

BOARD OF APPEALS

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES - WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM

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

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.

ABSENT: Commissioner Tina Chang.

(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: None.

(3) **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Discussion and possible adoption of the June 23, 2021, minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Swig, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Commissioner Chang absent) to adopt the June 23, 2021 minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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(4) APPEAL NO. 21-051

CHAKA MILLER, Appellant(s) vs. DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL	1555 Oak Street, Unit 4. Appealing the ISSUANCE on May 19, 2021, to Stockton SF LLC, of an Alteration Permit (remodel Unit 4; one existing bedroom to three new bedrooms; replace one new casement window, match existing window (visible from street); relocate kitchen and bathroom; new bathroom; replace one new window (not visible from street)). PERMIT NO. 2019/11/20/7761. FOR HEARING TODAY.
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ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Lazarus, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Commissioner Chang absent) to deny the appeal and uphold the permit on the basis that it was properly issued.

SPEAKERS: Chaka Miller, appellant; Charles Perry, agent for permit holder; David Alexander, agent for permit holder; Scott Sanchez, PD; Joseph Duffy, DBI.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

(5) APPEAL NO. 21-048

PAUSON YUN, Appellant(s) vs. DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL	2643 31st Avenue. Appealing the ISSUANCE on May 10, 2021, to Ricky Jong, of an Alteration Permit (add 849 square feet on top of existing roof and convert existing two-story into a three-story building; add 266.7 square foot roof top deck in the front and add 75 square foot cantilever balcony at the back). PERMIT NO. 2018/08/14/7292. FOR HEARING TODAY.
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ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Swig, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Commissioner Chang absent) to deny the appeal and uphold the permit on the basis that it was properly issued.

SPEAKERS: Pauson Yun, appellant; Ricky Jong, permit holder; Scott Sanchez, PD; Joseph Duffy, DBI.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Alex Plotitsa and John Johnson spoke in support of the appellant.

(6) APPEAL NO. 21-035

<p>MICHAEL TURON, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>PLANNING DEPT., Respondent</p>	<p>2722-2724 Folsom Street.</p> <p>Appealing the ISSUANCE, on April 8, 2021, of a Suspension Request (Requesting suspension of two building permits: (1) No. 2020/0611/8414 was approved with the following scope of work: repair fire, smoke & water damage; no exterior work; adding small 39 sq. ft. bathroom near existing bedroom; convert living room to family room, office to living and dining to study; all work is in Unit 2724; plans on file with this application show one existing kitchen on the ground floor and one existing laundry room towards the front of the ground floor; this layout is inconsistent with previous plans on file for this property which indicate two existing kitchens on the ground floor and therefore it appears that the plans on file for 2020/0611/8414 misrepresent the existing conditions of the subject property, (2) No. 2020/1005/5941 has the following scope of work: Revision to 2020/0611/8414; revised floor plan; not adding previously proposed new full bathroom; performing voluntary seismic retrofit; the plans on file for BPA 2020/1005/5941 show the same inconsistency with respect to the ground floor existing conditions. Suspension is requested to allow the permit holder time to address the inconsistencies between the existing conditions shown on the subject permits and on prior permits and to correct any misrepresentations of these conditions).</p> <p>Note: On June 9, 2021, upon motion by President Honda, the Board voted 4-0 to continue this matter to June 23, 2021, at the request of the parties. On June 23, 2021, upon motion by President Honda, the Board voted 4-0 to continue this matter to July 7, 2021, at the request of the parties.</p> <p>PERMIT NOS. 2020/0611/8414 and 2020/1005/5941.</p> <p>FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Swig, the Board voted 3-0-1 (Commissioner Chang absent) to deny the appeal and uphold the Request for Suspension on the basis that the Zoning Administrator did not err or abuse his discretion and the determination was properly issued.

SPEAKERS: Michael Turon, appellant; Ryan Patterson, attorney for appellant; Scott Sanchez, PD; Joseph Duffy, DBI.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: Sue Hestor spoke in support of the Zoning Administrator and the Building Inspector.

Hannah Blitzer, Ross Cohen, Jeremy Lindsey, Justin Godar, Doug McDowell, Saul Anaya, Thomas T., Sarju Shah, Charles Warren, Sian Townsend, Jim Warshell, Julie Ross Godar, Niko Klein, David Giannino, Nicky Perez, Tammie Presser, David, Maya B., Matt Nelson and Allison Crawford spoke in support of the appellant.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, President Honda adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at the following link:
<https://sfgov.org/bdappeal/meeting/board-appeals-july-7-2021-supporting-documents>

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https://sanfrancisco.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=6&clip_id=38915