

# South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting

Monday October 13, 2025

MINUTES

6:00PM-7:00PM

ZOOM MEETING

ATTENDEES	5 Officers, 2 Presenters, 26 residents (Zoom)
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NEXT MEETING: MONDAY 11/10, 6 PM - EMBARCADERO NAVIGATION CENTER UPDATE

TOPIC	Commission Streamlining Task Force Overview
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- **Welcome and Introductions** (Alice Rogers)
- **Announcements**  
Due to heavy rains, tonight’s meeting was switched to **Zoom only**. Alice announced the Good Neighbor Awards Program recipients for District 6. They will be recognized at our Holiday Party – Sarah Bertram, Bettina Cohen, Shelley Costantini, Vaishak Dinesh, Ina Lopez, Jill Norris, Gary Pegueros, and Alice Rogers.
- **Commission Streamlining Task Force Overview**  
NA Board Member Michael Adams welcomed our two guest speakers Ed Harrington and Sophie Hayward. San Francisco has a lot of commissions – about 130. You may recall that our November 2024 Elections included two ballot measures – Props D and E – both of which offered a vision of how to reform our commission system. Prop E won. Out of Prop E came the Commission Streamlining Task Force. Ed Harrington is the Board of Supervisor President’s appointee and Sophie Hayward is the City Administrator’s appointee. Each briefed us on their background and experience in local government.

Commissions, aka Advisory Committees or Task Forces, are the way to engage the public. In 2024, the Civil Grand Jury, SPUR, and Together SF all put out reports to look into how our commissions were doing. Together SF introduced Prop D on the November 2024 Ballot, stating that commissions get in the way, that they are not the way to make the city run better. Their suggestion was to cut in half the number of commissions. Prop E took a different approach, suggesting setting up a streamlining task force to investigate what’s going on. The Task Force has 5 members. They first looked at how many commissions San Francisco had. They found 150. About 30 of those are the ones that have some authority to do things. They tend to be involved in the selection of department heads, setting policy, adopting budgets, award contracts, etc. These are the ones that are typically in the Charter. About 80 or 90 are Advisory, typically put into the administrative code by the Board of Supervisors. The Task Force would ask such things as “what is the purpose of the commission? Why do we have them? Why are they useful?” To avoid confusion, the Task Force feels that the Mayor should be able to hire and fire commissioners and should be able to hire and fire department heads. Advisory Committees are designed to bring in expertise and different points of view and should have appointments split between the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. Advisory Committees should have sunset dates so that they do not last forever.

The Task Force has met every other week since January. After coming up with the list of all commissions, they worked through categorizing them into separate groups, then looking at each commission individually to see where they might be duplication of effort. They looked at opportunities to consolidate, eliminate, or modify the commissions so that they could be as effective as they could be. The Task Force will continue to review these commissions. No decisions that they’ve

made so far are final. (A Decision Log is [here](#).) A report will be sent to the Board of Supervisors with their recommendations to amend a charter or submit an ordinance to amend, modify, or eliminate a commission.

**Followed by Q&A.**

**Zoom recording of tonight's presentation: [Here](#)**

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**Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.**

**Topic: Embarcadero Navigation Center update**