



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Tuesday, January 18th, 2022
5:00pm-8:00pm

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Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Raven Shaw, Steven Hum, Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Sammy Foley, Arsema Asfaw, Isaiah Catubig, Vanessa Pimentel, Amara Santos, Sahara Frett, Jayda Love, Amadeos Oyagata, Jiajian Harry Xu, Emily Nguyen

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

Commissioner Zhang called the meeting to order at 5:04pm. Quorum is met.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, tardy
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Sammy Foley, absent
Jiajian Harry Xu, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Sahara Frett, not present
Amadeos Oyagata, present
Vanessa Pimentel, present
Emily Nguyen, present
Raven Shaw, absent
Steven Hum, present
Ewan Barker Plummer, present
Isaiah Catubig, present
Amara Santos, present
Jayda Love, absent



2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Barker-Pummer motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Listana. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, not present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Sammy Foley, absent
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Sahara Frett, not present
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye
Raven Shaw, absent
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker Plummer, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Jayda Love, absent

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. January 3rd, 2022 [\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment. Motion to approve by Commissioner Barker-Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Catubig. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Frett joined the meeting at 5:11pm

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, not present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Sammy Foley, absent
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Sahara Frett, aye
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye
Raven Shaw, absent
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker Plummer, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye



Amara Santos, aye
Jayda Love, absent

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)

No public comment.

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] Golden Gate Park Access & Safety Program
Presenter: Chava Kroneberg and Alex Schuknect, SFMTA & Park & Rec Staff
(Document B)

Chava Kroneberg and Alex Schuknect present to the commission.

Questions:

- Commissioner Nguyen: Why is this program investing time into pedicabs/is there work on specifically improving existing services that go to golden gate park like the 44?
 - Answer: not either or. we want to work on pedicabs for more specifically inside Golden Gate Park and work on transit services that go to Golden Gate Park,
- Commissioner Barker Plummer: What is the 8th ave entrance? it's currently being used for bus & cabs, correct me if I'm wrong.
 - Answer: currently 8th prohibits everyone except muni & also paratransit
- Commissioner Barker Plummer: How has the public feedback on this been? Sup. Chan proposed a different perspective to have this open
 - Answer: 1. We heard for taxis to be permitted because disabled folks also use this especially from senior disability advocacy groups. I haven't heard a specific request for 8th avenue, but we are working on this with Sup. Chan. From feedback, it's less about 8th specifically & traffic congestion, and taxis.
- Commissioner Barker Plummer: In terms of how you've collected data, do you know how many people are represented based on age group?
 - Answer: survey is the only specific data we have, other feedback has been collected via pop ups. I don't have this data right now, but can get back to you. I do think it was under-represented - the survey was just one tool. A presentation like this is another way.
- Commissioner Santos: Thank you for presenting, having more up to date information is really important.
 - can you speak more to how improving reliability looks like to Excelsior & Bayview
 - The 29 Sunset has been a working project, independent effort. Without speaking out of term, they are probably using the transit reliability tool kit. Removing larger vehicles. I will make sure they engage this commission specifically.
 - What have they identified:
 - 1. Bayview CBO suggested a shuttle to GGP and adding incentives to join, like tickets to the museums



- 2. We really heard people talking about GGP, but want folks to focus on all parks throughout the city.
- Rec & Park has put a lot of funding in equity.
- I do believe the data will be worthwhile to collect more information on where youth live, especially in Excelsior & Bayview. Political energy & financial energy should be reciprocated in these neighborhoods
- Commissioner Zhang: what does the timeline look between now & 6 months & a few years - what do you plan on working on & what are the markers?
 - Answer: we closed this street during COVID, however, the street can't remain this way. We need a decision by a legislative body sooner rather than later. Should we restore it to 2019 condition? You're one more step before we get to alignment in March. Hopefully you can share your perspective with your supervisor about this matter. We are on a week by week timeline right now. This has been a conversation for over 40 years.
- Commissioner Zhang: Is this happening in other cities or is it just SF?
 - answer: central park never had parking, but it did have cars that drove through. Not anymore though.
- Staff Estrada: Last year's commission recommended that if streets were to be closed to cars that it'd be a great idea to add in interactive machines to encourage exercise or movement, similar to the equipment on Sunset Blvd. Also adding benches or rails for the community to sit or practice skating.
- Commissioner Barker-Plummer: would be great if JFK could stay closed. When you talk about the compromise of a single lane, it would make me less likely to use the lane. It would be great to present this
- Commissioner Nguyen: In the program proposal, I was unclear about the parking. More parking?
 - Answer: it's a complex animal, there's about 6,000 spaces. Closure of JFK, elements of MLK - 1,000 spaces were removed. Blue zones are limited and have things like curb cuts & paved paths. However, the City can't go to the concourse garage. They are an independent company, so we're trying to work with them.
 - 18 blue zones on JFK lost but gaining more behind the bandshell
 - 800 stall garage under the concourse with 32 blue zones
 - there is also a 15 min free period to drop off and pick up folks in the garage without getting charged
- Commissioner Nguyen: when there are more cars it makes it more unsafe for bike riders & pedestrians. More outreach on these features. I love the idea of working with google maps & apple maps to improve navigation on the park.
- Commissioner Alioto-Pier: No questions. I do like having JFK closed, but am concerned about ADA parking being stuck in one section. The private vehicle loop seems like the best option for me. It reads better to me
- Commissioner Santos: while I understand the importance of making this car free. I feel like there will be negative impacts on D10 and D11 - with parking, if you have a family it might be more difficult.
- Commissioner Nguyen: making more bike lanes coming from the Bayview. More bike lanes that connect with each other throughout the City using transit only lanes.
- Commissioner Catubig: Many of my teachers and friends live in the Richmond District and I know a lot of them like riding their bikes through the park and admiring the scenery on their way to school every day. In my opinion, closing JFK would ensure more safety for them!



