

**SAN FRANCISCO  
PLANNING COMMISSION  
AND  
BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION**



**Meeting Minutes**

Commission Chambers - Room 400  
City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

**Thursday, April 12, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
Special Meeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Fong, Hillis, Johnson, Koppel, Melgar, Moore, Richards

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT HILLIS AT 10:03 AM**

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** John Rahaim – Director of Planning, Elizabeth Watty, Jonas P. Ionin – Commission Secretary

**SPEAKER KEY:**

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition to an item; and
- = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition.

**A. SPECIAL CALENDAR**

1a. (E. WATTY: (415) 558-6620)  
**DEMOLITIONS** – Discussion of the definition of demolition in both agencies.

- SPEAKERS:**
- = Elizabeth Watty – Staff presentation
  - = Patrick O’Riordan – DBI staff presentation
  - = Cyril Yu – DBI staff presentation
  - + George Wooding – Legislation defying demolition, implementation, enforcement

- = Paul Webber – Recommendation
- = Kathleen & Courtney – Fraudulent plans
- = Georgia Schuttish – The City needs two definition of demolition.
- Vertical vs. Horizontal
- = Paul Webber – Recommendation
- = Kathleen Courtney – Fraudulent plans
- = Anastasia Yovonapolous – Sup Peskin’s letter
- = Rose Hillson – Staff determinations hidden from the public. Neither Building Dept’s nor Planning Dept’s definition of demolition is working. Per Ms. Watty’s presentation, the definition of demolition for Building resides in the Building Official who could be the Tuesday or Wednesday or Thursday building official in charge but unknown who that is. Then Planning’s definition is based on one formula under 317 but also you have the metric in Article 10 (showed measurements text) not mentioned in the presentation. Public can see code, but public doesn’t see staff decisions and the hidden process. What list do they work from? An objective checklist? Consideration of adding walls and load rather than removing walls on physics of force when installing many units in a building with an old foundation. How to sync demolition in Admin & Green Building Code, Public Works (no commission) determinations. Handling of historic or Category B buildings. Survey? Need to solve demolition problem.
- = Jeremy Shaw – End goal
- = Pat Buscovich – Two critical departments working together
- = Mary Freddy – Fix the problem
- = Tom Schuttaman – Don’t know who trust
- + Jerry Graftner – Adequate code enforcement
- = Nancy Wuerfell – Sup. Peskin reforms, physical inspections
- Spike Khan – Enforcement
- Speaker – Disclosure of tenant issues
- + Teresa Flandrick – Action please
- + Lisa Frommer – Building frenzy destruction of historic resources.
- Quantitative definition of demolition.
- = Gary Weise – 17 Temple Street
- + Ozzie Rohm – Time for decisive action
- = Ryan Patterson – Useful definition and penalties
- = Danny Campbell – Modular housing
- = Speaker – Modular housing
- Cynthia Gomez
- May Gallagher – Definition of demolition
- Jacob Battianti – Factory built housing
- Joe Butler – Uneven playing field, clean house in the departments
- Calvin Welch – State policy, challenges of the future
- = Kieren Buckley – Financial implication, life safety
- = William Pashelinsky – Higher density
- = Speaker – Current code not working
- = Sean Kiegram – Section 317, one definition of demolition, modern penalty system
- = Speaker – Consensus for consistent definition of demolition

- 1b. ACTION: Provided direction to staff (E. WATTY: (415) 558-6620)  
**FRAUDULENT PLANS/FINES & PENALTIES** – Discussion of fraudulent plans and potential fines and penalties either or both agencies may assess.

SPEAKERS: Same as item 1a.  
ACTION: Provided direction to staff

ADJOURNMENT 1:17 PM

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