



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Civic Engagement Committee
Minutes - Draft
Monday, April 12, 2021
4:30-6:30 PM**

**Public Comment Call-in:
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There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Valentina Alioto-Pier, Arianna Arana, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg,
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, Adrianna Zhang

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:35pm.

Commissioner Versace is absent (by arriving later past bylaw regulations).

Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Arianna Arana - aye
Sarah Cheung- aye
Sarah Ginsburg - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - absent
Adrianna Zhang - aye

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Zhang, seconded by Commissioner Arana, motioned to approve the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passes. No public comment.

Valentina Alioto-Pier- aye
Arianna Arana-aye
Sarah Cheung- aye
Sarah Ginsburg - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace-absent
Adrianna Zhang - aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)



A. March 8, 2021
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Commissioner Ginsburg, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier, motioned to approve the minutes. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passes. No public comment.

Valentina Alioto-Pier- aye
Arianna Arana - aye
Sarah Cheung- aye
Sarah Ginsburg- aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace - absent
Adrianna Zhang- aye

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

There was no public comment.

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

A. Team Building Activity

Commissioners engaged in a team building activity.

B. Review group agreements

Commissioners reviewed group agreements.

C. OCOF Youth and Child Friendly City Community Assessment Feedback Discussion
Presenter: Veronica Chew, OCOF Senior Analyst & Maya Lawton, McCarthy Fellow

Veronica provided an update on community assessment process and extend opportunity for CEC to participate in planning process

- Strategy
 - speaking with kids and youth 6-12 who were attending community hubs at different locations in Bayview, TL, Mission, and Chinatown
 - with YC feedback, designed a series of activities for kids to engage with to encourage most engagement and responsiveness on indicator questions along with open ended arts activities (dream outdoor play safe/school)
 - Sessions kicked off mid March
 - Preliminary results and now have data and can compare across neighborhoods
 - what's next:
 - finish community assessment sessions, upload, and compile data
 - getting ready for the Local Action Planning Process (which will be virtual)
 - how do we take this data and turn it into action and solutions
 - UNICEF training on April 24th, 10-1pm
 - Intergenerational process, simulation of local action
 - How can YC help identify ways youth can be involved?
 - Veronica is also working with the OAC to support this work, especially with youth seats



- Question from Commissioner Zhang-are the neighborhoods targeted are there language inclusion for non english speakers?
 - materials translated and do have interpreters for spanish
 - In chinese they couldn't get any facilitators in chinese but at hubs there were staff there who provided translation
- Staff suggestions:
 - SF Rising doing data analysis and might like to join this
 - YLI as youth participatory action research experts
 - present to full YC once all data and results have been calculated
- Commissioner Cheung: not much youth participation so this is really important
 - have them more involved officially to start an advisory board or roles that young people can apply for and be compensated for and that way there could be stability in youth participation. If no compensation then skill building on how to do community work.
- Staff: how connected are you to SAC?
 - Veronica never heard back from Sal. Staff suggested utilizing them to get access to more public school students since YC, as of right now is more private school students
 - Adrianna will help make a connection to SAC members
- Who would want to be involved in training day?
 - Sarah C.
 - Sarah G.
 - Ariana
 - Kiely
- Veronica will come back with data results at a future CEC meeting and/or YC meeting

Rocky joined at 5:07pm

D. League of Women Voters Presentation

Presenter: Jennifer Helton, Voter Services Committee member

- Reporting back from last time where CEC gave suggestions on who to talk to and organizations to work with
- appreciate the suggestions and following up with them to do more outreach
- Resolution on improving education on voting and voter registration
 - spoke to President of LWV, education and advocacy wing, and supporting this resolution in partnership with YC we can do that
 - Need time and advance to run it through advocacy portion for approval. Once approved can:
 - write a letter, or have LWV write a letter to SFUSD school board re: resolution and getting a report on what's happened with it
 - YC attending a school board meeting and asking about the resolution and LWV could back us up also
 - If at some point want to take action on this once things have calmed down at school board they would love to be a part of that as it's right in with what they do
 - direction of Vote16-spoke to LWV and they are here to support on this and whatever we need on this campaign



- Will try to always make these CEC meeting and be ready to support projects/campaigns of mutual interest

Sarah C. - we are looking at polling and figuring out why Nov results happened and brainstorming polling questions. LWV could be a part of polling conversation.