Internal Discussion:

- Commissioner Barker-Plummer: What would you like for us to decide?
- Commissioner Nguyen: It's confusing because there are a lot of little things I can't wrap my head around.
- Commissioner Barker-Plummer: I'd love to vote on this again when we have more information.

- Chava: End of February & beginning of March to BOS. Sounds like maybe Park & Rec can follow up with a presentation on equity and resources.

Motions:

Commissioner Asfaw motion to not take a position until the YC has more information, seconded by Commissioner Santos.

No public comment. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, not present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Sammy Foley, not present
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Sahara Frett, aye
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye
Raven Shaw, not present
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker Plummer, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Jayda Love, not present

Commissioner Tanaka joined the meeting at 5:31pm.

Commissioner Zhang left the meeting at 6:15pm.

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] [Second Reading] Resolution No. 2022-AL-06 [Safe Firearm Storage Resolution]
Sponsor: Commissioner Barker-Plummer
Presenter: Commissioner Barker-Plummer
(Document C)



New edits: Page 1 line 20-25, specifically discussing the impacts on BIPOC teens & youth.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Santos: can we add a line about the intersections of gun violence and gender?
- Commissioner Barker-Plummer: Yes we can.

Motion:

Commissioner Santos motions to approve this resolution with the recommendation stated above, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen.

Public Comment:

- Aimee Rozen: student liaison lead supporting students who are working against gun violence in SF. Wildly enthusiastic to read this resolution, we are working with other schools and youth groups to have something like this. Great to hear the gender portion & wholeheartedly support you all making SF safer for students. Gun violence is the leading cause of death for young people in the United States. Thank you for this.

Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, not present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Sammy Foley, absent
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, not present
Sahara Frett, aye
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye
Raven Shaw, not present
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker Plummer, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Jayda Love, not present

- B. [Inform + Decision] Motion No. 2022-AL-07 [Motion to Support the Letter of the Student Advisory Council's List of Demands to Ensure Student Safety and Wellbeing During Ongoing Public Health Crisis]
Sponsor: Executive Committee
Presenter: Commissioner Listana
(Document D)

Commissioner Asfaw shared the context behind this motion.
Commissioner Listana reads the motion into the record.



Question:

- Commissioner Santos: was there any data that breaks down the public student perspective especially of BIPOC youth?
 - Commissioner Listana: from my knowledge there wasn't.
 - Commissioner Asfaw: I'm looking at it now and they didn't include race. I think because it was anonymous.
- Commissioner Santos: if this is a document we can give feedback on, can we include a statistic on the impacts of COVID-19 contraction rates within marginalized communities.

Motions:

Commissioner Santos motions to approve this motion with the stated recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Xu.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Sammy Foley, absent
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, not present
Sahara Frett, aye
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye
Raven Shaw, absent
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker Plummer, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Jayda Love, absent

- C. [Inform + Discussion] Resolution & Public Comment Training
Presenter: Staff Estrada

Commissioners engaged in a training on Resolution Writing & Public Comment.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
a. LAO

