



# San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes

Monday, October 15, 2018

5:00 pm~8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Charley Obermeyer, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Felix Andam, Alysha Sadarangani, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Drew Min, Grace Hoogerhyde, Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin

## **1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Chair Vigil called the meeting to order at 5:06 PM. Staff took roll call. Quorum was met. Commissioner Quick motioned to approve of Commissioner Ibarra's absence, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker. Motion to approve of Commissioner Ibarra's absence passed by a vote of acclamation.

## **2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

Commissioners reviewed the agenda for today's meeting. There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to approve the agenda for October 15th, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Hoogerhyde. Motion to approve of agenda passed by a vote of acclamation.

## **3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

- A. October 1, 2018  
([Document A](#))

Commissioners reviewed the minutes from October 1st, 2018. There was no public comment. Commissioner Andam motioned to approve the minutes from October 1st, 2018, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion to approve the minutes passed by vote of acclamation.

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

There was no public comment.

## **5. Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. BOS File No. 180901 [Hearing on the Police Department's and San Francisco Unified School District's current protocols and policies where students are questioned and arrested at their school site, as well as when they are in police custody, particularly relating to parental noticing, student privacy, and school safety; and requesting the Police Department and San Francisco Unified School District to report.]



Sponsors: Supervisors Ronen, Safai, Cohen  
Presenter: Carolyn Goossen, District 9 Chief of Staff

Carolyn Goossen presented on the November 28th hearing at 4 PM. The hearing is called not just because of the Balboa High School incident but because it brought up questions about SFPD and SFUSD's current protocols and policies and they would like to look at what legislative changes could be made. The current MOU is active, but the young person is impacted by what happened that day with being filmed by media, being taken out in handcuffs, and denied parents being present during the questioning. The meeting will happen at a time young people can attend and is asking for support in outreaching to youth impacted and being present for the discussion on what changes can be made.

Chair Vigil opened the space for questions.

Commissioner Obermeyer asked if the office has been in contact with SFPD about policies, was it more of a failure to apply policy or absence of policy? They are still researching police codes, there aren't clear outlines right now in regards to how parental notifications take place as there are various levels of laws and procedures with general codes and bulletins. As of now, they are thinking of expanding or strengthening the current state law regarding how young folks 15 and under cannot waive Miranda Rights as it can lead to implication. Young folks must have the opportunity to talk to a lawyer and ensure that young people can have due process and their rights are respected to maximum possible. They are working with ACLU and Coleman Advocates

Commissioner Quick noted that that was the state law that was discussed in our former meetings and asked if the City and County have the jurisdiction and powers to expand the age and if there are any foreseeable issues. They can expand or strengthen state law for San Francisco in regards to strengthening youth rights and SFPD and SFUSD MOU.

Commissioner Min asked if SFPD would be attending the hearing. There is no confirmation as it's still a while away.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to support the hearing seconded by Commissioner Hoogerhyde. By a vote of acclamation, motion passed.

B. BOS File No. 180923 [Hearing to discuss updates from the Work Group to Re-Envision the Jail Project Report Outcomes; and requesting the Sherriff's Department, the Department of Public Health, and the San Francisco Taxpayers for Public Safety to report.]

Sponsor: Supervisor Mandelman

Presenter: Erin Mundy, Legislative Aide to D8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman

Erin Mundy presented on the hearing and how it's the final report. The last one was in July. The workgroup was a body of 39 members that met from March 2016 - December 2016 and discussed alternatives to effective closure of Jail #3 and #4 with support for folks with mental health issues. This is a report back for the workgroup to represent the report and aid in moving the conversation forward with next steps. 26% of TAY are in jail even though there are 12% of TAY in SF. Asking for support to get youths to come out and give public comment. The hearing will be on October 24th room 415 at 10 AM.



Commissioner Obermeyer will attend. Commissioner Hylton asked in what ways the Transformative Justice committee can support this issue. Turn out for public comment and outreach for testimonies. If you are unable to come to the hearing, please send a list of questions you hope to address during the hearing to presenters or a letter of support. Commission Quick inquired about when the report was written. The workgroup completed the report in 2016.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Hylton motioned to support the hearing, seconded by Commissioner Andam. The motion to support passed by a vote of acclamation.

- C. BOS File No. 180922 [Hearing on the juvenile justice system and strategies, including Juvenile Hall and the closure of Log Cabin Ranch, as well as community-based alternatives to detention; and requesting the Juvenile Probation Department to report.]  
Sponsor: Supervisor Fewer  
Presenter: Chief Allen A. Nance, Chief Probation Officer, SF Juvenile Probation Department  
(Document B)

Chief Nance shared that the department has had several opportunities to get feedback from YC and values the input. For instance, one of the feedback was against the arming of probation officers. The Juvenile Probation Department is a stand-alone department that because of the work warranted a rehabilitative approach, treatment, and service. It has evolved over the decade with a dramatic reduction in the number of young people in the system with a drop in referral rate of 2000 to 700. The Juvenile Hall was also rebuilt and they implemented programs to create alternatives to detention: community-based organizations case management, electronic monitoring, and surveillance by family which aided in the reduction of daily population by  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Today, there is less than 50 youth in juvenile hall but 150 beds - space now providing a rec center and skill building programs to repurpose the space. There is more work to be done; project pull promise which allows the opportunity to be employed while in custody and earn minimum wage - which is because SF recognizes the nexus of poverty and jail system, including more programs with financial literacy and skill building.

