



San Francisco Youth Commission Housing, Recreation, and Transportation Committee

DRAFT ~ Minutes

Thursday, November 3, 2016

5:00~7:00 PM

City Hall, Room 345

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Emma David, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Jarrett Mao, Cris Plunkett,
Hugo Vargas

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Mao called the meeting to order at 5:01pm. Commissioners present: Emma David, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Jarrett Mao, Hugo Vargas (5:10pm), and Cris Plunkett. There was quorum. Staff present: Leah LaCroix. There was no public comment.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Yu, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, moved to approve the agenda. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. October 27, 2016

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Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner David, moved to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2016 committee meeting. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

Staff invited the committee to conduct a round of introductions. Each member of the committee shared their name, district, and school. Additionally, there were 5 members of the public in attendance; Aliana N., a journalism student at San Francisco State University. Saula, YouthWorks intern for the Youth Commission, a student at Ida B. Wells High School. Cathy, YouthWorks intern for the Youth Commission, a student at Ruth Asawa School of the Arts. Cathy De Luca and Josie Ahrens, Policy and Program Manager and Neighborhood Organizer at WalkSF, respectively.

There was no more public comment.

5. Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)



A. Presentation on the VisionZero initiative, and WalkSF organizational overview.

Presenter: Cathy DeLuca, WalkSF

Cathy DeLuca, Policy and Program Manager for WalkSF, introduced herself and her colleague Josie Ahrens, Neighborhood Organizer for WalkSF. Ms. DeLuca gave an overview of the purpose and mission of Walk SF, an advocacy group that promotes walking and lobbies for safe pedestrian access in San Francisco. Their mission is to make walking in San Francisco safer for everyone, so that our community is healthier and more livable. Ms. DeLuca shared WalkSF's three programs; VisionZero, Safe Routes to School, and Walkability. She underscored that advocating for walking and street safety is important because everyone is a pedestrian, and SF streets are not safe for people walking.

Ms. DeLuca shared that the goal of VisionZero is get to zero severe injury and fatal crashes by 2024. The VisionZero initiative is data driven. Every year in San Francisco there are approximately 2000 injury collisions, approximately 515 severe injury collisions, and approximately 30 fatal collisions. Every day, at least three people walking are hit by cars, and over 60% of the people killed in car crashes are pedestrians. Crashes are a Public Health Epidemic. 60% of all severe and fatal pedestrian crashes occur on only 6% of SF streets. These top 5 traffic violations account for crash-related deaths and injuries—running stop sign, running stop light, not yielding (crosswalk), not yielding (L turn), and speeding. Increases in speeding are exponentially fatal. Ultimately crashes are predictable and preventable. The strategies to reach the VisionZero goal are the three E's: Engineering, Enforcement, and Education.

Ms. DeLuca shared that the VisionZero Coalition, made up of community organizations and stakeholders, meets every other month to “ensure the swift and equitable implementation of San Francisco’s Vision Zero goals to end all traffic deaths and serious injuries by 2024”. The coalition hold rallies, press events, submits petitions and letters to elected leaders, shape and support policy, hold working groups, support local effort by members and speaks at public meetings on matters related to the VisionZero initiative.

Ms. DeLuca concluded her presentation with a discussion with commissioners on their concerns around traffic and pedestrian safety, and how the commission could engage in VisionZero and Safe Routes to School. There was no public comment.

Chair Mao recessed the meeting at 5:50pm. Chair Mao call the meeting back to order at 5:57pm.

B. Committee member check-in

Committee members shared updates about their respective weeks. There was no public comment.

C. Reviewing committee “groups agreements” for committee

Chair Mao read the group agreements created by the committee at their October 27th meeting. He invited those who hadn't been in attendance at the October 27th meeting to add to the agreements list, and to initial the group agreements. There was no public comment.



D. Discussion on displacement and gentrification research in San Francisco

Staff led the committee in a discussion on displacement and gentrification. Staff introduced the committee to the Urban Displacement Project, a research initiative out of UC Berkeley in collaboration with UCLA. The project aim to understand the nature of gentrification and displacement in California, specifically in the Bay Area and Los Angeles Area. The committee read the Urban Displacement Project's definition of gentrification and displacement. Staff encouraged the committee to look at the Urban Displacement Project's research on gentrification in the Chinatown and Mission neighborhood, and their displacement mapping tools. There was no public comment.

<http://www.urbandisplacement.org/resources>

E. Discussion on 1984's Proposition K – The Sunshine Ordinance

Commissioner Yu led the committee discussion on Prop K (1984), a city ordinance regarding the shadowing of public parks and open space. The committee read three news articles on the topic, as well as the text of the Sunshine Ordinance, section 295 of the SF Planning Code.

<http://sf.curbed.com/2016/3/18/11265960/second-tallest-tower-oceanwide-first-street-garden-plaza>

<http://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/Long-shadows-create-political-hurdle-for-S-F-7382467.php>

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/SF-parks-commission-squashes-building-that-would-6021079.php>

[Section 295 of the Planning Code](#)

Commission Yu informed the committee that the District 3 office is interested in working on this issues, and would like to work alongside the commission, should they be interested. The committee expressed interest in learning more about that section of the planning code Commissioner Vargas asked if the committee could receive a presentation from the Planning Department. Commissioner Plunkett asked how other cities have addressed the issue of large building shadowing city owned parks. Staff encouraged the committee to research this at an upcoming meeting. There was no public comment.

6. Housing, Recreation, and Transportation Committee Report to Full Commission (Discussion and Possible Action)

The committee summarized their meeting discussion to include the following points;

- The committee received a presentation from WalkSF on their organization and the Vision Zero initiative.
- The committee reviewed their group agreements.
- The committee discussed gentrification and displacement. Staff shared the Urban Displacement Project, a joint research initiative conducted by UC Berkeley and UCLA.



- The Commission discussed Prop K (1984) [section 295 of the Planning Code], a city ordinance regarding the shadowing of public parks and open space.

There was no public comment.

7. Executive Committee Report (Discussion Only)

Commissioners Plunkett and Vargas explained that the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 had been cancelled. There was no public comment.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Staff informed the committee they will be reviewing a couple pieces of Legislation Referred at their next full commission meeting regarding library fines and fees. Staff also informed the committee that there will likely be a Young and Future Voters Forum Post-election day analysis in late November, and commissioners will be asked to take on a leadership role. Staff shared that the 2017 Youth Advocacy Day will be held on March 17, 2017, and asked the committee to please save the date. Additionally, staff informed the committee that an attendance review will be shared with appointing office in the upcoming quarterly report. Including committee attendance. Lastly, Staff reminded the committee to submit their short biographies for the commission website to Kiely within the week, if they have not already done so. There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

Chair Mao adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm