



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, March 20, 2023
5:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Members: Emily Nguyen (Chair, D11), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair, Mayoral), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Gabrielle Listana (Communications & Outreach Officer, D6), Astrid Utting (Communications & Outreach Officer, D8), Chloe Wong (D1), Allister Adair (D2), Reese Terrell (D3), Maureen Loftus (D4), Hayden Miller (D5), Ann Anish (D7), Yoselin Colin (D9), Vanessa Pimentel (D10), Yena Im (Mayoral), Tyrone S. Hillman III (Mayoral).

Present: Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Steven Hum, Raven Shaw, Gabrielle Listana, Astrid Utting, Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Reese Terrell, Maureen Loftus, Hayden Miller, Ann Anish, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Yena Im, Tyrone S. Hillman III.

Absent: None.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on March 20, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 16 present.

Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair present
Reese Terrell present



Maureen Loftus present
Hayden Miller present
Gabrielle Listana present
Ann Anish present
Astrid Utting present
Yoselin Colin present
Vanessa Pimentel present
Ewan Barker Plummer present
Steven Hum present
Raven Shaw present
Yena Im present
Tyrone S. Hillman III present
Emily Nguyen present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

2. Communications

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No discussion, and no public comment.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Adair, motioned to approve the March 20, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 16 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye



Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. March 6, 2023 (Packet Materials)

No discussion. No public comment.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to approve the March 6, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 16 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)



No public comment.

6. Presentations (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Department of Recreation and Parks

- i. Presenter: Antonio Guerra, Director of Administration and Finance

The Department of Recreation and Parks presented their presentation. Commissioner Miller talked about how a lot of the recreational pools were closed during the pandemic and asked if recreational pools would be able to be opened on Sundays, to which DRP said they would try to open the pools on Sunday by Summer 2024. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if the Marina Project funding included the project next to Fort Mason, to which they said that was a federal project. Vice Chair Barker Plummer also asked about the prioritization of kids regarding summer camps since kids with disabilities were no longer prioritized and didn't receive a lot of notice ahead of time, to which DRP said those who are prioritized is for those who received a scholarship and are continuing the conversation on keeping prioritization open for children with disabilities. Commissioner Miller asked if there have been any conversations about providing transportation to Camp Mather to those who don't have access to a car, to which DRP said they currently don't have the capacity to provide that transit but can help if they reach out to the Department. Commissioner Miller added that he called Camp Mather to ask if there were any resources for those without a car, to which they responded that there was not. Chair Nguyen asked about the ridership for the Golden Gate Park shuttle, to which DRP said they don't have that data on hand but are working to make sure the 15-minute intervals continue and that access is ensured to all residents. Chair Nguyen requested for that data to be sent to the Commission. Officer Listana asked how they do outreach to get more low-income youth to apply for the programs that they provide, in which DRP said they provide information that they send out and scholarships that they offer to youth who cannot afford paid programming. Officer Shaw asked how they prioritize adding funding towards programs and not others, to which DRP said that they have a regular process that they go through annually and they push funding towards programs that have proven to be successful.

b. Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (Discussion and Possible Action)

- i. Presenter: Gigi Whitley, Deputy Director for Administration and Finance

The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing presented their presentation. Commissioner Adair asked what specific factors the department is focusing on to make sure they do end trans youth homelessness, to which they



did just open their trans youth-focused navigation center alongside other types of programs and resources to offer trans youth. Commissioner Miller asked if HSH has the capacity to go to a navigation center to obtain a shelter bed, to which HSH said they do have the current capacity. Commissioner Miller also asked how HSH reaches out to those experiencing homelessness, to which HSH said that that is a major issue and that there's only a limited amount of shelter beds and resources to take people in; HSH also said that the 311 system for allocated beds has been suspended due to COVID-19. Commissioner Miller asked if it was possible that individuals could be turned away if there's no vacancy, to which HSH said they have vacancies every night. Commissioner Miller asked how they serve the westside of San Francisco since most of the service points are on the eastside of the City, to which HSH said that they have a mobile team that can reach folks wherever they're at but that the overwhelming majority of people experiencing homelessness are on the eastside of the City. Commissioner Miller mentioned the court order that prohibited the City from sweeping encampments and what HSH's stance is, to which HSH said that their role is one of providing resources or services and not one of enforcement; HSH mentioned that they do not confiscate any belongings or materials, but offers resources and services to those who are experiencing homelessness.

Chair Nguyen called for a 5-minute recess at 6:26pm. Chair Nguyen called the meeting back to order at 6:32pm.

c. Department of Elections (Discussion and Possible Action)

i. Presenter: Mayank Patel, Division Manager

The Department of Elections presented their presentation. Officer Utting asked how the Department outreaches to youth to recruit poll workers and to get youth to both pre-register and register to vote, to which DOE said they reach out to and present to school classrooms and events. Officer Utting asked if there was an estimate or goal that they have for outreach, to which DOE said that their goal is to reach every high school at least once every election year; DOE also said they struggle to keep up to date based on the constant changes in staffing throughout SFUSD. Officer Utting asked if they have any partners in this outreach, to which DOE said that they do but they still leave decisions up to school administrations or district leadership; DOE said it's very difficult to answer number questions due to the fact that it's hard to predict how many youth are in the City that are ages 16 and 17. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked what number of youth that notification cards are sent out, to which DOE said it's just a continuous effort since there's no way to tie it into the data. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked what accountability measures are being taken to ensure that the DOE's community ambassadors are



doing the work, to which DOE said they have a mentor system that helps provide support for the ambassadors that allows for an open method of communication and allows for accountability that the ambassadors believe they can accomplish at their respective school sites. Commissioner Loftus asked what the metrics are for pre-registration and ambassadors, to which DOE responded that they look at the changes over time and base those numbers on the data that they do have. Commissioner Miller thanked the DOE for always being present at community events across the City.

d. Coleman Advocates (Discussion and Possible Action)

- i. Presenter: Chris Ballard, Co-Executive Director

Coleman Advocates presented their presentation. Commissioner Adair asked how their organization achieves their core values and outreach to the community to get things done, to which Chris Ballard said that youth should be in the room when the Mayor and Board of Supervisors need advice on enacting policies. Commissioner Miller asked if Coleman Advocates has developed a plan to uplift youth, to which Chris Ballard said that they need to eliminate every barrier that youth face to ensure they can get to school and learn. Commissioner Miller also asked what the Youth Commission can do to advocate to achieve those goals, to which Chris Ballard said they're trying to build the bridge with the SFUSD Superintendent and the newer Board of Education members; he said that this is a process, and that they will do the work. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked how Coleman Advocates can ensure that no city funds are spent on political action, to which Chris Ballard said that they are two separate organizations. Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that several of the issues on the "What's Next" are very political and wanted to ask to ensure fiscal accountability, to which Chris Ballard said that they organize but they do not lobby; Chris Ballard said they draw the fine line between campaigning and volunteering. Chair Nguyen asked how the Youth Commission can work to support Coleman Advocates on issues that they align on like Vote16 and Closing Juvenile Hall, to which Chris Ballard said they need to continue to collaborate and grow their networks together.

No public comment.

7. Resolutions (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. LYRIC Resolution of Commendation (First Reading and Action Item)
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Barker Plummer and Commissioner Utting

Vice Chair Barker Plummer mentioned that the SFYC Bylaws state that Commendation Resolutions only need to be read once before taking action at the full Youth Commission.



Vice Chair Barker Plummer and Commissioner Utting both spoke favorably of LYRIC for the vast number of services, resources, and programs that they offer for LGBTQ+ youth in San Francisco, and they read the resolution aloud into the record. Commissioner Miller asked what specific reason they chose to highlight LYRIC for their work when there's other organizations that do incredible work, to which Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that all commissioners can introduce commendations but that they introduced this especially due to the work they collaborated on for the BPPs and with the increase in violence towards the LGBTQ+ community. Chair Nguyen said that the comments that Commissioner Miller brought up, and that specifics should be listed in the resolutions and commendations.

No public comment.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve the LYRIC Resolution of Commendation. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 16 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Commendation approved.

8. Prop G Survey (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Presenter: Commissioner Pimentel and Commissioner Colin



Commissioner Pimentel and Commissioner Colin presented the Prop G Survey that they've put together to get information from youth across San Francisco on how to best recommend moving forward to fund SFUSD initiatives. Commissioner Miller said that there should be more information on what Prop G is to make sure that students know what they're doing the survey on, to which the authors said they can clarify and put into each of the questions. Chair Nguyen said that there's some questions that could be made into multiple-choice questions to help guide data and use it in future efforts. Commissioner Miller asked where this data would be used, to which the authors said that they'd also be doing their best to hear from different communities and due to the fact that there wasn't really any youth body pushing forward these conversations. Chair Nguyen also asked where this information would go, to which the authors said they'd bring that information back to the D9 and D10 offices and DCYF. Commissioner Loftus said that the survey should highlight what students think are important challenges for students, not just what the Youth Commission thinks is important. Staff said that some of the questions put into multiple-choice might be duplicative of later questions, to which they said some questions could be better structured if it was made into multiple-choice. Director Garcia said that the district and community organizations are asking the Youth Commission to help with the community outreach since DCYF is currently not taking on. Chair Nguyen highlighted that is concerned that issues based in some schools might be giving an unclear perspective. Vice Chair Barker Plummer said it's important to collect information on what issues are prominent based on the school site since the funding is given out based on the school site. Commissioner Pimentel said that they want the responses to be open-ended, which the authors can then categorize those responses. Chair Nguyen clarified that she believes that the survey is valuable, but that it could be an inaccurate measure of how to push forward Prop G grant funding. Commissioner Colin said that they're hoping to pass this survey today, especially since they sent out this survey a week ago and heard no feedback on any of the concerns that are now being brought up at this meeting. Officer Utting and Commissioner Loftus said they both support this survey and feel that the questions are adequate as-is, and that this survey is a starting point on the conversation about how to divide Prop G funding.

Chair Nguyen called for a 5-minute recess at 7:37pm. Chair Nguyen called the meeting back to order at 7:46pm.

No public comment.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Loftus, motioned to approve the Prop G Survey. Commissioner Miller said he would vote to support, but that he feels that it would be helpful to have quotable data listed within the survey with a second multiple-choice question. Chair Nguyen also said she will support, but that surveys



should have the ability to compare responses. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 16 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Prop G Survey approved.

9. AB 800 Support Letter (Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Presenter: Commissioner Barker Plummer and Commissioner Pimentel

Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that he reached out to the office of Assemblymember Ortega, to which they responded quickly with their excitement that the Youth Commission is passing a letter of support. Vice Chair Barker Plummer discussed what AB 800 entails and why it's important to support.

No public comment.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Pimentel, motioned to approve the AB 800 Support Letter. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 16 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye



Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: AB 800 Support Letter approved.

10. 2023-2024 Recruitment Application (Discussion and Action Item)

Director Garcia went over the information and timeline for 2023/2024 Youth Commission recruitment, in addition to the updates and changes from the previous year's application. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if it will be a Google Form again, to which Director Garcia said it will be on Google Form again. Staff clarified some details and questions regarding updates and the proposed dates for events.

No public comment.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Chair Nguyen, motioned to approve the 2023-2024 Recruitment Application and Plan. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 16 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye



Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: 2023-2024 Recruitment Application and Plan approved.

11. Sugary Soda Tax Application - Review (Discussion and Action Item)

Director Garcia said that this body advises on how to spend tax revenues from the sugary soda tax. Commissioner Miller added that if members aren't able to fulfill their terms, they can step down and the Youth Commission can renominate.

No public comment.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Chair Nguyen, motioned to nominate Linda Ye to Seat 6 of the Sugary Soda Tax Advisory Committee. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 16 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye



Action: Nomination of Linda Ye approved.

12. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Shaw said that they are still waiting to hear back from the BOS on the recently passed YC resolutions they delivered to their offices. She said there hasn't been any legislation referred or requested, and that the Legislative Affairs Officers will be doing a new process for legislation referred, which brings legislation referred to the committee-level for further discussion after the Chair / Co-Chair of a committee request it. Officer Hum said that the intent is to expedite the discussion at the full Commission meetings.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Utting said that there's the same information that was discussed at the last full Youth Commission meeting, but reminded everyone to do their Instagram takeover. Comms will also continue to reach out to educators to do recruitment and information presentations. Officer Listana reminded everyone to send them youth-related events across the City so they can highlight it on the Youth Commission's social media accounts.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that the Executive Committee practiced their BPP presentation, and thanked everyone who has helped with the presentation. They are continuing the planning for the Youth Budget Town Hall on Thursday, April 6th.

b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Commissioner Anish said that they had the shortest ever HRT Committee meeting last week, and went over some resolutions that they may be working on and passing in the future. Chair Nguyen said they're specifically working on putting forward a biking resolution in the coming weeks, and in discussions of having District 6's office at a following HRT Committee meeting. Commissioner Miller added that Claire from the Bike Coalition has been reached out to for a potential planning meeting for a collaborative event with the Youth Commission.



c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Officer Hum said that they discussed more Vote16 updates and are discussing the survey results they received about voter education information, and working on future initiatives.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Colin said that they were able to hear from the Latino Task Force on their budget and planning asks, and what programming they offer to members of the community.

e. LGBTQ+ Task Force

Officer Listana said that they haven't met since the last meeting, but they'll be doing a check-in with staff, Chair, and Vice Chair later this week.

No public comment.

13. Roll Call and Introductions (discussion item)

Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, and Commissioners' reports on their Commission-related activities.

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Colin, Commissioner Im, Commissioner Wong, Commissioner Pimentel, Commissioner Hillman, Commissioner Listana, and Commissioner Barker Plummer

Commissioner Colin has been working on the Prop G Survey with Commissioner Pimentel. She's also been writing two letters of support for budget asks, and for school disciplinary reform.

Commissioner Im will be doing the social media takeover after this meeting, and said that she's thinking about writing a resolution to make the application process easier for college applications.

Commissioner Wong has been preparing for the BPP presentation to the BOS later this week. She's also working with Commissioner Adair to write a resolution on the 78 Haight housing project for transitional-aged youth, since there's been no progress on that project in several months. They're also working on coming up with questions for the project manager since there's been limited coverage.



Commissioner Pimentel has been working on the Prop G (Student Success Fund) Survey with Commissioner Colin, in addition to meeting with the Youth Community Developers organization on the creation of a District 10 Youth Council. They've also been meeting with the Young Women's Freedom Center with Commissioner Colin.

Commissioner Hillman is excited to be working with Officer Shaw on a resolution on gun regulations in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Listana has been preparing for both presentations to the Board of Supervisors on BPPs and the Human Rights Commission, in addition to the Comms work.

Commissioner Barker Plummer has been working closely with Officer Utting on school safety and gun violence policies, and they will be calling a hearing to hear directly from youth and students regarding these issues. He hopes to have this hearing date towards May of this year, but haven't selected a date just yet. The hearing will be to "discuss and understand the current status of school safety policies, procedures, and infrastructure at San Francisco Unified School District school sites; and requesting the San Francisco Unified School District and San Francisco Police Department to report".

b. Other Legislative Introductions

No other legislative introductions.

14. Staff Report (discussion item)

Staff will be emailing their reports later this week. No public comment.

15. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Chair Nguyen announced that there's a Muni exhibit in SOMA until mid-April, and to check it out if anyone is interested. Vice Chair Barker Plummer announced that there's a Youth Trans Liberation march on March 25th 11am-1pm, and there's a school walkout Friday, March 31st, to which he will be sending out further information. Specialist Zhan announced that the SF Department of the Environment will be having a Youth Zero Waste Day of Action on March 25th as well.

No public comment.



16. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 8:20pm.