



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## Minutes ~ Draft

Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

5:15 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 408

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Madeleine Matz (Chair), William Juarez (Vice Chair), Martin Krause, Lily Marshall-Fricke, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Cris Plunkett, Mary Claire Amable, Emma David, Noah David, Hugo Vargas, Cecilia Nicole Galeano, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Tsia Blacksher, Griffin Ng, Chiara Lind

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Matz called the meeting to order at 5:19pm. Commissioners Present: Lily Marshall-Fricke, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Mary Claire Amable, Emma David, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Madeleine Matz, Noah David, Cris Plunkett, Cecilia Nicole Galeano, Tsia Blacksher.

Commissioners absent: Griffin Ng, Chiara Lind, William Juarez, Martin Krause, Hugo Vargas.

Commissioners Ng, Lind, Juarez, and Vargas gave staff advanced notice of their absences. Commissioner N. David, seconded by Commissioner Park, motioned to excuse these commissioners. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon, Adele Carpenter

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

Commissioner Amable, seconded by Commissioner Mao, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.

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

- A. December 5, 2016  
([Document A](#))



Document A was misidentified as Document B.

Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner Mao, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

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

Member of the public-recited poetry to the YC regarding them as Rainbow Warriors and to give sincere look at flyer that was passed out.

#### **5. Legislation Referred by the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

There was no legislation referred this week.

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

- A. Presentation on the Library Fine Amnesty Program  
Presenter: Mary Abler, Youth Development Coordinator, SF Public Library  
(Document B)

Document B was added in as a supplemental document.

Library staff in attendance: Mary Abler and Katherine Jardine (Public Relations Officer).

This is the third time SFPL is doing a fine amnesty program and this one is 6 weeks long. Fines will be removed for previously late materials as a chance to reconnect with community members who had fines on their account. This ensures equity for those that need library services the most.

In 2009 was the second time this amnesty took place and the most impacted areas were the Tenderloin, Soma, Bayview Hunters Point, and the Outer Mission.

This year they are partnering with Recovering the Classics. Chose 11 designs to help market and help promote the campaign. Marketing by: transit shelter ads, posters, flyers, bookmarks, ramping up social media, PSAs on the radio, and earned media attention. There is a raffle for those who do 3+ activities and they can win a book from Recovering the Classics.

Questions:

Commissioner Mesler: when does it end? February 14<sup>th</sup>. They did amnesty program also in 2001, 2009. This is the longest running amnesty.

Commissioner Matz: anything we can do to support getting the word out? They have print collateral materials so if YC can think of physical places to put out flyers or bookmarks that would be helpful. If they know of social media groups that could be good partners to get the word out please send them the information.

There was no public comment.

- B. Presentation on San Francisco Fellows Program  
Presenter: Tanea Lunsford, SF Fellow



Tanea is a third generation San Franciscan and served as a District 11 Youth Commissioner in 2008-2009. The SF Fellows Program was formerly known as the City Hall Fellows Program, which helps youth get full time jobs as a city employee in different city departments. She herself is working on fine programs with a social justice angle. At some point could be looking at fines that directly target youth so could be coming back to the YC for their input.

This program is for those that have completed their undergrad degree within the last five years. She works in the Treasurer's office and can get them a tour if they connect with her. There are only two fellows in the current program who are actually from SF. YC members should definitely apply because we need you to fill the seats of local govt within this fellows program.

Questions:

YC Staff=how does an office get to host an SF fellow? Generally there is some budget work involved and fellows are employees via HR office and go through interviews with departments. Those departments rank them and they get matched. There are 18 positions throughout SF.

Commissioner Blacksher-there are only 18 citywide? Yes. What degree do you need? Does it matter what it's in? It doesn't matter what degree as long as it's an undergrad degree.

YC Staff-how can YC get the word out? If anyone has people in their lives who will be graduating soon or in the last 5 years from college, spread the word via social media, newsletters, etc. If anyone knows anyone at CHALK or other outreach orgs let them know. The deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

There was no public comment.

C. Presentation on Youth Leader Opportunity and Request of Sponsorship for Youth Advocacy Day  
Presenter: Wahid Ahmed, Community Engagement Coordinator, Youth Empowerment Fund

YC's chance to take a role of YAD leaders.

YAD is chance for SF youth to come together to have fun and learn city government and tackle important issues in this political time. It brings youth to civic center and has youth talk directly with government officials and city officials. The focus is on access and equity. YAD brings in over 200 youth over an entire day. Youth from different schools and different programs are invited and attend. YAD is a prominent chance to get city officials to hear them. The district takes it seriously as the youth get day off from school as it is a way to learn outside the classroom. YAD is completely youth led.

What does it mean to be a YAD youth leader? Have to be willing to have fun. Serious work hard play hard. 4 trainings take place for youth leaders to train them to be experts, run brainstorming workshops, panel discussions, etc. They are serious about prep and giving youth all the tools needed. YC has a unique role to play since you are already in



government so you can code switch and ease youth into city government which is really cool and a really rare skill.

The YC has traditionally been a part of YAD. Three YC'ers were leaders last year and YC staff has been involved as panelists.

6 topics for this YAD: status on women and girls, Youth economic empowerment, youth police relationships, support for transitional age youth, access to higher education, youth space. Polled 80 youth and these were the topics that came up.

Ask of YC-will you help bring youth voice to city hall?

Question: Commissioner Amable-do you have the dates for the 4 trainings?

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5-7pm

March 4<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-3:30pm

March 6 or 8<sup>th</sup> (your choice), 5-7pm

March 15 (run through day), 5-7pm

YAD is March 16<sup>th</sup>

Commissioner Park-is there an rsvp for this event? How can we sign up youth for this event? There is link to register. [www.yefsf.org/yad-2017](http://www.yefsf.org/yad-2017)

Commissioner Matz-the YC has historically sponsored this event because it's something YC has really believed in regarding empowering youth voice in city hall. Highly encourages folks to commit to being a leader and to attending.

Commissioners interested: Mesler, Yu, N. David, Park, E. David, Matz, Amable, Galeano, Blacksher

Commissioners who want to be YAD leader: Blacksher, Yu

Commissioner N. David, seconded by Commissioner Plunkett, motioned to sponsor YAD. Vote by acclamation. Motion passed.

There was no public comment

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

A) [First Reading] Resolution 1617-AL-02 [Resolution Responding to Donald Trump's Election]

Sponsor: Commissioners Plunkett and E. David  
(Document C)

This item was tabled.

B) Resolution of Commendation 1617-RC – 01 [Commending Berkeley Mayor Jesse Arreguin]

Sponsor: Commissioner Plunkett  
(Document D)

Chair Matz identified that this resolution could be passed with one reading. The resolution was read into the record by Commissioner Plunkett.

Discussion/comments:



Commissioner N. David-over all looks like a good resolution and doesn't think there are any edits to be made.

There was no public comment.

Options: pass on first reading, send back for more edits, or not pass it at all. This is a little time sensitive since Mayor Arreguin was inaugurated a while ago.

Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Mao, motioned to pass this on the first reading. A roll call vote was called and it unanimously passed.

C) Update on Upcoming Event, "What Now": A Youth-Led Post-Election Gathering  
Sponsor: Commissioner Park

The Civic Engagement Committee is working on this upcoming event. A brief history of the first Young and Future Voters' Event: held in October at MHS and shout outs given to Tsia, Griffin, Cecilia, Hugo, Noah, Josh, Chiara who were somehow involved. They educated youth about what was on the ballot in SF. Part 2 will be Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at The Mix from 5-7:30pm and will be a reflection space for the results of the both national and local elections. This is a YC sponsored event, as was the last one, but more SAC members showed up than YCers. We don't want the rap that we don't show up to our own sponsored events. Commissioner Park recommends that YC shows up to the event. Chair Matz recommends that we have an offsite meeting to help have YC show up and attend as it's possible to have an offsite meeting and have quorum, it would be posted 15 days in advance, from 5-7:30pm on Tuesday, and they could reschedule IJE meeting.

Commissioner Blacksher-what is the outreach plan? She wants more youth besides SAC and YC. Mostly adults from last one who planned last one, but this one we have revamped it and have changed a lot of things about it. Will have resource fair and will be youth contacted and primarily youth led, promoting resources to youth, and second part is artistic expression regarding the election. Won't just be SAC and YC and want it to be more general youth from the public.

Commissioner Plunkett: Some commissioners have work and would hate to have this mess up their attendance record.

Commissioner Mesler suggests that it is highly recommended the YC attend and not make it mandatory. Commissioner Galeano says it's hard to get there with all the commitments they have.

Committed to going: Mesler, E. David, Matz, Galeano, Blacksher, Amable.

Commissioner Blacksher-do you need attendance or helpers? Yes, if you think of any resources that can be there or artistic can help run a booth/training. Showing up is helpful. There will be a YC booth and we'll want someone to staff that. Good chance to spread the word about YC applications.

Staff: this is a YC event. Encourage you all to help get the word out. Share out to your committees and networks.



There was no public comment.

D) Youth Commission Application 2017-2018  
Presenters: Staff

There are numerous events/gatherings/meetings that are coming up so staff is preparing the application early. Staff is requesting general feedback on content, layout, readability, etc. Think back on your experience and what else could be included that is helpful for a first time applicant.

There is also an application for returning commissioners. The forms will now be accessible online.

Commissioner Blacksher-some commissioners were chosen before some were finished with the interview process. How does this work? Do they see all applicants or do they just choose who was the last one who reapplied? You should declare as early as possible to let staff know and your appointing officer as that would help us to let other youth know how much other youth should be putting effort into their application.

Why is it a one year term? It's in the city charter. Figured that 2-3 year terms might be a bit much if there was a lot of transition in youth's life and didn't want a lot of staggering of terms.

The plan is that staff is giving this to YC for feedback, it doesn't need to go live this week, but we want to incorporate feedback and suggestions. Goal is to have it done before second forum on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

There was no public comment.

## **8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

### A. Executive Committee

The last meeting was canceled.

### B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee

They read over Commissioner Plunkett's resolution of 2017 the Year of Homeless Youth. They read over other articles about SF homeless youth and how media is bringing to light these issues. Received update on post-election event.

### C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee

Met same day as 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Went to the event and it was good. Meeting was prior to that starting and they all drafted emails in working groups. They are doing a joint meeting with Project What on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

### D. Civic Engagement Committee

They met twice over break and have met every week for a while now. Secured event and time and will be meeting tomorrow to continue work on "What Now" gathering.

### E. Our Children Our Family Council



On Tuesday the 10<sup>th</sup> will have first meeting from 2-4pm.

There was no public comment.

## **9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

- Pollination Project provides seed grants up to \$1000. Starting to take applications through this month. Read the guidelines carefully.
- Sharing of invitations of new members of BOS, inauguration parties. School Board is this Thursday at 6pm at Tenderloin Community School, Fewer will be Sunday at 4pm at golden gate senior park center, Safai at 2pm in south light court in city hall, city college is tomorrow at 4pm at multi use building in 140
- Need help with Mid year retreat. Commissioner Amable will work with Team Icebreaker or another team, Commissioner N. David can work on Team Research, Commissioner Mao can help and has no preference.
- Staff will have draft Mid Year Retreat agenda by this Friday and confirmation of space. SBH on Saturday and city hall on Sunday. If there are any dietary restrictions please let staff know.
- Happy new Year!

There was no public comment

## **10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Commissioner Amable- on January 27<sup>th</sup>, "all star come back" open mic from 6-9:30 on 6<sup>th</sup> street.

Commissioner Plunkett-encourages YC to sign up for the 2017 homeless point in time count.

There was no public comment

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm