



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, October 7th, 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.

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

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

Chair Cureton calls the meeting to start at 5:05 PM. Quorum is met. Commissioner Jones is absent.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Alameri motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. September 23, 2019
([Document A](#))

There is public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve minutes with amendment that Commissioner Hirji has an unexcused absence, 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 from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 190955 [Committee of the Whole - Findings and Recommendations Regarding Law Enforcement Practices - October 22, 2019]:
Supervisors Fewer and Walton
Presenter: Chelsea Boilard, Legislative Aide for Supervisor Fewer
(Document B)



The intention of this hearing is to bring back a public conversation on status implementation on DOJ recommendations for reform in the SFPD. Previously there was a report finding from May of this year, hearing on 10/22 – 2016 invited DOJ to SFPD impacts to community concerns, after highly publicized police shootings Mario woods and homophobic responses. The focus areas were SFPD use of force, bias, community policing, accountability, and personnel. In 2016 – public report setting 97 and 272 findings to approve of the findings.

Context: shortly before 2016 election, DOJ pulled out of SF to support SF in implementation of recommendations, in 2016 California stepped in and provide accountability and check points on implementation of reporting.

Police Commission presented from DOJ – but there has not been a lot of transparency and plan of implementation on reforms around implicit bias, community policing, use of force, and community relations.

In 2016, then Supervisor Campos called for quarterly committee of whole reporting's, the last one was sept 2017 – for 2 years there hasn't been a report back on implementation and the public deserves a check point on progress of implementation and each of these recommendations were given a priority tag – at least hear the progress of what is being made and what is outstanding.

Questions and Concerns – this isn't a hearing on all things policing

Walton's office is holding a hearing on police accountability, and office misconduct, what are the accountability systems in place? Will go to regular BOS PNS committee hearing.

Fewer – check on DOJ reforms and SFPD response – policies in place

Youth Commission Questions:

Commissioner Hylton –Through TJ SFPD, has worked a lot of implementing youth cognitive trainings and SFPD – I was wondering if there are any youth specific that are considered youth specific and critical? And communicated a request for the sponsoring offices to do outreach to young people so they know about this hearing

Chelsea – happy to walk through and follow up with young people

Commissioner Quick: do you know where we were on the 2017 recommendations?

Chelsea – hearings were not in helpful format mostly in a spreadsheet, working with sfpd to format presentation to be digestible and real sense of where we are. General sense is how are you institutionalizing trainings so it's not a one and done?

Commissioner Quick: are you moving forward with regular report back?

Chelsea: Needs to be a minimum of 1 – 2 public update and assess if it's a good use of time and get updates, ongoing accountability and check ins to be determined.

Commissioner Versace: clarification of YC actions for this item?

Chair Cureton: handy dandy input or decision



Commissioner Versace: What is the YC stake in this?

Chelsea: given youth commission stance on issues and work with sfpd mou, this DOJ report is related to policies and practices governing communities of color and young people

Commissioner Arsema: In what other ways have you gotten youth voice in this?

Chelsea: reached out to several orgs: justice for Mario woods, opportunity for people to come, and public comment for community to hear updates and ask question, accept challenge to outreach to people that this is happening

Commissioner Cureton: who is presenting? Motion to support this – what are the asks?

Chelsea: entities – California DOJ and consultant who produced report, and SFPD – we would love to have youth participate in public comment and questions coming up that are youth focused recommendations are answered, not all things policing, we have to be thoughtful to get at content.

Commissioner Quick: time?

Chelsea: 3pm

Staff Hosmon: is there availability to have youth speak first in public comment?

Chelsea: would like to have youth first, but since this is a special order – hard to change time for youth accessible.

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to support, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. [Input + Decision] No New SF Jail Campaign

Presenter: Lily Fahsi-Haskell, Campaign Director at Critical Resistance, Member No New SF Jail Coalition
(Document C)

Jesse Stout, resident of D6, Closure of 850. San Bruno 1,000, capacity of County Jail 2, County jail 4 – 400, goes through history of closing jail because of seismically unsafe. Workgroup recommendations, hearing 10/18 special hearing in public safety and ask for supporting closure of jail and speak out re: who is in jail, ¼ disproportionately pay youth, mental health system, half of people homeless when arrested, half are African American 3% is black, over 70% are people of color in jail system, over 80% held pretrial - not convicted because can't pay jail, \$24 mil to operate

