

SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION



Notice of Hearing & Agenda

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

Thursday, March 21, 2019
1:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Commissioners:

Myrna Melgar, President
Joel Koppel, Vice President
Rich Hillis, Milicent Johnson,
Kathrin Moore, Dennis Richards

Commission Secretary:

Jonas P. Ionin

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TAGALOG:

Adyenda ng Komisyon ng Pagpapalano. Para sa tulong sa lengguwahe o para humiling ng Pantulong na Kagamitan para sa Pagdinig (headset), mangyari lamang na tumawag sa 415-558-6309. Mangyaring tumawag nang maaga (kung maaari ay 48 oras) bago sa araw ng Pagdinig.

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ROLL CALL:

President: Myrna Melgar
 Vice-President: Joel Koppel
 Commissioners: Rich Hillis, Milicent Johnson,
 Kathrin Moore, Dennis Richards

A. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONTINUANCE

The Commission will consider a request for continuance to a later date. The Commission may choose to continue the item to the date proposed below, to continue the item to another date, or to hear the item on this calendar.

1. 2019-002217PCA (A. BUTKUS: (415) 575-9129)
LEGITIMIZATION PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTIAL USES AT 3150 18TH STREET (BOARD FILE NO. 190165) – **Planning Code Amendment** to establish a legitimization program for certain Non-Residential Uses at 3150-18th Street (Assessor’s Parcel Block No. 3573, Lot No. 106); affirming the Planning Department’s determination under the California Environmental Quality Act; and making findings of consistency with the General Plan, and the eight priority policies of Planning Code, Section 101.1, and findings of public necessity, convenience, and welfare under Planning Code, Section 302.
(Proposed Continuance to April 18, 2019)

2. 2017-013537CUA (K. DURANDET: (415) 575-6816)
233 SAN CARLOS STREET – between 19th and 20th Streets; Lot 032 of Assessor’s Block 3596 (District 9) – Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 209.4, 303 and 317, to demolish an existing single-family residence (measuring 1,302 square feet) and construct a new four-story, two-unit residence (measuring 3,689 square feet) with two off-street parking spaces. The subject property is located in a RTO-M (Residential Transit Oriented-Mission) Zoning District and 45-X Height & Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions
 (Continued from Regular hearing on February 21, 2019)
Note: On February 21, 2019, after hearing and closing public comment, continued to March 21, 2019 by a vote of +7 -0).
(Proposed Continuance to April 25, 2019)

B. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Planning Commission, and may be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the Commission, the public, or staff so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item at this or a future hearing

3. [2018-016549CUA](#) (D. WEISSGLASS: (415) 575-9177)
40 WEST PORTAL AVENUE – northwest side of West Portal Avenue between Ulloa and Vicente Streets; Lot 004A in Assessor’s Block 2931 (District 7) - Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 303 and 729 to establish a 1,423

square-foot Limited Restaurant (d.b.a. “Kale-fornia”) in a vacant retail space within a West Portal Avenue NCD (Neighborhood Commercial) Zoning District and 26-X Height and Bulk District. The space was most recently occupied by a salon, a Personal Services use. This project was reviewed under the Community Business Priority Processing Program (CB3P). This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

C. COMMISSION MATTERS

4. Consideration of Adoption:
 - [Draft Minutes for March 7, 2019](#)
5. Commission Comments/Questions
 - Inquiries/Announcements. Without discussion, at this time Commissioners may make announcements or inquiries of staff regarding various matters of interest to the Commissioner(s).
 - Future Meetings/Agendas. At this time, the Commission may discuss and take action to set the date of a Special Meeting and/or determine those items that could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting and other future meetings of the Planning Commission.

D. DEPARTMENT MATTERS

6. Director’s Announcements
7. Review of Past Events at the Board of Supervisors, Board of Appeals and Historic Preservation Commission

E. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Commission will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting. Each member of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes. When the number of speakers exceed the 15-minute limit, General Public Comment may be moved to the end of the Agenda.

F. REGULAR CALENDAR

The Commission Hearing Procedures provide for presentations by staff; followed by the project sponsor team; followed by public comment for and against the proposal. Please be advised that the project sponsor team includes: the sponsor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors.