- i. 211284 [Charter Amendment - Establishment of Children's Agency and Commission; Funding for Children, Youth, and the San Francisco Unified School District; Funding Conditions on City Appropriations for the School District] Sponsors: Mayor; Melgar and Mandelman Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) establish a new Children's Agency responsible for overseeing, aligning, and coordinating the development of systems, services, policies,



and planning strategies to strengthen the City's services for children, youth, and families; 2) authorize the Agency to include the Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, which is responsible for administering the City's Children and Youth Fund and promoting the development of programs and planning strategies to enhance services for children, youth, and their families; 3) authorize the Agency to include a new Department of Early Childhood, which will assume the duties previously assigned to the Office of Early Care and Education promoting the development of programs, policies, and strategies to enhance services for children ages 0-5; 4) establish a Children's Commission to oversee the Agency; 5) modify the process for expending funds in the Children and Youth Fund to support services for children; 6) modify the process for expending funds in the Public Education Enrichment Fund to support the San Francisco Unified School District; and 7) require the Board of Education to submit a certification of compliance with specified governance requirements before the City appropriates funds to the San Francisco Unified School District not otherwise required by the Charter or State law; at an election to be held on June 7, 2022. ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee.

- ii. 211311 [Urging SFMTA to Prioritize and Expedite Vision Zero Improvements Around Playgrounds, School Zones, and Senior Zones] Sponsors: Melgar; Stefani, Mar, Chan and Walton Resolution urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prioritize and expedite Vision Zero improvements around playgrounds, school zones, and senior zones, and to urge the SFMTA to implement newly allowed changes by AB 43 by December 31, 2022. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee
- iii. 211318 [Hearing - Dream Keepers Initiative] Sponsor: Walton Hearing on the resources allocated for the Dream Keepers Initiative, specifically on which programs have been funded by the allocated \$120,000,000 and assessing other needs that the Dream Keepers Initiative can support; requesting the Human Rights Commission, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Mayor's Office of Community Development, Department of Children Youth and their Families, Arts Commission, Department of Public Health, Office of Early Care and Education, Fire Department, and Department of Human Resources to report. RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

- b. Comms
 - i. working on YC podcast
 - ii. focusing on storytelling
 - iii. first meeting with Emily tomorrow
 - iv. YC tiktok in the works
- c. General Committee Updates
 - i. having discussions on leg referred

- B. OCOF
 - a. no report

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)



- February 14th, 2022 - Staff back inside City Hall
 - delay due to Omicron Variant
 - YC staff back in office then
- Workshops in lieu of MYR retreat
 - Feb. 9, 10, 11 - 4:30pm-6pm
 - Returners:
 - Arsema, Amara, Jayden, Gabrielle
- The Budget & Appropriations meeting is on February 26th, 2022 (date subject to change)
 - via Microsoft Teams and will start at 1PM, 5-10 min for the presentation.
 - For reference [here is the File No. from last year](#)
 - YC chartered duties to present to this board - who is interested? (3-5 people)
 - Emily (after 5pm)
 - Jayden (after 3pm)
 - Vanessa (after 3pm)

9. **Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

- Commissioner Santos: noticed that a lot of us don't know how to speak on the undocumented experience. I understand this and want us to lean into this and use this as a learning experience.
- Commissioner Oyagata: I also offer myself as a resource, I work as. I was approached by a non-profit where they are offering financial mentoring to Youth Commissioners. They are offering these services for free:
 - Names:
 - Amara
 - Emily
 - Arsema
- Commissioner Hum: Colonel George Ishikata, San Francisco Veterans Affairs Commissioner and San Francisco's Director of JROTC instruction died unexpectedly Dec. 30. He was 59. As a leader in the San Francisco JROTC community, Colonel Ishikata did much more than mentor cadets. He fought continually to keep JROTC in San Francisco high schools, and worked tirelessly to improve the experience cadets received at activities. He worked with the veteran community and with San Francisco policy makers to support and enhance the JROTC program.

Colonel Ishikata joined the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) in 1977 at Lowell High School. As a cadet he participated in the winning competitive Drill Platoon, spending many hours in after-school drill practice. He rose in leadership ranks to serve as a Company Commander in Lowell's battalion. Colonel Ishikata stayed on at Lowell for several years, serving as an Assistant Instructor to his mentor, Sergeant Major Mack Yoshida.

Colonel Ishikata retired from the Army as a colonel after 30 years of active service. He served as an Army military intelligence officer, holding sensitive intelligence positions at the highest levels in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kosovo.

Upon retirement from active duty Colonel Ishikata assumed duties as the JROTC teacher at Lincoln High School where he taught, coached, and mentored thousands of



students helping them to become better citizens — Including myself, Commissioner Steven Hum, and former Youth Commissioner Chair Josephine Cureton.

He received two Defense Superior Service Medals from the Army, the Legion of Merit Award and a Bronze Star Medal, as well as five Meritorious Service Medals. Other military honors include the Federal Asian/Pacific American Council Meritorious Service Award, which he received in 2006.

He left a legacy among JROTC cadets who will continue to develop their own leadership identities and live up to the values Colonel Ishikata set of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage.

10. **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

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