Lily - Oct 18th, in prep - pass legislation at BOS to mandate closure of jail, good solutions and bad solutions, what we want to see for closing jail = reducing population of jail in SF, increased housing to address 40% are homeless, competent mental health, reduction of people pretrial, no reopening of new jails
increased housing, comprehensive mental health and substance services, creation of additional hospital treatment beds, decriminalization of quality of life charges,

asks - signed our letter to shut down



motion to support hearing, recommend closing jail by decarceration, addressing issues of pay for over rep of pay, visit or call district about close 850 and help prep, and invite to host a townhall or community meeting around closing 850, in addition to pay in jail, most of the population is under 40, large number is around 25 - 30, new jail looking to put your peer group and your solutions and not transferring and taking action on issue, LA county moved to not imprison and open 2 new jail

Commissioner Quick: proper resolution

Commissioner Cureton: speak at hearing

Staff Hosmon: agreed on hearing request - precedent that youth commission resolutions and bpps and motions, verbal you as body made statements recommitment updates that they are giving and body has voted on before, does not need another resolution

Commissioner Quick: taking every action - stands on its own so if we are going to take another formal action to ask for closure, that would imply it's a different case, stand on precedent that we have support for this or do new usual that updates it

Committee concerns & support:

Commissioner Hylton: we have supported in bpps before & tj

Commissioner Quick: who will be at hearing?

Lily: city admin & sheriff's department, coalition is organizing to attend on who is on that letter and support youth led organizations and representing diversity of multiracial organizations

Commissioner Quick: time?

Lily: time 10:30

Staff Hosmon: heard during youth friendly hours to try, if it's already set -

Lily: action in 2015 to construction of new jail, at this point a lot of delays with hearing and keep it, hearing in advance of legislation may be one to schedule in advance for young people to attend

B. [Input + Decision] The State of LGBTQ Homelessness in San Francisco

Presenter: Tuquan Harrison, Human Rights Commission
(Document D)

Tuquan: HRC - LGBTQ policy and program manager and adviser to Sheryl Davis, focus on LGBTQ youth homelessness. An important time to elevate the conversation around the criminalization of youth. Wednesday, November 18 event . Youth need voices uplifted as providers center themselves and this work, youth from larkin & lyric with current homeless response system and strategies to outreach, HRC employment opportunities4all and reinvest,

youth commission partnership - public initiative, continuing conversation & policy issues, and tabling at event or showing up to spread the word. hosting a townhall on youth area and talking about it



Commissioner Cureton: co-sponsorship or turning out people?

Tuquan: should be there to participate in greater convo & bring up issue areas and represent voices that don't have privilege or access

Commissioner Ty: subject is near and dear to me & passionate about conversation, good to learn from the youth themselves

Tuquan: met with Larkin - based on failed assessment in coordinated entry, SF needs to be held accountable for being a sanctuary city.

Commissioner Cureton: excited and hope to attend

No public comment. Commissioner Ty motion to cosponsor, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

- A. [Inform + Input] [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-03 [Defining Transit Improvements Citywide to Improve Access and Reliability – Youth Interest]
Sponsor: Housing and Land Use Committee
(Document E)

Commissioner Hirji: Reads the resolution into the record

First reading feedback & amendments & questions:

Commissioner Santos: why did numbers only say Lowell, and not black and brown youth with a lot more diversity? clarification

Commissioner Alameri: Lowell was the only one that did the data and surveys and posted online and gave a hearing to SFMTA

Commissioner Quick: making recommendations on 29R, SFMTA have not done publicly available data collection and hlu is having a presentation on what's going on Nov 14.

Commissioner Cureton: Lowell student, not based on data from the whole school, but informal from peer resources chapter advocating on this

Commissioner Asfaw recommendation: SFMTA make it more effective youth body to give feedback to SFMTA so it's not polling all the time and a body that works together to improve bus lines and have students coming from the schools listed and the 3rd and 22 Fillmore affected by those buses

Commissioner Hylton - page 3, line 1 where is the survey information

Commissioner Quick - from the lowell

Commissioner Cureton - newspaper? or survey?

Commissioner Dong - 2017

Staff Hosmon: page 1, 11 - 12, add title to File no. 1920 - AL - 01,

Staff Hosmon: contextual information, when SFUSD cut school buses and root causes why public transportation is heavily impacted & addresses schools are named and ask students from these schools and add quote to buff up



Staff Hosmon: as a resolved clause, add or request SFMTA is transparent in their data and BOS hold a hearing to request hearing, complicated with SFMTA since it's not their jurisdiction

Staff Hosmon: reach out to peer resources for data

Commissioner Arana: what information is useful - should I do a survey at S.I? email?

Commissioner Ty: Nov 14th - come to that

Commissioner Ginsburg: a lot of schools affected, how are you making sure every school being accommodated for?

Commissioner Hirji: that's really a SFMTA responsibility question.

Commissioner Cureton: public record reminder

Commissioner Cureton: make a survey tailored to resolution? or feedback in Connectsf?

Commissioner Quick: don't know about HLU - given that this resolution is coming out to put it on next fyc for final passage - something to go off of, not a whole survey, ask for quotes and experiences to incorporate into resolution

Staff Estrada: based on experience from ypar - sending surveys at large not that successful because you need to target population, standing outside of bus and asking people at the bus stop to take the survey, quoting people standing near the bus station or friends taking 29R for specific quotes to have a more specific population

Commissioner Cureton: students on this line, coordinate for getting feedback

Commissioner Hirji: simple act of looking at bus, keeping an eye out from sfmta any data will be on bus,

Commissioner Asfaw: 38, 5, t - should we also collect data for those buses?

Commissioner Dong: routes mentioned in 30x30 plan, but now only working on 29r that doesn't have an official rapid line - doesn't even exist yet, in the future from taking the lines talk to us - but for now 29

Commissioner Quick: mundane remark - anyone has comments or feedback to get that to a member of HLU, by October 17th - and incorporate edits on 10/21

Staff Hosmon: collecting data and surveys - please don't do that without checking in with staff - a particular way of doing that, route, skewing data and time intensive, focus on intentionality

Commissioner Quick: We just want to have a resolution out there that is approved

Commissioner Alameri: Quick Quotes will be the additional edits

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO: nothing to report
 - b. Comms: nothing to report
- b. Civic Engagement
 - a. First meeting last Monday, went over history of vote16, Chair Nassiri and Vice Chair Versace
- c. Housing and Land Use



- a. Worked on 29R resolution, coordinated with ConnectSF for 11/21 as the feedback session, planning for SFMTA Report Back on 11/14
- d. Transformative Justice
 - a. Attended the sf pd youth police summit in lieu of the tj meeting, attended sf reimagine justice - young women freedom center, youth townhall end of November details for closure of juvenile hall - goals and outreach, planning for a presentation to youth commission for cosponsorship and details will come with the presentation, dgo. youth arrests - rep working group will be Rome and Ari, first youth seat this wed police commission at 5:30pm
- e. OCOF
 - a. Next meeting on 10/22/19 with OCOF staff and YC staff

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Staff Hosmon: There is more paperwork, returners please fill out certificate of appointments

Staff Hosmon: fill out disaster form new commissioners

Staff Hosmon: city hall wifi under ccsf-guest

Staff Hosmon: Monday 14th - holiday, no cmte meetings tj and cec will meet on 15th

Staff Hosmon: election season - statement of incompatible activities, please do this off duty and on your personal capacity

Staff Hosmon: Unless it's an emergency please do not text staff on weekends or late at night on weekdays

Staff Truong: Respond to emails within 48 hours especially if there is an action on the subject line

Staff Truong: please let Nora know if you are interested in joining the Alumni Network

Staff Truong: Reminder to send shout outs Thursday by the end of the day

Staff Estrada: introduced self and had a brief q&a with the youth commissioners.

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Cureton: For questions or concerns about the Youth Commission Buddies, you can talk to Commissioner Cureton and Quick

Commissioner Cureton: Attendance check:

Committee of a Whole DOJ Hearing Tues 10/22 3pm – Commissioner Quick, Alameri, Cureton, Hylton, Arana, and Asfaw

Email Staff Hosmon for note if needed

Close 850 Update in PNS Committee 10/18 10: Commissioner Alameri, Nassiri, and Cureton

November 6th, 2019: The State of LGBTQ Youth Homelessness

Commissioner Dong, Ginsburg, Alameri, Asfaw, Ty, Quick, Alioto-Pier

Commissioner Asfaw: Friday oct 11 - free screening of last black man in sf at the proxy theater

Commissioner Cureton: d4 - film and freedom academy filmmaking training hosted by QWOCMAP



11. Adjournment

Chair Cureton adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.