



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Civic Engagement Committee
Minutes - Draft
Monday, November 23, 2020
4:30-6:30 PM**

**Public Comment Call-in:
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United States, San Francisco (toll)
Conference ID: 812 597 43#**
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

Commissioner Cheung calls the meeting to order at 4:33 pm. All Commissioners are present except for Commissioner Arana. Quorum is met.

Commissioner Ginsburg, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, motioned to approve Commissioner Arana’s absence. Roll Call vote. Motion passes.

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

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Alioto-Pier, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg, moved to approve the agenda. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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



3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

Commissioner Zhang, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier, moved to approve the minutes. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by roll call vote:

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

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

No public comment.

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

A. Team Building Activity

The commissioner and staff engaged in a team building activity led by Commissioner Chueng.

B. Setting Intentions & Harvesting Goals

a. Group agreements

Commissioner Chueng- From our last meeting we decided on-

- Dealer’s choice on cameras
- Be engaged (as much as possible)
- Patience/flexibility/transparency
- Accountability
- Equitable distribution of responsibility
- 72 hour advance notice for posting

b. CEC Mission Statement (next meeting)

Commissioner Ginsburg suggests moving this item to after 5 C. This item to be continued at the following meeting.

C. Vote16SF/Prop G Follow Up

a. Appreciation Celebration Planning

Commissioner Cheung- do we want to have it virtually or online with covid restrictions?

Commissioner Alioto-Pier- depends on the timeline since I will be in quarantine.

Commissioner Zhang- I would be fine in person with safety precautions.



Commissioner Versace/ Ginsburg- we can have a small one in person and a larger one in person.

Commissioner Cheung- Are there any preferences before December 8th as requested by Commissioner Alioto-Pier? it could be a lunch event?

Commissioner Versace- I would prefer on a Saturday not a Sunday.

Commissioner Alito-Pier- it depends on Saturday since I have volleyball at 1:30. I would prefer before 1 pm.

Commissioner Zhang- I would love a pinata.

Commissioner Cheung- How long would you like the celebration to last? How's 1 ½ hours more or less?

Commissioner Ginsburg- yes I think that is a good time period.

Commissioner Chueng- Who should we invite? Other youth commissioners? Steering committee?

Commissioner Cheung- we should definitely hold it outside.

Commissioner Versace- I think we should base it off where people live so it's accessible to all.

Staff Hosmon- How accessible and free to move open spaces are going to be available?

Commissioner Cheung- I think we are fine as long as it's not sunny but I do not think it will be too hot.

Commissioner Ginsburg- we need to consider the pinata.

Commissioner Zhang- if we are having food I would prefer grass over sand.

Commissioner Chueng- Great we are leaning towards the park. Any preference towards Golden Gate Park or Conservatory?

Commissioner Versace & Zhang- The Conservatory is slightly closer to me.

Commissioner Ginsburg- I am fine with either.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier- I prefer the Presidio since it is closer to me.

Commissioner Cheung- my only concern is the will there be a tree for a pinata at the Conservatory.

Commissioner Chueng- Let's confirm invites- the committee, Crystal and Arianna from last year's commissioners, and the steering committee.



Commissioner Alioto-Pier- How many people are on the steering committee?

Staff Hosmon- about 15ish people.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier- I think the steering committee will be slightly too many people in which I do not feel the most comfortable and I doubt my parents will as well.

Staff Hosmon- we can make guidelines to ensure social distancing.

Commissioner Cheung- Commissioner Alioto-Pier do you feel comfortable with that?

Commissioner Alioto-Pier- I am not sure because I need to talk to my parents since I will stay with my grandparents for about a week.

Commissioner Cheung- That makes sense or would go back to our original idea of holding two celebrations.

Staff Hosmon- we can invite a few steering committee members instead of the whole committee as a compromise. One of my concerns is that I don't want other committee members to feel left out.

Commissioner Cheung- lets keep it simple with staff, CEC committee, Crystal, and Arianna.

Commissioner Versace- are there specific meals that could be handled individually?

Staff Hosmon- yes we can do individuals orders from pizza places, lunch boxes, sandwiches, etc.. whatever you all want.

Commissioner Chueng- How does everyone feel about sushirito?

Commissioner Ginsburg- I would not mind that.

Commissioner Zhang- Can we purchase from business that supported prop G?

Commissioner Cheung will find out that information.

Commissioner Cheung- are we confirming the pinata?

Commissioner Zhang, Ginsburg- yes let's do the pinata.

Commissioner Cheung- I was thinking of also handing out certificates and an appreciation circle.

Staff Hosmon reviews the details.

Appreciation Party #1:

Date & Time: Saturday, December 5th from 11am-1pm for CEC

Location: outdoors (Conservatory of Flowers grass lawn)

Tree: "G" Pinata

Safety: smaller in person CEC celebration (CEC + Crystal + Arianna N. + YC staff) + larger virtual online celebration in January



Food: Boba (boba guys); sushirito; cupcakes (back up on Susie Cakes but Adrianna will reach out to Frances first re: a local bakery who supported Prop G)
Pinata Treats: candy, treats, little trinkets, gift cards? Kiely will figure this out
Needs: a stick/bat, eye covering (bring your own), hand sanitizer, individual blankets/tarp (bring your own)

Appreciation Activities:

- Mini Ceremony: recognition/certificates
- Appreciation Circle
- unstructured in person chill time

Commissioner Cheung- when do we want to have our other celebration? I have a slight preference for January because of how hectic December is with school and back to back youth commission meetings.

