



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## DRAFT ~ Minutes

Monday, May 20, 2019

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, Alysha Sadarangani, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Drew Min, Grace Hoogerhyde, Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin, and Savion Green

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

- Chair Vigil calls the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Quorum is met.
- Present: Commissioners Obermeyer, Min, Marshall-Fricker, Cureton, Vigil, Quick, Hylton, Sadarangani, Hoogerhyde, Hirji, Green, and Chin.
- Absent: Commissioner Dong, Ty, Ibarra, and Nassiri.
- Tardy: Commissioner Ibarra arrives at 5:19 PM.
- No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to excuse Commissioner Ty's absence, seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

No public comment. Vice Chair Cureton reminds presenters of the 10 minute time limit. Commissioner Green motions to approve of agenda, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. May 6, 2019

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- No public comment. Motion to approve of minutes by Vice Chair Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There is no public comment.

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

A. BOS File No. 190389 [Administrative Code - Castro Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Cultural District]

Sponsor: Supervisor Mandelman, Brown, and Ronen

Presenter: Tom Temprano, District 9 Legislative Aide

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Supervisor Mandelman has introduced an ordinance to create an LGBTQ Cultural District. This ordinance is result of a neighborhood process that began in 2017, as expressed to



Supervisor Sheehy, to protect future of LGBTQ Cultural Identity. This district has been a rich, social, economic and historical impact on the community as an enclave and symbol of liberation for people their chosen family. The intention is to cement this place as a center for the LGBTQ movement, the SF LGBTQ Center, Open House, the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, and the National Queer Center of the Arts. Non-profit support is coming from organizations like the SF LGBT Center and LYRIC. Youth have articulated the some of their own priorities like the lack of spaces for youth to congregate and connect.

- Public comment:
  - Nick Large, Drag Artist for the Rice Rockettes, on Board of Directors for the National Historical GLBT museum, Human Rights Commission and the Harvey Milk Club - To support castro cultural district, to experience euphoric community joy, as our society continues to be a place for solely rich and wealthy, the power in the system that seeks to maximize profitability - and cultural district - space is political, controlling a space displaces marginalized groups, to safeguard resources and stories, fundamentally giving power back to the community and what stories deserve to be remembered.
  - Shaun Haines, community outreach Co-Chair for LGBTQ cultural district, SF Native, parents kicked him out because of his sexual orientation, we did have a great community to put youth first and ideas first, committed to get women, trans, seniors more resourceful for experiences - to create spaces and communities so allyship can happen, love to see a shelter that can support homeless youth, love to put youth first in designing that.
- Discussion and Questions:
- Commissioner Quick: reads the comment from our District 8 Commissioner, Jojo Ty:
- Commissioner Ty: the Castro Cultural District serves to protect queer and trans stories, place where we learn community, Castro isn't most youth friendly spaces - business owners aren't that fond, it is important that youth can be part of planning of cultural district.
  - Copy on page 14, in section 72 - a 3 community outreach and engagement, to acknowledge and address issues that youth have brought up regarding Castro, add in youth as community into the legislation.
- Commissioner Min: page 1 section 1 b, historical preservation commission, did they send an item to Board of Supervisors (BOS), supported ordinance, to be distributed to commissioners.
- Commissioner Obermeyer: This looks amazing! I am also born and raised in SF and Queer. It is great to see city leaders to put youth forward and pave space for youth in neighborhood. In terms of administration - how does that work? What do protections entail?
  - No cultural district is the same.
  - Second cultural district created by ordinance. First was the African American Cultural District
  - All cultural districts previously created by resolution. After Prop F the City has dedicated funding for cultural districts and MOHCD is the entity that holds these funds and responsibilities. This legislation does not include a formal CAC or oversight body so that organizations can work directly with MOHCD. MOHCD will work with nonprofits to



create reports with intent that community-based organizations can convene. This will be a less formally prescribed advisory committee to discuss priorities and Prop F funds.

- Commissioner Obermeyer: Is there any mandate for what funding goes into cultural districts?
  - \$250,000 to split evenly amongst cultural districts, and it is important Castro is eligible.
- Vice Chair Cureton: What are plans with community organizations to expand spaces for youth?
  - The Supervisor has not explicitly made any, but there have been community conversations. LYRIC has been engaged in this process to identify youth priorities. There is no formal plan for how engagement looks, but we do plan to ensure youth seat at the table, to have real input and priorities are heard.
- Chair Vigil: Surprised the Castro is not already a cultural district.
- Commissioner Quick motion to support with amendments that youth are part of community outreach process to CAC and Commissioner Ty's comment of support, seconded by Commissioner Hoogerhyde. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

### **A. San Francisco Public Library Youth Programs Update**

Presenter: Ileana Pulu, Youth Programs Coordinator

- This is an informational annual update on what SFPL youth programs are doing
  - Scholar card is for San Francisco Unified School District students to eliminate barriers to book and literacy. This program turns 2 this year. With the card students can access the library free of charge. As of 2019, the library is going fine-free. Currently, 63% of SFUSD students have a scholar card. Of the scholar cards there are more kids than teens, and SFPL wants to work on intentional outreach to older kids. Library cards give you access to books, databases, e-literature, and eLearning.
  - Summer stride is a program that offers our popular bookmarks and youth development opportunities. Mayor London Breed, Friends of the Library, SFUSD and National Parks Alliance are all sponsors of this program. ,
  - Reading list: collection development and SFUSD librarian created books comprised of nonfiction, graphic novels, fiction,
  - Youth volunteer opportunities: YELL, CORE @Mix, fog readers, free lunch program, etc.
  - Summer of STEM, 10 weeks of summer programs,
  - Mix's 4th birthday party on July 20 - exclusively for 13 - 18 year olds
- No public comment.
- Commissioner Min: I am a reading rainbow kid, is SFPL planning to do anything with TAY?
  - Summer Stride is TAY folks, third floor at main library working in TAY group to inform programming. Recent release of an application to hire 9912 intern for public service aide for that space.
- Commissioner Cureton: What can we do to promote and spread the word?



- Each of you sign up for summer stride and encourage family to sign up. Let us know where and how youth find out about summer stride. How are you getting the information? We want to bring in users. Although we got A – on our City report card, we still know that half of the city does not have library card. SFUSD is not a city department so it's hard to work together and cross promote.
- No public comment. Commissioner Min motions to support SFPL initiatives, seconded by Commissioner Green. This motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

#### B. City College of San Francisco Faculty Union on New State Funding Formula

Presenter: James Tracy, AFT 2121

- Class cuts happening across the board but they are happening at different rates in different departments. For example, there are up to 25% across particular departments, which impacts people's ability to transfer, graduate, and retention.
- Study after study shows that ethnic studies, women studies, LGBTQ studies are the classes that help when someone struggles in math.
- Aft - student organizer Marcus Cruz.
  - Class cuts and how they look and what we're asking:
  - Administration keeps moving forward with cuts to cover budget, federal budget is not enough. State is deciding to prioritize students ready to graduate and transfer. However, people who are not ready to graduate are not getting funded. For example, child development lost 3 classes. The LGBTQ and the ASL departments have experienced cuts. Additionally, administration has moved these to an online setting which impacts students' ability to connect with a safe community. This is all to justify budget cuts instead of cutting classes, and we believe that city should step in where the state is failing. The City should provide funding to City College as a true community college rather than as a transfer college.
- Win mon - member of ccsf's student assembly which is in talks with board of supervisors and trustees, 2 asks
  - To support and work alongside supervisors on discussion to fund high education
  - 8 - 10 diversity departments in sf historical to community, black, women, Asian pacific islander, latinx, queer, critical pi, and vital to community, important histories that we don't get to learn as accessible - cuts are upsetting
    - To create a motion to start resolution - by next full youth commission meeting.
- No Public comment.
- Commissioner Quick: How does the CHEF fund get structured, where and how?
  - Will be working with the board of trustees for details, but the funding strategy is not complete. We hope a representative can work with us on issue
  - This whole idea came from PEEF fund (k-12 arts and music), mirror that and state funds for certain types of program and city funds to priorities
- Commissioner Min: How are you working with the board of trustees to develop this fund?
  - No official estimate, we're putting together community up in next few months
  - Comment: recently elected as student chancellor. He wants to speak with Athena and Marcus to make sure that this works with admin to find a good middle ground.
  - Marcus and Athena met and fully plan to go to meeting in fall. They want involvement from the full youth commission.
- Chair Vigil: I hear that class cuts are happening because admin did not do the right paperwork to get state funding, what's happening with the funding?
  - The budget shortfall is real



- Athena: part of what you may have heard is that a lot of students that going through FAFSA will be a barrier to take classes. Free city is a pilot program that needed to make a good faith effort to encourage students require student aid
- Clerk:
  - Are you asking for resolution or asking the BOS to support this?
    - We would like to support general issue, will come back with legislation,
    - Want ask to go on record to create a resolution which they can help craft on saving diversity department and going on record for it
    - And when we go to BOS, come with company
- Commissioner Quick: We can do a general support for motions and supporting existing cuts. We've already submitted budget asks - knowing we closed session to term, just think about timing.
  - Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: we've closed that asks, because of timing
  - Commissioner Quick: given that discussion is starting up and will continue for many months. Although this is not pertinent to current BPPs, it helps to be on record if that is position of commission.
- Commissioner Marshall – Fricker: what are the top priorities and will you have a written proposal?
- Vice Chair Cureton: It would be great to come with a draft resolution to present to us and know the context. We would love to have solid facts in writing.
- Commissioner Min: We can also motion general support to have conversations and dialogue to happen so that the YC can be working hand in hand
- Vice Chair Cureton: motion to table issue, second by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker.
  - Vote of acclamation. Motion carries.
- Commissioner Obermeyer: motion to generally oppose cuts to diversity department collective, second by Commissioner Quick
  - Vote of acclamation. Aye.
- Commissioner Min: motion to support general dialogue with administration and CCSF students, seconded by Commissioner Quick.
  - 13 yes

C. Resolution File No. 1819- AL – 18 [Urging the City and County of San Francisco to adopt and utilize person-first language with respect to people with a criminal record]

Presenter: Geoffrea Morris, Reentry Policy Planner

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- This resolution had an adult lens, which signified a mistake that people had in the past. Assistant chief Paula Hernandez suggested we extend the language to meet needs of youth in juvenile hall, which brought us to the youth commission. We started off in the Transformative Justice committee.
- No Public comment.
- Commissioner Hylton: TJ added good amendments that call out departments that can do more work, create more training programs, and brought up questions about the wording.
  - Idea: since there are previous support, and support with pass with amendments
- Commissioner Quick motions to pass as reentry council highlighting edits, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

D. Department of Children Youth and their Families Community Needs Assessment

Presenter: Celeste Middleton, Policy Analyst

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- Thank you for your input for YAD regarding the YC's priorities



- Now on 5 year funding cycle that starts with CNA that develops strategy of funding to meet needs of children, youth, and families
- This will inform upcoming grant cycles and the strategic allocation plan (SAP). SAP shows buckets of where resources are needed, which turn in turn turns into requests for proposals (RFPs) so that community organizations can apply for this funding
- Still in planning stages and will move into data collection, then write a report, then review it through oversight committees for information and approval
- Early 2021 to release CNA report
- Numerous steps to approve the plan, and hope to do so this summer
- CNA will incorporate qualitative and quantitative data, partnering with new research consulting group, conducting new surveys and community input sessions in every district
- New data collection-populations that need to be prioritized and constructing the list to do targeted outreach in order to inform their research
- Concentrated needs and then characteristics of needs, trying to zoom in to subgroups and topics for data collection efforts,
- Discussion/Questions/Comments:
  - Commissioner Obermeyer: as far as gaps of information and underserved populations in last round, what resources have you moved around to properly reach those target populations?
  - Answer: plan to address is the next step due to legislative cycle. During CNA will be working with a lot of new info and do an evaluation cycle of new programs regarding implementation and outcomes. Partnering with other agencies as well to gather new information. Conducting an exhaustive literature review to best use resources for new data collection. Commissioner Obermeyer: use of peer to peer surveys re: youth homelessness, how would this work process wise? Answer: working with partners on this and they have a record of collecting data in less traditional format. Using methods like YPAR (youth participatory action research). Engaging in less traditional data collection methods and tailor them to each population they are trying to reach.
  - Commissioner Quick: I notice youth supporting parents with limited English proficiency, and I don't see a lot of support in this area so thanks for highlighting.
  - Can fill out form if want to include more feedback - [celeste.middleton@dcyf.org](mailto:celeste.middleton@dcyf.org)
  - Think more about this in your committees

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

- A. [First Reading] Resolution 1819 - AL - 19 [LGBTQ Resources - Teacher Training - Assembly Bill 493]  
Presenter: Calvin Quick, Legislative Affairs Officer  
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- Commissioner Quick: reads resolution into record. Background information: bill was previously introduced last year by the current Superintendent of instruction. However, it was vetoed by governor brown
  - Chair Vigil: Let's leave discussion and questions for the next reading.
- B. Motion File No. 1819 – AL – 20 [Certifying the resignation of Commissioner Drew K. Min]  
Presenter: Executive Committee  
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- Chair vigil reads motion to record.
  - Commissioner Min - no intentions to reveal personal details. My pride and tendency of isolation led me to fail to communicate properly to staff. I am actively trying to





learn and change habits of self-silencing. I do my best to represent the underrepresented, volunteer my time.

- Commissioner Ibarra: thank you for your vulnerability.
- Commissioner Hylton: is this time for questions or discussion?
- Commissioner Quick: We have been over this, but are you able to be here for the rest of meetings for year?
- Commissioner Min: reaching out and no longer on crutch, be willing to come to subsequent meetings and apply to other jobs.
- Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: do you have capacity, with so much on plate?
- Commissioner Min: work as disaster relief volunteer on the Red Cross, facilitator with grief counseling for children, work with API public affairs association, student council at City College - at the beginning of year put a lot of plate, but I had to quit the civil grand jury.
- Commissioner Cureton: I heard a rumor. while you've been missing yc meetings, have you been neglecting to show up to other meetings
- Commissioner Min: have not met meetings on behalf of yc, which I did with Commissioner Ty at DCYF. Those rumors are unfounded.
- Staff Hosmon: What's on the table are the dates Commissioner Min missed
- Commissioner Vigil: I empathize and strongly believe that this is a learning experience. Being here is a painful experience that requires a lot of motivation. You bring a unique perspective to commission and I want to see you committed. I want you to be present.
- Commissioner Green: My understanding is that you have been missing because you're sick.
- Commissioner Min: Most of my absences in the beginning of the year because scheduling conflict. I tried to be in civic engagement, transformative, then moved to housing and land use. I was still trying to find place here in beginning and the others are medical excuses
- Chair Vigil: these are only full youth commission meetings
- Commissioner Hylton: This late in year there won't be time to appoint another Mayoral appointment. Should Commissioner Min come again or not, if he resigned or not, it will have the same impact as him missing.
- Commissioner Cureton: Actually, it would be different with a resignation. It would be a smaller number to meet for quorum, and that we would not have to depend on you.
- Commissioner Quick: thanks Commissioner Min for coming to explain and having this difficult conversation. Our bylaws and charter are very clear on strict regulations and attendance requirements for seats on commission. I am concerned by the number of meetings missed but I do feel that for not certifying resignation is to accommodate a growth and extenuating circumstances. While I am still concerned, I think you have sufficiently articulated a justification and intent to take this in a constructive matter, so I am not voting to certify.
- Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: What does it say about our bylaws, if we make exception?
- Chair Vigil: We are a city body, but that doesn't mean Commissioner Min doesn't stay. We just have to stay procedural and so it still depends on a vote. However, body gets to vote by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority.
- Commissioner Quick: We are accomplishing a bylaw precedent by having it on agenda, when 3 unexcused absences are triggered - by having it in discussion we are talking about it - we have a choice at this juncture.



- Commissioner Hylton: We represent people in SF, and although we are following our chartered duties to be punitive in things does not a good example for what we stand for.
- Commissioner Hirji - Yes you have procedures, but they were for reasons beyond your control. Recognizing that, showing growth, and being committed to make the rest of the meetings counts.
- Commissioner Vigil - we all voted into this bylaw, needing a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote - off in one vote, i come from last year who commissioners lost and missed quorum, to be here and present here
- Staff Fierro: I missed your remarks. On the topic of restorative practices and not being punitive, have we discussed the ways you intend to be accountable to your community?
  1. Commissioner Min: prioritizing is biggest thing to work on, quitting civil grand jury - wasn't able to communicate to staff actively working on health, able to improve on work life to all other positions, attend for the rest of meetings
- Commissioner Vigil: I commend you for stepping down civil grand jury.
- Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: why weren't you able to communicate to staff?
  1. Commissioner Min: It was hard to communicate to staff, and I found myself in ease to tell Chair Vigil. I have difficulty opening up to my own family.
- Staff Fierro: I just want to be clear for everyone here that you don't have to reveal something personal, just communicate that you can't make it. Out of respect for personal boundaries, it is not my role to ask you to divulge whatever is happening personally
- Commissioner Green: Commissioner Min is here and I think he's done nothing but represent when he is here. To me the question is, has he been effective when he is here?
- Commissioner Obermeyer: I can attest to his personal character. He is a hard worker and dedicated. I, too, feel frustrated that he did not give notice, but this touches the most sensitive of places.
- Chair Vigil: We looked at folks who are close at attendance record, these are folks we are worried about – it was nothing personal, just process
- Commissioner Marshall – Fricker: you need 11 votes to be  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority not to certify
- Commissioner Cureton: We forgot to not look into attendance and we could have caught this earlier. This could have been prevented if we were more on top of this. We could have done a more restorative action.
- Chair Vigil: This is the first time the attendance bylaw has been so strict, and it came half way through the term.
- No public comment. Motion to not certify by Commissioner Obermeyer, seconded by Commissioner Green. Roll call vote: 12 ayes. Commissioner Min abstains.

## 8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

### A. Executive Committee

- i. LAO intro of mayor's housing bond 2019 ballot pending approval \$500 m bond for affordable housing programs, which create up to 2,500 units of new affordable housing. This also calls out TAY, specifically.
  1. Changes to an ordinance we supported last year, former Cohen's on college admissions, the changes are not substantive.
- ii. Communications Team - Start target outreach 2, 3, 6, 9 - not a lot of applications from district.





- B. Housing and Land Use Committee - BPPs are done and the important thing is that June 6th presentation to the budget and finance committee.
- C. Transformative Justice Committee – At the last meeting, we heard from reentry council on the resolution to use humanizing language. We heard from Larkin on the closure of juvenile hall legislation, and we held a writing lab for our BPP.
- D. Civic Engagement Committee – We had a conversation about accountability, followed up on our personal outreach efforts, and are planning our next stakeholders meeting for vote 16.

## 9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Alumni network folks meeting google hangout this Friday at 4pm: confirmation from 3 people, reply affirmatively or negatively to google calendar invite
- Presentation to budget and finance committee on June 6th – We have confirmation from Commissioner Nassiri, Ty, Quick, Dong, and Min. We will hold a prep session on May 31.
- YC interviews: We will interview returners during our second round. Please remember confidentiality
  - From 4 - 7pm
  - May 21st - Tuesday 4 - 7pm
    - Josephine 4:15 - 7pm
    - Charley 4 - 7
    - Natalie - 5:15 - 7pm
  - May 22nd - Wednesday
    - Grace 4-7
    - Charley 4 -7
    - Drew 4 - 6
    - Nora 5:30 - 7
  - May 23rd Thursday
    - Calvin 4- 7pm
    - Josephine 4 -7
    - Drew 4 - 7
    - Charley 4 - 7pm
  - 4 more meetings left, 2 in June, 2 in July
    - Celebrating - figuring it out amongst EC. We hope to use our last full youth commission meeting to celebrate.
    - Savion won't be there.
  - Lobby Day in Sacramento with Reentry Council this Wednesday.
  - Thanks for your work on BPPs because we are chartered to issue this report and it \*builds on institutional memory\*

## 10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- Commissioner Quick: Please send citations to Commissioner Quick
  - CEC: Commissioner Sadarangani: We already regulated the citations, but 2 or 3 from previous year that didn't have link so couldn't reformat it.
  - TJ: Commissioner Cureton needs help consolidating the links
  - Commissioner Quick has the ones from HLU
- Commissioner Green: I love you all.



- Commissioner Quick: There is a climate change action this Friday at 10
- Commissioner Cureton: There is a reproductive justice rally tomorrow at 12 - 1pm

**11. Adjournment** the meeting is adjourned at 7:36 PM.