

**CITY OF SAN JOSE
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Synopsis (Not *Approved*)
July 9, 2008

200 E. Santa Clara St., Room 1446

START TIME: 6:07 pm

ADJOURNMENT 7:02 pm

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Rudy Rodriguez
Brian Ho
Brian Wei
Thai Mai
Norman C. Nguyen
Minh Quoc Duong
Joyce Puopolo
Daisy Chu
Helen Wang
Miguel Olivo
James E. Smith

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Mary A. Zellem (Resigned)
Jordan Dancer

Council Liaison
None Present

City Staff
Dhez Woodworth

Public Present
Ray Shafazand

1. CALL TO ORDER
Called to order by Rodriguez at 6:07 pm

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Corrections:

- None

Motion: Approval

Motion: 1) Smith 2) Nguyen X App no

3. APPROVAL OF June 11, 2008 SYNOPSIS

Corrections:

- Correct list of attendees

Motion: Approval

Motion: 1) Wei 2) Ho X App no

4. ORAL PETITIONS/COMMENTS

- Deferred until guest arrived at 6:30
- Nancy Lieu Vietnamese Chinese Business Association
 - i. Objective to share information regarding how to operate
 - ii. Bay Area wide with 20-30 members so far
 - iii. Participate with various events happening locally and elsewhere
 - iv. Did fund raising for earthquake relief
 - v. Also they've worked with Seniors
 - vi. Lack of knowledge of policies and ordinances → confusion and frustration about the process and lack of progress
 - vii. Many of their members are intimidated by the City and its rules

Woodworth to send resource list to Nancy Lieu

Commissioner Duong arrived at 6:40

5. Discussion on Cuccini's/Sabor Tapas Bar and Grill Issue
 - 30 minutes will be allowed for the topic with 20 minutes for presentation and 10 minutes
 - In 2004 Ray Shafazand purchased (Fannie and Alexanders – F&A) set up Renzo Bar & Grill dba Cuccini's
 - The Conditional Use Permit and Entertainment Permit began in Sept 2004
 - No complaints until Oct 2007 when the owner was diagnosed with cancer.
 - On-site managers hadn't maintained the business
 - April 6 he closed the business in order to modify and update the business appearance
 - Around the same time Taste was evicted from adjoining property

Commissioner Chu arrived at 6:15

- May 2008 notified government agencies of the dba change (David Spolas)
- Immediately prior to the reopening the Police Dept. directed that he not open with threat of criminal citation
- He alleges that there is a tie in between the property owner and former Mayor McEnry
- Saturday will be the last day open. He's laid off all of his employees.
- He requested that the Commission apply whatever power it can

Commissioner Wang arrived 6:25

Moved to item 4 at 6:30

6. REPORT FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

- No reports at this point
- Visit to SF Commission on August 11 Interested Commissioners - Wang, Mai, Duong, Rodriguez, Puopolo, Dancer
- Communications
 - i. Hispanic Chamber will have an event at Los Lagos

7. STAFF REPORT

- Mary Zellel Resignation
- Recruitment
- Attendance of at least half the meeting to be considered as having attended

8. CHAIR REPORT

- Rodriguez check in on the ordinance change timing and will report back

NEW AGENDA ITEMS – 5 MIN.

- SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS
- SF COMMISSION MEETING
- STATUS OF EXPANSION OF DUTIES
- PROCUREMENT SURVEY RESULTS

9. ADJOURNMENT 7: 02 PM

Motion: Adjourn

Motion: 1) Olivo 2) Mai X app no