Commissioner Zhang- yes I agree.

Commissioner Cheung- What date or we are leaning towards? Is a Friday evening good for everyone? How does the 15th sound?

Commissioner Ginsburg, Versace, & Alioto-Pier- yes that works.

Commissioner Ginsburg- is 7 or 8 too late?

Staff Hosmon- that might be too late maybe 4:30-6 pm.

Virtual Appreciation Party #2:

Date & Time: January 15th (post holidays), 4:30-6pm, Virtual

Theme: Celebrate democracy and Prop G efforts + kick off for the next Vote16 initiative

TBD at next CEC meeting-activities and agenda

Virtual Platform: Gatherly? Zoom but with access to break out rooms?

Kiely to reach out to Brandon about tech help and support for virtual celebration.

Sarah C, Adrianna, and Sarah G can help with outreach and tech.

b. Vote16SF Round 3

Steering Committee debrief: discussion on whether to make it only school board elections or all municipal elections. Youth on the call were more focused on keeping it for all municipal elections. The numbers were so close and a third push could get it over the edge for a win whereas the adults were being more practical.

Commissioner Cheung: discussion on mid term 2022 angle for a third push. Options that were stated: tiered (like Oakland's QQ) for 2022 school board and then 2024 for all elections; 2022 all elections, 2024 all elections. Many adults in favor of the tiered option with logic being that school board would pass 2022 and then take the following two years to push for all elections in 2024 (safer and more practical route).

Commissioner Alioto-Pier would want school board/city college in 2022 and then go full 2024 but could be swayed to go either way. Could be easier to win.



Commissioner Versace: gut says go full but understands that may not be how it works. Four years seems like a long time to wait. Valentina could be the only one left to serve

Commissioner Zhang: would still go for a full campaign but would hesitantly not mind either way.

Commissioner Ginsburg: hard to say what the distinguishing factor on why it lost. Could be swayed either way.

Commissioner Cheung: general sense is that there are pro and cons for both angles. All aspects that could have hurt us: pandemic, only reaching out to progressive voters, starting later than we had hoped, presidential election year, etc.

Staff idea: take some of CEC money to pay a poll on why Prop G lost?

Question: are Berkeley and Oakland going to go for all elections at a later point?

Commissioner Zhang and Alioto-Pier: didn't have lit to also do this when able to safely; not people all fighting for other props or even presidential election; Zhang-if we do only school board that feels like a step back but thinks we will get results if we are ambitious

What if voters see a 2022 school board and pass it but then disregard a 2024 full voting rights? What about the BOS and it being moderate or progressive and that could be a stall for getting it on the ballot in any particular year.

No consensus or definitive direction on tiered approach. No one is against doing Vote16SF again, it's just about the strategy and which one to use. No public comment.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg, motioned to use a portion of the CEC grant money to purchase a poll from a research institute to survey voters on why they did not vote yes on Prop G or any other questions that could help CEC decide which strategy to use. A roll call vote was called, motion passes.

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

c. Op Ed/Statement request

Commissioner Cheung- at the end of the debrief meeting Jane mentioned writing an op ed statement to publish to release a powerful statement written by youth. Would anyone be interested in writing the statement?

Commissioner Ginsburg- I am open to it but depends on the timeline since I will be busy for the next few weeks.

Commissioner Zhang- Yea I would be interested.



Commissioner Cheung- I would be interested in it as well but also depends on the timeline. I think it should be soon to carry on the momentum of the election. Jane also mentioned a Chinese youth to translate it. I can reach out the Crystal to help.

D. CEC Goals for 2021

a. Budget and Policy Priority Discussion

In order to have priorities approved by FYC by the beginning of next year, all the committee would have amendments ready and approved in committee in time for Omnibus to be heard on the second December FYC (December 21) or in January if that meeting is cancelled. This would mean CEC approving its Omnibus recommendations by its December 14 meeting in a bit over a month (Calvin can help with copy-editing and formatting). Again, the Omnibus priorities don't need to be fully fleshed out and comprehensive--that's what the BPP report is for later in the year.

Staff Hosmon- they do not have to be bullet statements, they can be bullet points. It does not need to be super detailed. Are there priorities you want the Mayor to see or what are the other priorities?

Commissioner Cheung- do we want to work on something different than Vote 16 such as pre registration?

Commissioner Ginsburg- I think we should expand to other avenues because I do not think the organizing will be as intense as last time.

Staff Hosmon- to summarize nobody was a full no rather a question of strategy. My sense is CEC is still in the game but doesn't know when it will be played. In my mind you can do what CEC did last time which was focused on cultivating voters and voter registration. This time there could be a different angle of building community or town halls to build up youth halls.

Commissioner Cheung- yea I agree I think the suggestions can be helpful especially when Vote 16 comes around again. ANY other thoughts?

Commissioner Versace- I do not have any thoughts because i thought Vote 16 was going to pass.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier- From the top of my head I do not think pre registration is a bad idea.

Commissioner Cheung- so we would bring this back to the next meeting and approve it?

Staff Hosmon- yes look at the 2018's CEC priorities to discuss during the next meeting.

E. CEC related news

Commissioner Zhang interviewed with the SF Examiner.

Commissioner Cheung interview with SF Public Press.

6. Staff Report



- Read your Weekly Internal
- December 21st absences-Sarah Ginsburg, Rocky Versace
- Evelyn's last meeting for CEC is today and her last week with the YC is next week

7. Executive Committee Report

Sarah G. is on this.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Chung adjourned the meeting at 6:42 pm.