San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft
Monday, February 3rd, 2020
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)
Vice Chair Cheung called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Commissioner Ty is not here and
Commissioner Alioto-Pier is running late.

No public comment. Motion to excuse Commissioner Hylton and Commissioner Asfasw’s
absence, by Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Santos.

Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)
No public comment. Motion to approve by Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner
Alameri. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
   A. January 19, 2020
   (Document A)

   Commissioner Alioto-Pier arrived at 5:07pm. No public comment. Motion to approve minutes by
   Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion passes by a vote of
   acclamation.

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)
Ellie Lerner, Urban School, Item No. 7b, OAC Youth Seat 1 Recommendation. Ellie gave a brief background of her qualifications for OAC youth seat 1. She is heavily involved in community and in school. Experience with budgets in role as editor of news and opinion column in school newspaper. Also worked with generation upwards that focuses on education advocacy. Will emphasize the importance of climate change and environmental activism.

Public comment is closed.

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

      Sponsors: Supervisors Haney, Ronen, Mar, and Walton
      Presenter: Courtney McDonald, Legislative Aide, Supervisor Haney
      (Document B)

      Courtney: How many have been to a NAV center before? I highly recommend and can coordinate a tour in D6. There are more than 8,000 people who experience homelessness in San Francisco, more than 1,000 are TAY, 65% of those folks are living unsheltered. Every night, around 5,000 people are without a safe place to sleep. We think it's a tragedy and impacting every neighborhood of SF.

      Shelter system serves more than 2800 people every night, and there are more living on the street. For every person who is moved out of homelessness, another 3 go unhoused. We need everyone to get housed. The City is investing heavily on PSH for youth, families, and adults. It is essential that we give folks a place to sleep. The City has operated 9 NAV centers, a high service/low barrier form of a shelter. Took pieces of old shelters, and amplified services that did work. The problem, while we have built 9, they have been concentrated in D6, D9, D10. Excited about TAY NAV center in Peskin’s District 3. We have ambitious goals, but the process lacks transparency. HSH has not put forward a comprehensive plan to address the end of homelessness. This legislation asks for 3 things, primarily:
      1. Set a policy for Dept of Homelessness to build a NAV center in every district
      2. To create procedures to open NAV centers, really clear rules to engage with stakeholders
      3. It strengthens the program.

      This isn't to say that all NAV centers will be homogenous, but the process and procedures will be consistent.

      Commissioner Hirji reads HLU’s memo into the record.

      Commissioner Nassiri: what was the intention in shifting language in section 106.2c from “shall” to “may”? 
Courtney: We are also very frustrated that the requirements in original legislation have not been met. Most of the requirements in that clause related to the requirement shall not have opened fewer than 6 NAV centers within 24 months since 2016. From HSH’s perspective these requirements were met.

Second, as noted in the memo, we listed a few populations that we think should be served, again in our conversation with HSH + Mayor, their ask is to be as flexible as possible. They need flexibility to be able to meet this requirement. We want to see more beds for TAY, but again they wanted to grant a level of flexibility.

Commissioner Quick: As a member of HLU, our thought process in drafting the memo is that we recognize that there are other populations and we want this to open, our position is mainly that it's taken years to get a NAV center. The 888 Post St. location may fall through and will take more than a year to be opened. Our worry is that, going forward, if we remove this clause “shall”, we'll end up down the road where there is no TAY NAV center. Flexibility is good when you have a lot of priorities, but when this impacts a lot of homeless youth, we don’t feel comfortable with the “may” clauses. Our ask, is to maintain the existing language as referenced in section 1063.1.

Commissioner Versace: You said flexibility, what do you think is possible in 6 months?

Courtney: The embarcadero was proposed in March and opened in December. We have gotten a little better at it. Recognizing that 6 months is incredibly aggressive, we are open to the timing. At the same time, the impetus behind this legislation is that we were not finding a strong city-wide plan from HSH to address homelessness. We want to push hard to get people into beds. There is a section in the legislation that any NAV center that was opened since April 2019, will be counted toward this requirement.

Commissioner Nassiri: The language says that NAV centers that focused on the needs for 18-29 year olds, what are the requirements for this?

Courtney: this was adopted from an earlier ordinance in 2016. Trying to strike a line through flexibility and directions. This depends on the population’s needed services. Gives providers from flexibility.

Commissioner Quick: The NAV center’s services will depend on the population that it is serving.

Commissioner Cureton: any final questions or comments? I encourage us commissioners to ensure this promise gets met for TAY youth.

YCer Discussion:

Commissioner Hirji: We are the SF Youth Commission, we are here to advocate for historically underrepresented, it is our duty to make sure we are advocating for them. This legislation removes the legal requirement for a TAY NAV center, I feel like we are doing our constituents a disservice.
Commissioner Nassiri: I may not be as familiar with the history NAV centers as HLU, but as someone who is a resident I have seen this issue my whole life. In my opinion it is counter productive to not support this legislation. It seems like there is no physical infrastructure changes between NAV and TAY NAV centers.

Commissioner Quick: To Commissioner Nassiri’s point, HLU generally supports this. I think our perspective is that we would oppose unless amended. These amendments are very minimal, just one word to be changed. We can lobby Supervisors to make our concerns known.

Commissioner Jones: essentially, you all are asking for that one word to be changed so that one word can be changed for TAY NAV?

Commissioner Cureton: Yes.

Commissioner Alameri: There are efforts happening to reduce TAY homelessness, but this legislation is not making it mandatory. We need it to be mandatory in our city.