Chief Nance met with Supervisor Fewer last week about Log Cabin Ranch. Issues they talked about is about 4.5 - 5 million investment every year to serve so few. Youths are AWOL. And on June 22nd, they temporarily suspend operations and move to another jail and court hearings. When reviewing LCR - there's potential to create a task force that could consider other community alternatives for young people and financial investments for space. Chief Nance has made the recommendation to Mayor Breed and the DA, PD, private bar, and state. He hopes to have a broad set of recommendation from the community, people formerly incarcerated, stakeholders for best use of that space and properly structured to meet the needs. The hearing and data report (investments in capital improvements). The goal is by end of fiscal year June 2019 in working in partnership with taskforce can provide recommendations to where we can act.

Chair Vigil opened the floor for questions.



Commissioner Cureton inquired if they intend on having a youth seat for the task force? Given that the system is involved young people, youth are an important voice and should be part of the process.

Commissioner Andam inquired about Log Cabin Ranch and the goal of rehabilitation and how do they plan to meet the need for rehab services? They plan on focusing on risk factors that brought youths to where they are now. Rehab has been clinical therapy, educational programming within SFUSD, online college courses, and certification programs.

Commissioner Quick wished to expand on the statement and asked what was criteria upon which youth was committed to that facility? Part of the concern on operating lcr, criteria has been "adjudicated on juvenile/delinquency petition 602" which would have looked at commitment to doj (state prison), young people who have chronic serious violent offenses as the last step of juvie before restrictive, punitive 14-18 years of age for males.

Commissioner Quick asked by temporary suspension, where do these youth go and how are we resorting criteria so it doesn't send people needlessly to state prison? The options include placement outside of county/state - in a group home residential treatment facility.

Commissioner Vigil asked if there was an underlying issue to why people were escaping? Themes: youth want to be with their families, exploring issues that are uncomfortable (trauma), they were court ordered and the youth might not agree with that, and the facility is unlocked. Commissioner Vigil offered a recommendation to engage with people who have been there or who have escaped - reach out to folks who have information to look into cases, not to ignore voices for why people left.

For public comment, Anubis, shared that the current LCR Budget with \$4.5 million that's \$4000,000/per person) is a huge waste of taxpayer money on what serves 11 people and can be used to invest in problems and issues affecting the city.

- D. BOS File No. 180913 [Administrative Code - Reentry Council - Reporting Duties and Sunset Date]  
Sponsor: Supervisor Fewer  
Presenter: Geoffrea Morris, Reentry Policy Planner, Reentry Division; San Francisco Adult Probation Department  
(Document C)

Geoffrea Morris presented on Reentry Council. Reentry Council has been around for 10 years and the ordinance created to spearhead reentry reform. Each time the ordinance passes there is a sunset date. They hope to renew to 2024. The council is composed of 17 city departments and 7 formerly incarcerated. They've amended the TAY seat to go to 18 - 35 as they were having a problem with recruitment. For the past 4 years, there's been 20 quarterly meetings and quorum has been met most times. They've looked at data and questioned about what was going on. Even as the population of black folks in San Francisco gradually reduce throughout the years, 50% of black folks are incarcerated and followed by brown folks. Supervisor Fewer has pushed this through to Board of Supervisors. Past accomplishments have included Stop the



violence in Tenderloin, Community appreciation dinner with restorative justice, and Register to vote at the 564 6th st reentry office. Reentry council would appreciate help in supporting and recruiting TAY youth under 25.

Chair Vigil opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Obermeyer asked about how large is board and how often do these seats come up for appointment or reappointment? There are 24 members and appointment comes up every two years. The meetings meet quarterly and rotate 10/25 10-12pm with subcommittees meeting 2:30 - 4:30pm.

Commissioner Quick inquired about current admin code language that talks about reentry council identifying funding streams and how reporting goes. As of now, Burns Institute is funding stream, role as reentry planner is to identify federal and/or foundation and report to reentry council.

Commissioner Min questioned why only sponsor fewer? Is there opposition? When Reentry Council changed TAY seat, Breed was a big supporter. This is something city commits to rehabilitation and there is no formal opposition.

Commissioner Quick noted that this ordinance is housekeeping measure to keep this alive so the group can continue to do work, one office takes it on and it goes on the consent calendar, just one sponsor can mean it's a routine matter.

Commissioner Andam asked about what happens when it expires and clarification for line 2. If BOS finds that this ordinance isn't renewed, there will be no representation for appointed voice, but they lack representation we have. If it's not effective, then the city won't have the council again. The clause will cause department to dissolve and reallocate job responsibilities.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to support, seconded by Commissioner Min. Motion to support passed with a vote of acclamation.

## **6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

### **A. Presentation on Teen Vote SF**

Presenter: Liv Jenks, student at Lick-Wilmerding High School  
(Document D)

Students Harry Wrinkles and Liv Jenks shared about their Initiative in organizing Teen Vote SF. They wish to gather a critical mass of 18 year olds to vote early on Saturday 10/27. They want to make it so that voting as a fun and social event to improve turnout and holding this on a more available day. Supporters include students at Lowell, International, Washington, Gateway high schools. They are asking for support for event via social media and share event given our reach in youth activism and student communities.

Chair Vigil opened the space for discussion. Commissioner Obermeyer mentioned that as Community Outreach and Communications Officer can confidently say that we as a body will support and make use of social media presence and critical mass finding ways to involve the community. Students also asked if Youth Commissioners had any leads on getting a loudspeaker and Commissioner Vigil mentioned they might have a lead.



There was no public comment. Commissioner Cureton motioned to cosponsor the event, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motioned to cosponsor the Teen Vote SF event passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Hoogerhyde motioned for a short recess seconded by Commissioner Hirji. By a vote of acclamation, motion to short recess was passed.

## **7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. [First Reading] Resolution 1819 – AL – 03 [Omnibus Youth Commission Preliminary Budget Priorities - Priority Programs]  
Sponsor: Commissioner Quick, District 5, Legislative Affairs Officer  
(Document E)

Commissioner Quick presented on the resolution in hopes that it will help Youth Commissioners get more involved in initial stages of the budget process. Omnibus by name to combine whole resolutions not by topic or policy area and as a preliminary report to the annual Budget and Policies Priorities report. Chair Vigil opened up discussion on the item.

Commissioner Andam asked why there are two-second readings. To give opportunities for committees to come back and finalize the resolution.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker inquired about the workload this could entail. Commissioner Quick is committed to making it work and believes it's a good opportunity for the commission to be more involved in the budget process and many supervisors have questioned why the BPP is released late when the BOS budget is already finalized.

Commissioner Andam inquired about the name of omnibus. Chair Vigil noted that the question was already answered but Commissioner Quick restated that this name is to cover that it's a resolution that combines many policy areas for practicality versus passing 5 resolutions for programs we want to support.

Commissioner Obermeyer inquired about the role of community input and focus on community advocacy organizations and aired concern about capacity. Commissioner Quick noted that it's to get community voice into budget and reach out to community organizations for assistance and hear what they want to say and think about that. And being mindful that YC represents communities and organizations know and have their own sense of what they need.

Commissioner Min asked if there's a deadline for supporting youth-related groups and about the budget. And asked how we as yc would proceed to advocate for youth budget. There is no firm deadline to take action on this keeping in mind supervisors have asked why yc are not presenting this earlier in the budget process. Staff Hosmon responded that it's advocacy on the budget not determining the budget. Commissioner Quick suggests that it's best to avoid being too specific and the point is to get a list of programs that we are advising to get funding.

Commissioner Andam asked why not start the BPP report earlier? It's a matter of capacity and it'll give YC more of the ability to base off the BPP.

Chair Vigil inquired that in regards to capacity that could be something that Chair and Vice Chair could support. But will discuss it in Executive Committee more in-depth, concluding the discussion portion.





Commissioner Quick does the first reading of the resolution.

## **8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

### **A. Executive Committee**

Vice Chair Andam reported on the meeting comprising of approving agenda and minutes and going through a work plan. Commissioner Quick inquired if a consent calendar could be something the Youth Commission could utilize. Staff Hosmon noted that for today's packed agenda it was best to go through with presentations to give context before any action could be made.

### **B. Housing Committee**

Commissioner Ty reported that the name of the committee is now Housing and Land Use, and the meeting went over priorities and next steps are connecting with different organizations that do the work.

### **C. Transformative Justice Committee**

Commissioner Hylton reported back the meeting went over areas of interests and strategizing actions that can be made in regards to setting up and connecting with community organizations and police.

### **D. Civic Engagement Committee**

Commissioner Chin reported back that the meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be on Monday, October 22nd going over past work and brainstorming strategies.

## **9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

Staff Hosmon reported on the OAC and SDTAC outreach and application process. Staff Truong shared information regarding the October 22nd Close 850 Bryant Rally happening 4-6pm.

## **10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Commissioner Vigil thanked Commissioner Cureton and Obermeyer for holding it down during the SF Rising phone-banking over the weekend. Commissioner Quick shared about the Bay Area Student Activists event taking place at Berkeley Community Theater. Commissioner Obermeyer reminded folks to fill out the doodle on the social bonding and updated that for committee chairs and vice chairs who cannot meet in person can share their feedback through a google form. Commissioner Quick alerted folks that he will be at every committee meeting to help with any concerns or questions about the Omnibus resolution. Chair Vigil would also be observing committee meetings.

## **11. Adjournment**

Chair Vigil adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.