as other two trees)).</p> <p>ORDER NO. 204218.</p> <p>FOR HEARING TODAY.</p> |
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(6) APPEAL NO. 21-013

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| VIVIAN PADUA and IVONNE VASQUEZ, Appellant(s) | 4840 Mission Street. |
| vs. | Appealing the ISSUANCE on February 8, 2021, to Bridge Housing Corporation, of a Demolition Permit (to demolish a type five, three-story mortuary). |
| DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent | PERMIT NO. 2020/08/19/2106. FOR HEARING TODAY. |

(7) APPEAL NO. 21-009

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| BECKER BOARDS LLC, Appellant(s) | 530 Howard Street. |
| vs. | Appealing the DISAPPROVAL on January 28, 2021, of a building permit (applicant Becker Boards LLC)(permit is to remove existing 25'x40' billboard and replace with new 25'x40' billboard at the same location on building; the Planning Dept. did not approve this permit because the proposed scope of work constitutes the removal and replacement of a general advertising sign in violation of Planning Code Section 604(h)). |
| PLANNING DEPT., Respondent | PERMIT NO. 2020/10/19/6882. FOR HEARING TODAY. |

ADJOURNMENT.

Note: The materials for each item on this agenda may include some or all of the following documents: Preliminary Statement of Appeal; Departmental determination being appealed; briefs submitted by Appellants, Permit Holders, Respondent Departments or Other Parties; submittals by members of the public; and correspondence. These items, and any materials related to an item on this agenda that are distributed to the Board members at the hearing, are available for public inspection at the Board's website (<http://www.sfgov.org/boa>) and upon request by emailing the Board Office boardofappeals@sfgov.org. Please call 628-652-1150 if you have any questions concerning this agenda.

Date posted: **March 19, 2021**

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PROCEDURE AT HEARINGS

Except when the Presiding Officer finds good cause to order the presentations otherwise, the order of presentation of an appeal shall be as follows: (a) the appellant shall speak first and shall be allowed seven minutes to present relevant testimony and evidence. Then the permit holder, representatives of the department, board, commission or person from whose order the appeal is taken, and/or other parties, shall be allowed seven minutes for presentation of relevant testimony and evidence. Three minutes for rebuttal shall be provided to all parties in this same order; (b) the Board may request a departmental response at its own discretion. For rehearing requests and jurisdiction requests, each party shall be allowed three minutes to present testimony and evidence, with no rebuttal.

Other persons desiring to speak before the Board on an appeal may speak once for up to three minutes, unless the presiding officer further limits time uniformly.

Those members of the public who intend to testify about a particular appeal and wish to have the Board give their testimony evidentiary weight for purposes of deciding the appeal are asked to take an oath. Please note that any member of the public may speak without being sworn-in pursuant to their rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code).

SPECIAL NOTES

The Board reserves the right to not start an item on the agenda after 10:00 p.m.

If the Board continues a matter to a specific date that is announced to the parties in the hearing room, no additional mailed notice will be sent. Please call the Board office at (628) 652-1150 for scheduling or other information during regular business hours or visit our website at www.sfgov.org/boa.

The complete Rules of the Board are available for review on our website.

Material submitted by the public for Board review prior to a scheduled hearing before the Board, should be addressed to the Board President, and be received at boardofappeals@sfgov.org , no later than 4:30 p.m. one Thursday prior to the scheduled public hearing. Persons unable to attend the scheduled public hearing may submit written comments regarding a calendared item to boardofappeals@sfgov.org. Comments received before noon on the day of the hearing will be made a part of the official record and will be brought to the attention of the Board at the public hearing.

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Please note that names and addresses included in these submittals will become part of the public record. Submittals may be made anonymously.

Pursuant to Government Code § 65009, if you challenge, in court, the approval of a variance or development permit, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Appeals at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Calendared items are sometimes withdrawn or rescheduled the day of hearing or are taken out of order to accommodate special needs. The Board urges all parties to be present at the hearing from 5:00 p.m. so that everyone has an opportunity to participate in the relevant public hearing when it is called.

PROHIBITION OF SOUND-PRODUCING ELECTRONIC DEVICES

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Ang mga tagapagsalin sa lenggwaheng pasenyas, mga serbisyong pagsasalin at/o mga gamit upang pabutihin ang pakikinig ay maaaring hilingin sa Board Staff sa (628) 652-1150 sa hindi bababa na 48 oras bago mag hearing.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THE SUNSHINE ORDINANCE

Government's duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public.

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Commissions, boards, councils and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people's business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people's review.

For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code) or to report a violation of the ordinance, contact the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force: by mail to Administrator, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, City Hall, Room 244, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689; by phone at (415) 554-7724; by fax at (415) 554-5163; or by e-mail at sotf@sfgov.org. Citizens interested in obtaining a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance may request a copy from the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force Administrator or by printing Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code on the internet at www.sfgov.org/sunshine.

LOBBYING ACTIVITY/CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance [SF Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code § 2.100] to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Ave., Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102; telephone: (415) 252-3100; email ethics.commission@sfgov.org; web site www.sfgov.org/ethics.

Under Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 1.127, no person or entity with a financial interest in a land use matter pending before the Board of Appeals, Board of Supervisors, Building Inspection Commission, Commission on Community Investment and Infrastructure, Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, Port Commission, or the Treasure Island Development Authority Board of Directors, may make a campaign contribution to a member of the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the City Attorney, or a candidate for any of those offices, from the date the land use matter commenced until 12 months after the board or commission has made a final decision or any appeal to another City agency from that decision has been resolved. For more information about this restriction, visit sfethics.org.

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