San Francisco Youth Commission
Housing & Land Use Committee
Minutes ~ Draft
Tuesday, April 27th, 2021
4:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Public Comment Call-in:
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There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Erika Morris (Chair), Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy (Vice Chair), Calvin Quick, Jayden Tanaka, Lillian Tang

1) Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 4:32pm. All are present and quorum is met.

Roll Call Attendance:
Erika Morris, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Jayden Tanaka, present
Lillian Tang, present

2) Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Tanaka motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Suwanamalik-Murphy. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
Erika Morris, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Jayden Tanaka, aye
Lillian Tang, aye

3) Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. April 13th, 2021
(Document A)
No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve the minutes seconded by Commissioner Tang. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
Erika Morris, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Jayden Tanaka, aye
Lillian Tang, aye

4) Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)
No public comment.

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

A. Relationship Building Activity
Presenter: Chair Morris
Commissioners engaged in a relationship building activity.

B. Review Roles
i) Timekeeper (Murphy/Morris)
ii) Facilitator (Chair)
iii) Action Item Sender (Tang)
iv) Notetaker (Tanaka)

C. [Inform + Decision] Seamless Transit Principles
Presenters: Ron Kilcoyne, Seamless Bay Area Board Member

Presentation: Ron grew up in a car free home, passionate about transit, ask for HLU: support and adopting a resolution supporting the Seamless Transit Principles, joining 34 other groups and 12 other agencies.

Transit in the Bay Area: 27 different transit agencies, actually more systems that serve the Bay Area, but these are the ones that report to the federal government. Riders express frustration for lack of efficiency and long trips. There is a correlation between the amount of ridership and the services that are provided. Toronto is comparable to the Bay Area, and we should be providing 50% more services.

Our fragmented system harms SFUS students. A connected network that works as a system where transit agencies work together for quality, fare, and student discounts. Transit can provide an alternative to congestion and can be permanent.

7 principles: We're not advocating for merging agencies or 1 major agency
1. Riders First
2. Equitable
3. Transit Prices to be simple and affordable
4. Align prices to be fair and affordable
5. Connect effortlessly with other sustainable transportation
6. Plan communities and transportation together
7. Prioritize reforms to create a seamless network

Questions:
Commissioner Morris: would all agencies follow the same rules?
Answer: in the fare area, yes. In terms of scheduling and routing we’d need to work together. Details need to be worked out - what’s the best way to bring these organizations together?
AB629 passed the committee today and began the ball rolling to set up the case and to explore the institutional framework to make this function properly.

Commissioner Morris: So is Seamless Transit a union with all these agencies?
Answer: Ultimately, we are open for folks to join and looking to expand our Board and take volunteers. Long term, anything that happens needs to have a public process. When you say union I’m not sure what you mean.
Morris: I mean like all these agencies coming together
Answer: one possibility is where all the agencies form a federation that coordinates fares and information. This is one way of doing it, but there are more. Part of our process now is, what is the best way to achieve this?

Commissioner Quick: thank you for presenting, it all seems like a very good idea. Something the YC should support, I know I commute between 2-3 agencies normally and it’s a pain. Our local transit agencies in SF, has the SFMTA or SFCTA endorsed this? What is the level of reception from them?
Answer: it varies greatly. Tumlin is not receptive, oddly as the Director. Only 2 transit agencies have endorsed us so far. What we found is that a lot of other agencies are kind of feeling like they want to control things themselves and others who think it makes sense. Within SF, I think there are people on the board who are in agreement, but Tumlin is not. Seamless is new, but this idea is not.

Former Commissioner Hirji: if im SF, then oakland, how does the money I pay get divided between the agencies?
Answer: long time ago, they’d have to do it in the back end. But now, with electronic payment the system can divide it based on how many miles you traveled within each agency.

Commissioner Tanaka: how have youth voices been implemented in this process? How much have youth
Answer: actually, we’d like to get more response from youth. We have reached out to SF state, but also a few other colleges like UCB and SJSU. Not much at the HS level. We would like to have more youth representation because they are included in this region. We are thinking of expanding our Board and a youth seat would be a great idea. We’d love to have any of you join or be more involved with our organization

Commissioner Morris: has this issue been introduced to any BOS? Has a Supervisor been a fan of this?
Answer: I think yes, but I can’t tell you off the top of our head who. I can get back with answer.
No public comment.

Internal Discussion:

Commissioner Quick: I would support us signing on to this. One path forward, I have pulled the template resolution and added a few things about regarding youth in SF. We can approve it, send it to the FYC and ask that we sign on.

Commissioner Morris: I think we should we support it as well. It aligns with HLU values and see where we can do more advocacy for youth. This benefits youth who take public transit to get to school and work.

Commissioner Tanaka: I agree with the both of you.

Commissioner Lillian: I think its a good idea and have a question: The fare would be divided by the amount of miles between the agency, wondering how they will know that? Answer: it would know from stations (bart) in bus it might be a little harder, could be through a certain percentage. Again, the specific details are being worked out.

Commissioner Murphy: I agree too.

Motions:

Commissioner Quick motions to approve the principles of Seamless Bay Area and recommend them to the Full Youth Commission to support as well, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:
Erika Morris, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Jayden Tanaka, aye
Lillian Tang, aye

D. Work Group Updates & Work Time
   i) JFK & Great Highway Closures Resolution (File No. 2021-AL-12)
      (1) Commissioners Quick & Tanaka wrote a resolution together about this
      (2) Asking for committee feedback today
      (3) Committee provided feedback via the shared document
      (4) Resolution to be heard on Monday at the next Full Youth Commission meeting
      (5) to be on the May 3rd FYC agenda
   ii) 2550 Affordable Housing Irving Resolution (File No. 2021-AL-11)
      (1) Commissioner Murphy wrote a resolution and is requesting feedback from the committee
      (2) Committee provided feedback via the shared document
      (3) Resolution to be heard on Monday at the next Full Youth Commission meeting
   iii) 1-2 min Committee video for YC Application Season or Quotes
      (1) Erika & Lillian
         (a) will send by Thursday 4/29.
Responding to these question
1. Why did you join the yc?
2. What projects did you enjoy the most while working in HLU?
3. What's something you wish you knew before joining HLU or YC?
4. How would you describe the work of HLU?

iv) Grand Challenge Updates
   (1) Grand Challenge - Youth Homelessness Accountability Assessment Meeting
       (a) Friday, 11-3
       (b) invite friends/share with network
   (2) Biweekly meetings happening and will be

E. Appreciations (5 mins)
   i) Commissioners shared appreciations.

6) Staff Report (Discussion Only)
   A. Cybersecurity Training & Committee Statements Needed:
      i) Erika
      ii) Lillian
   B. Anyone attend the info session this week?
      i) No one is available/has capacity
   C. Anyone going to school in person that can drop off applications at your wellness center?
      i) Erika

7) Announcements
   A. No announcements

8) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm

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