8. [1996.0013CWP](#) (S. AMBATI: (415) 575-9183)
2018 HOUSING INVENTORY REPORT – Informational Presentation - announcing the publication of the 2018 Housing Inventory. This report is the 49th in the series and describes San Francisco’s housing supply. Housing Inventory data accounts for new

housing construction, demolitions, and alterations in a consistent format for the analysis of housing production trends. Net housing unit gains are reported citywide, by zoning classification, and by planning district. Other areas covered include affordable housing production, condominium conversions, and changes to the residential hotel stock. In addition, a list of major housing projects completed and approved for construction in 2018 is provided. Report is available for the public at the Planning Department and on the website.

Preliminary Recommendation: None – Informational

9. [2018-006127CUA](#) (D. WEISSGLASS: (415) 575-9177)
201 19TH AVENUE – southwest corner of the California Street and 19th Avenue, Lot 001 of Assessor's Block 1414 (District 1) - Request for a **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code sections 186, 209.2, 303, and 710 to allow a change of use from an existing grocery store to a restaurant in a Limited Commercial Use space within a RM-1 (Residential – Mixed, Low Density) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. The Project also includes the removal of the white signage band obscuring the second-story windows, and the removal of all paint and other features obscuring the transparency of the second-story windows. This project was reviewed under the Community Business Priority Processing Program (CB3P). This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04](#)(h).
Preliminary Recommendation: Disapprove
 (Continued from Regular hearing on March 14, 2019)
Note: On November 29, 2018, adopted a Motion of Intent to Deny, continued to December 13, 2018 by a vote of +4 -2 (Fong and Koppel against; Richards absent).
On December 13, 2018, after hearing and closing public comment, continued to February 14, 2019 by a vote of +6 -0 (Johnson absent).
On February 14, 2019, without hearing, continued to March 14, 2019 by a vote of +5 -0 (Johnson, Richards absent).
On March 14, 2019, without hearing, continued to March 21, 2019 by a vote of +5 -0 (Richards absent).

10. [2019-000189CUA](#) (J. HORN: (415) 575-6925)
1860 9TH AVENUE – east side of 9th Avenue between Noriega and Ortega Streets; Lot 030 in Assessor's Block 2045 (District 7) - Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 209.1, 303 and 317 to allow the tantamount to demolition of an existing two-story two-family dwelling and the construction of vertical and horizontal additions to create a four-story three-family dwelling within a RH-2 (Residential – House, Two Family) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04](#)(h).
Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

11. [2018-013332CUA](#) (M. CHRISTENSEN: (415) 575-8742)
1555 YOSEMITE AVENUE – southwest side of Yosemite Avenue between Keith and Jennings Streets; Lot 017 in Assessor's Block 4848 (District 10) - Request for **Conditional Use Authorization**, pursuant to Planning Code Sections 210.3 and 303 to establish a 1,343 square-foot cannabis microbusiness including industrial agriculture (cannabis cultivation), wholesale sales, light manufacturing, and parcel delivery service uses (d.b.a. "Black Pepper") in an existing warehouse space within a PDR-2 (Core Production, Distribution &

Repair) Zoning District and 40-X Height and Bulk District. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section [31.04\(h\)](#).

Preliminary Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing Procedures

The Planning Commission holds public hearings regularly, on most Thursdays. The full hearing schedule for the calendar year and the Commission Rules & Regulations may be found online at: www.sfplanning.org.

Public Comments: Persons attending a hearing may comment on any scheduled item.

- ❖ When speaking before the Commission in City Hall, Room 400, please note the timer indicating how much time remains. Speakers will hear two alarms. The first soft sound indicates the speaker has 30 seconds remaining. The second louder sound indicates that the speaker's opportunity to address the Commission has ended.

Sound-Producing Devices Prohibited: The ringing of and use of mobile phones and other sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a mobile phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices (*67A.1 Sunshine Ordinance: Prohibiting the use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices at and during public meetings*).

For most cases (CU's, PUD's, 309's, etc...) that are considered by the Planning Commission, after being introduced by the Commission Secretary, shall be considered by the Commission in the following order:

1. A thorough description of the issue(s) by the Director or a member of the staff.
2. A presentation of the proposal by the Project Sponsor(s) team (includes sponsor or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors) would be for a period not to exceed 10 minutes, unless a written request for extension not to exceed a total presentation time of 15 minutes is received at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing, through the Commission Secretary, and granted by the President or Chair.
3. A presentation of opposition to the proposal by organized opposition for a period not to exceed 10 minutes (or a period equal to that provided to the project sponsor team) with a minimum of three (3) speakers. The intent of the 10 min block of time provided to organized opposition is to reduce the number of overall speakers who are part of the organized opposition. The requestor should advise the group that the Commission would expect the organized presentation to represent their testimony, if granted. Organized opposition will be recognized only upon written application at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing, through the Commission Secretary, the President or Chair. Such application should identify the organization(s) and speakers.
4. **Public testimony from proponents of the proposal:** An individual may speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
5. **Public testimony from opponents of the proposal:** An individual may speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
6. Director's preliminary recommendation must be prepared in writing.
7. Action by the Commission on the matter before it.
8. In public hearings on Draft Environmental Impact Reports, all speakers will be limited to a period not to exceed three (3) minutes.
9. The President (or Acting Chair) may impose time limits on appearances by members of the public and may otherwise exercise his or her discretion on procedures for the conduct of public hearings.
10. Public comment portion of the hearing shall be closed and deliberation amongst the Commissioners shall be opened by the Chair;
11. A motion to approve; approve with conditions; approve with amendments and/or modifications; disapprove; or continue to another hearing date, if seconded, shall be voted on by the Commission.

Every Official Act taken by the Commission must be adopted by a majority vote of all members of the Commission, a minimum of four (4) votes. A failed motion results in the disapproval of the requested action, unless a subsequent motion is adopted. Any Procedural Matter, such as a continuance, may be adopted by a majority vote of members present, as long as the members present constitute a quorum (four (4) members of the Commission).

For Discretionary Review cases that are considered by the Planning Commission, after being introduced by the Commission Secretary, shall be considered by the Commission in the following order:

1. A thorough description of the issue by the Director or a member of the staff.
2. A presentation by the DR Requestor(s) team (includes Requestor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors) would be for a period not to exceed five (5) minutes for each requestor.
3. Testimony by members of the public in support of the DR would be up to three (3) minutes each.
4. A presentation by the Project Sponsor(s) team (includes Sponsor(s) or their designee, lawyers, architects, engineers, expeditors, and/or other advisors) would be for a period up to five (5) minutes, but could be extended for a period not to exceed 10 minutes if there are multiple DR requestors.

5. Testimony by members of the public in support of the project would be up to three (3) minutes each.
6. DR requestor(s) or their designees are given two (2) minutes for rebuttal.
7. Project sponsor(s) or their designees are given two (2) minutes for rebuttal.
8. The President (or Acting Chair) may impose time limits on appearances by members of the public and may otherwise exercise his or her discretion on procedures for the conduct of public hearings.

The Commission must Take DR in order to disapprove or modify a building permit application that is before them under Discretionary Review. A failed motion to Take DR results in a Project that is approved as proposed.

Hearing Materials

Advance Submissions: To allow Commissioners the opportunity to review material in advance of a hearing, materials must be received by the Planning Department eight (8) days prior to the scheduled public hearing. All submission packages must be delivered to 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, by 5:00 p.m. and should include fifteen (15) hardcopies and a .pdf copy must be provided to the staff planner. Correspondence submitted to the Planning Commission after eight days in advance of a hearing must be received by the Commission Secretary no later than the close of business the day before a hearing for it to become a part of the public record for any public hearing.

Correspondence submitted to the Planning Commission on the same day, must be submitted at the hearing directly to the Planning Commission Secretary. Please provide ten (10) copies for distribution. Correspondence submitted in any other fashion on the same day may not become a part of the public record until the following hearing.

Correspondence sent directly to all members of the Commission, must include a copy to the Commission Secretary (commissions.secretary@sfgov.org) for it to become a part of the public record.

These submittal rules and deadlines shall be strictly enforced and no exceptions shall be made without a vote of the Commission.

Persons unable to attend a hearing may submit written comments regarding a scheduled item to: Planning Commission, 1650 Mission Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94103-2414. Written comments received by the close of the business day prior to the hearing will be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission and made part of the official record.

Appeals

The following is a summary of appeal rights associated with the various actions that may be taken at a Planning Commission hearing.

Case Type	Case Suffix	Appeal Period*	Appeal Body
Office Allocation	OFA (B)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals**
Conditional Use Authorization and Planned Unit Development	CUA (C)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Building Permit Application (Discretionary Review)	DRP/DRM (D)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals
EIR Certification	ENV (E)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Coastal Zone Permit	CTZ (P)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals
Planning Code Amendments by Application	PCA (T)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors
Variance (Zoning Administrator action)	VAR (V)	10 calendar days	Board of Appeals
Large Project Authorization in Eastern Neighborhoods	LPA (X)	15 calendar days	Board of Appeals
Permit Review in C-3 Districts, Downtown Residential Districts	DNX (X)	15-calendar days	Board of Appeals
Zoning Map Change by Application	MAP (Z)	30 calendar days	Board of Supervisors

* Appeals of Planning Commission decisions on Building Permit Applications (Discretionary Review) must be made within 15 days of the date the building permit is issued/denied by the Department of Building Inspection (not from the date of the Planning Commission hearing). Appeals of Zoning Administrator decisions on Variances must be made within 10 days from the issuance of the decision letter.

**An appeal of a Certificate of Appropriateness or Permit to Alter/Demolish may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires Board of Supervisors approval or if the project is associated with a Conditional Use Authorization appeal. An appeal of an Office Allocation may be made to the Board of Supervisors if the project requires a Conditional Use Authorization.

For more information regarding the Board of Appeals process, please contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6880. For more information regarding the Board of Supervisors process, please contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184 or board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org.

An appeal of the approval (or denial) of a **100% Affordable Housing Bonus Program application** may be made to the **Board of Supervisors within 30 calendar days** after the date of action by the Planning Commission pursuant to the provisions of Sections 328(g)(5) and 308.1(b). Appeals must be submitted in person at the Board's office at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244. For further information about appeals to the Board of Supervisors, including current fees, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at (415) 554-5184.

An appeal of the approval (or denial) of a **building permit application** issued (or denied) pursuant to a 100% Affordable Housing Bonus Program application by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors may be made to the **Board of Appeals within 15 calendar days** after the building permit is issued (or denied) by the Director of the Department of Building Inspection. Appeals must be submitted in person at the Board's office at 1650 Mission Street, 3rd Floor, Room 304. For further information about appeals to the Board of Appeals, including current fees, contact the Board of Appeals at (415) 575-6880.

Challenges

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge, in court, (1) the adoption or amendment of a general plan, (2) the adoption or amendment of a zoning ordinance, (3) the adoption or amendment of any regulation attached to a specific plan, (4) the adoption, amendment or modification of a development agreement, or (5) the approval of a variance, conditional-use authorization, or any 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 Planning Commission, at, or prior to, the public hearing.

CEQA Appeal Rights under Chapter 31 of the San Francisco Administrative Code

If the Commission's action on a project constitutes the Approval Action for that project (as defined in S.F. Administrative Code Chapter 31, as amended, Board of Supervisors Ordinance Number 161-13), then the CEQA determination prepared in support of that Approval Action is thereafter subject to appeal within the time frame specified in S.F. Administrative Code Section 31.16. This appeal is separate from and in addition to an appeal of an action on a project. Typically, an appeal must be filed within 30 calendar days of the Approval Action for a project that has received an exemption or negative declaration pursuant to CEQA. For information on filing an appeal under Chapter 31, contact the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102, or call (415) 554-5184. If the Department's Environmental Review Officer has deemed a project to be exempt from further environmental review, an exemption determination has been prepared and can be obtained on-line at <http://www.sf-planning.org/index.aspx?page=3447>. Under CEQA, in a later court challenge, a litigant may be limited to raising only those issues previously raised at a hearing on the project or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commission, Planning Department or other City board, commission or department at, or prior to, such hearing, or as part of the appeal hearing process on the CEQA decision.

Protest of Fee or Exaction

You may protest any fee or exaction subject to Government Code Section 66000 imposed as a condition of approval in accordance with Government Code Section 66020. The protest must satisfy the requirements of Government Code Section 66020(a) and must be filed within 90 days of the date of the first approval or conditional approval of the development referencing the challenged fee or exaction. For purposes of Government Code Section 66020, the date of imposition of the fee shall be the date of the earliest discretionary approval by the City of the subject development.

The Planning Commission's approval or conditional approval of the development subject to the challenged fee or exaction as expressed in its Motion, Resolution, or Discretionary Review Action or the Zoning Administrator's Variance Decision Letter will serve as Notice that the 90-day protest period under Government Code Section 66020 has begun.