

# BOARD OF APPEALS

## CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

### AGENDA FOR REGULAR MEETING - WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

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

Please go to [www.sfgov.org/boa](http://www.sfgov.org/boa) for more information about how to watch the meeting and provide public comment by telephone.

#### (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 May 13, 2020 minutes.

#### (4) APPEAL NO. 19-143

MARLENE KRAMER, Appellant(s)

vs.

DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent  
PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL

2242 35th Avenue.

Appealing the ISSUANCE on December 16, 2019, to Gene Lau, of an Alteration Permit (comply with NOV 201965971 and 201965741 add 11 inches on top of existing retaining wall).

PERMIT NO. 2019/11/14/7331.

FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

**Note: On March 4, 2020, upon motion by Vice President Honda, the Board voted 4-0-1 (President Lazarus absent) to continue this matter to April 15, 2020 so that DBI and, if necessary, the Planning Department can conduct an inspection of the subject property and the appellant's property; the purpose of inspecting the subject property is to clarify the permit conditions; DBI will also review all permits and complaints issued to the subject property; the appellant's property will be inspected to investigate the claims of stress cracks caused from the construction work. Given that the April 15, 2020 meeting was canceled, the matter was rescheduled to May 27, 2020.**

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**(5) APPEAL NO. 20-025**

<p>ROBERT BLAZEJ, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION, Respondent PLANNING DEPT. APPROVAL</p>	<p>44 Bonview Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 2, 2020, to Jian Yu Zhou, of an Alteration Permit (comply with NOV # 201905750 &amp; 201908141: legalize existing storage to habitable space with new internal stairs; new retaining wall at rearyard and lower floor; infill existing light well; minor reconfiguration on ground floor and second floor; lower floor new bedroom, bathroom and media room; replace front windows in kind with wood clad and rear windows with aluminum; rebuild second floor deck in kind). PERMIT NO. 2020/0221/5146. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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**(6) APPEAL NO. 20-031**

<p>LANCE CARNES, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent</p>	<p>Yerba Buena Avenue, Between Santa Clara and San Pablo Avenues. Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 3, 2020, to Saint Francis Homes Association, of a Public Works Order (approval to remove nine significant Eucalyptus trees on private property with replacement within six months of removal; trees are being removed primarily due to structural issues including: basal decay, poor structure, thinning crowns, poor live crown ratio, and previous failures; replacement trees must be a large canopy species in 24-inch boxes). ORDER NO. 202760. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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**(7) APPEAL NO. 20-029**

<p>JOSHUA KLIPP, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent</p>	<p>645 5th Street, 525 Brannan Street, 38 and 88 Bluxome Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 16, 2020, to Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., of a Public Works Order (approval of a request to remove and replace 35 street trees on 5th St., Brannan St. and Bluxome St.; removal of the trees is necessary for the proposed construction project at the location). ORDER NO. 202868. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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**ITEMS (8A) AND (8B) SHALL BE HEARD TOGETHER**

**(8A) APPEAL NO. 20-030**

<p>JOSHUA KLIPP, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent</p>	<p>1001 Potrero Avenue (Vermont Street frontage and 23rd Street frontage). Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 16, 2020, to UCSF, of a Public Works Order (approval of the removal of seven street trees and two significant trees on the Vermont Street frontage without replacement; these trees are not replaceable due to the construction by UCSF of a new Research and Academic Building and access driveways, however in-lieu fees shall be paid; approval of removal and replacement of two significant trees along 23rd Street frontage). ORDER NO. 202867. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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**(8B) APPEAL NO. 20-033**

<p>CHRISTOPHER SEGUINE, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent</p>	<p>1001 Potrero Avenue (Vermont Street frontage and 23rd Street frontage). Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 16, 2020, to UCSF, of a Public Works Order (approval of the removal of seven street trees and two significant trees on the Vermont Street frontage without replacement; these trees are not replaceable due to the construction by UCSF of a new Research and Academic Building and access driveways, however in-lieu fees shall be paid; approval of removal and replacement of two significant trees along 23rd Street frontage). ORDER NO. 202867. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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**(9) APPEAL NO. 20-028**

<p>JOSHUA KLIPP, Appellant(s)</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF URBAN FORESTRY, Respondent</p>	<p>544 and 578 2nd Street. Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 16, 2020, of a Public Works Order (approval to remove two street trees without replacement; trees appear to be healthy but conflict with PG&amp;E vaults that need to be installed to complete a public safety improvement which is part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Streetscape Improvement Project). ORDER NO. 202860. FOR HEARING TODAY.</p>
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**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 at the Board's office during normal office hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 1650 Mission Street, Room 304) and in the hearing room on the date the matter is scheduled to be heard. Please call 415-575-6880 if you have any questions concerning this agenda.

Date posted: **May 22, 2020**

**MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

<b>ANN LAZARUS</b>	<b>PRESIDENT</b>
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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**

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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 415-575-6880 for scheduling or other information during regular business hours or visit our website at [www.sfgov.org/boa](http://www.sfgov.org/boa).

The complete Rules of the Board are available for review at the Board office, and 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 the Board office, 1650 Mission Street, Room 304, 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 the Board office. 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. For complete distribution to all Commissioners of the Board, necessary staff and case files, submit an original and ten copies. 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 in the hearing room 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**

The ringing of and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

### **ACCESSIBILITY INFORMATION**

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The closest accessible BART station is the Civic Center station located at the intersection of Market, Hyde and Grove Streets. Accessible curbside parking has been designated at points along McAllister Street. Accessible MUNI lines serving City Hall are the 42 Downtown Loop, 9 San Bruno and 71

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Haight/Noriega and the F line. Accessible MUNI Metro lines are the J, K, L, M, and N. For more information regarding MUNI accessible services, call (415) 923-6142.

City Hall is accessible to persons using wheelchairs and other assistive mobility devices. Wheelchair access is provided at the Grove, Van Ness and McAllister streets via ramps. Wheelchair access at the Polk Street/ Carlton B. Goodlett entrance is provided through a wheelchair lift.

American sign language interpreters, translation services and/or sound enhancement will be available upon request by contacting Board staff at (415) 575-6880 at least 48 hours prior to the hearing.

Intérpretes de lenguaje de señas americano, servicio de traducción y/o mejoramiento del sonido estará disponible a petición contactando con personal de la Junta al 415-575-6880 por lo menos 48 horas antes de la audiencia.

美国手语翻译, 翻译服务和/或声音增强将可在聆讯前48小时通过联系575-6880局人员要求.

Ang mga tagapagsalin sa lenggwaheng pasenyas, mga serbisyong pagsasalin at/o mga gamit upang pabutihin ang pakikinig ay maaaring hilingin sa Board Staff sa 575-6880 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. 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 [soff@sfgov.org](mailto:soff@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](http://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](mailto:ethics.commission@sfgov.org); web site [www.sfgov.org/ethics](http://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

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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](http://sfethics.org).

### **SUGGESTIONS TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY**

The Board welcomes suggestions from the public regarding improvement of the efficiency of its operations. Please direct your comments and suggestions to Board staff, at 415-575-6880 or fax 415-575-6885. A customer satisfaction survey form is available at the meetings, the Board office, and on the Board's web site, [www.sfgov.org/boa](http://www.sfgov.org/boa).

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