

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014
5:30 p.m.
City Hall, Hearing Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102

Commissioners

Susan Jones, President
Joseph Arellano, Vice President
Julian Chang
Gabe Harp
Annie Wong
Rebecca Woodson

Meeting Minutes

Proceedings:

1. Roll Call:
President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.
Present: Gabe Harp; Susan Jones; Annie Wong and Rebecca Woodson.
Joseph Arellano arrived at 5:49 p.m. Julian Chang was excused.

Others Present:
Chief Probation Officer: Allen Nance
2. Public Comments.
Thomas Simpson, Director of AfroSolo, said the "The Audacity to Succeed!" event was moved to September 27th (see 9/10 supporting documents at: <http://sfgov.org/juvprobation/full-commission/meetings>). Mr. Simpson will present on this event at the October 8th Full Commission meeting.
3. Approval of the Full Commission Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2014.
Motion to approve the Full Commission meeting minutes of July 9, 2014 by Commissioner Woodson; second by Commissioner Wong.
AYES: Arellano; Harp; Jones; Wong and Woodson. Minutes approved.
No public comments.

4. FLY Program Presentation, a San Mateo County based organization that helps youths re-enter society, by Aila Malik, COO (DISCUSSION ONLY)
- Fresh Lifelines for Youths (FLY) has been operating as a non-profit since 2000 in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. They are hoping to enter San Francisco and/or Alameda by December. FLY believes that children deserve the chance to be more than their past mistakes. In 1998, the FLY concept was started by youths in maximum security in Santa Clara County. The founder, executive director, and former law student put these kids in focus groups and asked for their input. The programs available are: mentoring; legal education; and leadership training.
- FLY's solution is to do three things: help youths transform their identity as juvenile delinquents into positive community leaders; with volunteerism and stakeholders relationships, help this population succeed; and with the help of leadership circles, look at juvenile detention reform efforts, disproportionate minority confinement or contact efforts for ways to make the system better. There is a need for FLY based on crime statistics and the costs to the community for incarceration. FLY is hoping to bring the law and leadership model to SF, which teaches kids about laws and consequences of crimes (see 9/10 supporting documents at: <http://sfgov.org/juvprobation/full-commission/meetings>).
- Commissioner Wong asked what it would take to bring the program to SF. Ms. Malik said it would take program feasibility and funding. FLY is trying to secure verbal commitments by December.
- Chief Nance thanked Ms. Malik and said that staff members were very engaged in the FLY program when they came to JJC.
- No public comments.

5. Reports to the Commission (DISCUSSION ONLY)

a. Chief's Report

- Title IV-e Waiver
Chief Nance said that this is an introduction to an initiative that the City is pursuing. Title IV-e Waiver is an opportunity for SF to achieve more flexibility on how federal funds are used. The Federal Government and the California Department of Social Services previously identified two counties, Los Angeles and Alameda, and they operated with a capped allocation with flexibility on how funds were used. The state has now opened this opportunity and 10 counties have applied for these funds, including SF, and it will require the agreement of the Child Welfare Agency and Probation Department. In addition, JPD will have the opportunity to reinvest in other programs, if funds are not expended, and they will focus on wrap-around services and strategies. In addition, JPD is looking to enhance partnerships with parents to help youths re-enter the family home.
- Camp Mather Teen Outdoor Experience 2014
This is the fourth year for this event and 54 youths participated, along with JPD, Police Department, Mayor's Office, Recreation and Parks, and community agencies. The youths participated in several sessions in advance of the orientation process and learned about leadership, personal responsibility and job readiness workshops. In addition, youths that attended in prior years, participated as peer leaders. Four of the peer leaders were Log Cabin Ranch graduates. JPD will continue to engage youths in the resources made available to them throughout the year. A follow-up barbeque will be held so that youths can reconnect with peer leaders and camp participants.
- New Assistant Chief Probation Officer
Chief Nance introduced Paula Hernandez. Ms. Hernandez worked as the Assistant Chief Probation Officer in Contra Costa County for the past 10 years, and started as a Juvenile Hall Counselor 26 years ago. She has worked in all areas of Probation. Ms. Hernandez is a native San Franciscan and brings a wealth of experience dealing with evidence-based practices and looks forward to working with Chief Nance, the Department and the Commission.

President Jones welcomed Ms. Hernandez.

b. Ad Hoc Committee Report:

President Jones said the JPC Retreat will be held on October 20, 2014. In addition, reference binders were created and will be used as an on-boarding tool for new Commissioners. The Retreat will cover the processes, the overall framework of the juvenile justice process, and how to work together as a Commission.

No public comments.

6. Future Agenda Items (ACTION ITEM)

- The October 8th Full Commission meeting will be held at Sunset Youth Services, located at 3918 Judah Street, beginning at 6 p.m.
- No public comments.

7. President Jones adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

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