Discussion/Questions:

Sarah C.- likes ideas for public comment pressure even tho it may not be priority right now. Another route-draft up another resolution as CEC as them taking action again?

Staff - yes, YC could write a motion saying they are suggesting to do this, then escalate to public comment, or work with SAC

Jennifer-yes, would support a motion or any tactics that YC initiates

Sarah G. - would be helpful for LWV to attend Vote16 steering cmte meetings on the poll discussion and action organizing.

Adrianna-thank you for giving us updates and she would be interested in the motion if we move forth with that option.

Sarah C. - if we go forward with motion, are there any other suggestions that LWV would like us to add in as suggestions to existing resolution? Jennifer - list of resources (such as LWV) so educators know how to teach on the subject/provide curriculum.

Staff - could do a working session with motion as agenda item and have a draft prepared and ready to go and send to approval for YC

E. Vote16SF/Prop G Follow Up

a. Poll Planning for Round 3

- Many CECers are not returning so want to get this started before new term comes in
- Outcome #1: Who should be at the table for the poll discussion (groups, orgs, specific people)?
 - someone who knows about polling or has experience with this
 - at least some of the Vote16 Steering Committee members or the original stakeholders
 - Generation Citizen
 - SF Rising
 - Coleman
 - Power CA
 - League of Women Voters (new entity)
 - Jane Kim?
 - CEC members
 - how do we get everyone's input without having everyone at every single meeting?
 - google form/survey to get input and narrow it down
- Outcome #2: when do we want to conduct this poll?
 - Late May/June



- Could use July to strategize a plan for Round 3 and get solid on what angle to take before next term gets appointed
- Outcome #3: what questions do we want to ask (brainstorm)
 - Did you not know about Prop G 2020? Or did you just oppose it on principle?
 - What are your largest concerns around youth voting?
 - Do you feel that youth in your communities are involved?
 - If we took part of the ballot out and would you vote yes (if we took out propositions)? If we took out voting for elected officials would this change your mind?
 - A question specifically on school board - would you vote yes if youth were only allowed to vote in school board elections
 - Do you perceive youth to be responsible? What is your perception of young people?
 - Where did you get your voting information (slates? posters? phone? friends? etc.)
 - why did you vote no? why did you vote yes?
 - what was your familiarity with prop G/vote 16 before voting on it?
 - did voters hear from a young person about vote16 or have a conversation with a young person about this issue?
 - was your vote impacted by the presidential election? if so, how?
 - Did you vote yes or no on Prop G/Vote16?
 - If you voted no, what would change your mind to vote yes (or what would youth have to do/get trained in to change your mind)?

Jennifer added in: things she heard as a parent - they're too young, don't understand the issues, manipulated by teachers, vote for the school board that will make things easy for them. SF has a very small population of youth so a lot of voting adults who don't have contact with youth, youth issues, or the school board so could you get at this point in the poll? Putting on your radar - because of all SFUSD drama there is an active group of parents who are trying to get a measure going to take the school board out of the electoral process and have it be appointed by the Mayor...be aware of this climate!

Next steps:

- KH, SC, SG to check in with Brandon on next steps
 - phone call w/ brandon? Adrianna, Sarah G., Ariana, Sarah C., Valentina
- pick a date?
- draft an email invitation?
- facilitation?

F. CEC related news

None

6. Staff Report

-screenshot needed for #30RightNow campaign that YC supports

-do 30-1min videos on the work you do for CEC for the YC application info sessions (submit by end of this week)

-will start having conversations in the summer with D9 and D10 about YC charter amendment to get commissioners paid



7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.