Commissioner Cureton: I’m sensing some opposition in the room so I will take this decision by a roll call vote.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick, motioned to oppose the legislation before us unless amended to reinstate existing section 106.2c of the administrative code that this legislation is proposing to remove, seconded by Commissioner Alameri.

Roll Call vote:
Cheung, I
Alioto-Pier, I
Dong, I
Cureton, I
Quick, I
Alameri, I
Chan, I
Arana, I
Jones, I
Santos, I
Nassiri, Nay
Versace, I
Hirji, I
Ginsburg, Nay

Motion passes with 12 I’s and 2 nayes from Commissioner Nassiri and Ginsburg.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)
A. [Inform + Decision] SFUSD Equity Task Force  
Presenter: Jenny Lam, Education Advisor to Mayor Breed & Commissioner Alison Collins, Board of Education  

This item was tabled for next FYC meeting, Feb. 18th.

B. [Inform + Input] Transitional Aged Youth System of Care Advisory Committee  
Presenter: Kali Cheung, Associate Director, SF Department of Public Health  
(Document C)

Kali: Hello Commissioners, my name is Kali Chueng and I am with the Systems of Care under DPH. Thank you for having us.

Heather: Hello, I am Heather Weisbord, also an associate director with Behavioral Care Services of TAY Systems of Care.

Kali: We are here to present a new system we are launching at DPH, formally launched in 2017-2018. We would like to share what we’ve been doing and sharing information.

*Kali and Heather present to the Youth Commission*

Commissioner Santos: How do you ensure culturally competent care?

Kali: We do that through the first few columns, the threshold program. We remove barriers from providers, and let them use their unique strategies to engage with youth. Different things like drumming circles, aromatherapy, etc.

Commissioner Chan: In terms of therapy and counseling services, some youth may feel more comfy with therapists who look like them. What is the process of pairing?

Kali: It’s about the program and the intake process. They have conversations before committing, building trust is a huge thing.

Commissioner Dong: does the system of care work with the coordinated entry system?

Heather: We work closely with HSH in general, we also have 5 out of 6 youth access points. So yes they do.

Commissioner Quick: in your sighting outreach in coordinated bodys, how do you do outreach for these programs?

Kali: for the services, we circulate through word of mouth, presentations, and engage with different partners. Leadership programs, we’ve been very intentional of what has happened across the city. and is an open invitation to all youth.
Commissioner Santos: after opening youth to youth program, is SSN a requirement?

Kali: No it is not a requirement, it is trying to offer funds to young people. It's been great.

Commissioner Chan: Is the deadline still open? Me and Amara can promote this on our social media.

Kali: They extended the deadline through the end of this week. They are definitely accepting applications.

Commissioner Cheung: Thank you for presenting today.

C. [Inform + Decision] South of Market Community Action Network’s (SOMCAN) Transit Justice Campaign: #FREEMUNI4ALLSF
Presenter: Ramon Bonifacio, Community Services Worker, SOMCAN

PJ is presenting on behalf of Ramon.

PJ: We are here to call on the YC to change a shift in its priorities of SFMTA to equity, community engagement, and meaningfully invest in public transit, and stop fare increase. On January 28th, the SFMTA Board of Directors hearing, they proposed another fare increase on transit riders. This makes it hard for working class, low income folks to access public transit. SOMCAN collected 800 postcards from folks who take MUNI or public transit in general. People don't like it because of personal burden, MUNI is already expensive.

SOMCAN’s asks of the YC:
   1. Join the fight against MUNI fare increases
   2. Invest in improving a more reliable and safe transit system by writing a letter to SFMTA
   3. Attend Actions/Hearings
      a. Next one: February 18th, SFMTA Board of Directors hearing
   4. Be involved in holding community meetings in SF and find locations
   5. Rosa Parks day is having an action at 5:45pm Civic Center Plaza.

PJ reads postcards of support. Some TAY here to speak:

Elisa D. works at SOMCAN - explains org mission, SFSU student, and SF portola resident. Uses bus line M and 44. Doesn't have access to a car, helps me go to work, school, and buying personal amenities. Here to share experience and struggles of using muni services, and wants to express stance on why fares should not be included. It is important

MJ, resident of SOMA, when I was in HS i wasn’t worried about paying for the bus. But now as a City College student, I don't get a bus pass anymore. This is a burden as I ride it everyday. It is a burden to my family and myself. I have to work 2 jobs so that I can
contribute to paying bills at home. My mom pays for a bus pass, and doesn’t qualify for any more free passes, because she works 3 jobs, just to make ends meet.

Public comment was called.

Enrique Santos, SOMCAN organizer, shares testimony. CCSF student and can’t afford muni. His money goes toward food, school, and books. Please write to SFMTA and come to the hearing.

Ramon Bonifacio, who lives in D6, urges YC to support the transit justice campaign. As a 1st year full time student and worker it is unfair to place this burden on the TAY population. My parents walk to work because they can’t afford the bus fare. We know SF is expensive.

Questions:

Commissioner Santos: thank you for sharing your stories. I myself go to CCSF and understand it's hard to pay for bus fare. What does involvement look like for your 4th ask.

PJ: we are planning to have community meetings. You can help us find a space, co-host.

Commissioner Quick: What orgs are you working with?

PJ: Transit justice coalition that we are a part of. Few orgs. there and general members. SOMCAN is a found member of the coalition. We have CHP, taxi drivers. We are looking for more individuals.

Commissioner Quick: what was SFMTA’s rationale for this fare increase.


Commissioner Quick: why are they proposing this? Have you met with SFMTA staff in person?

PJ: every year they increase the fair on the basis of “more reliable” services. They make decisions without community and last time had a meeting at Uber where you needed an escort to get up.

Commissioner Quick: I agree with the campaign. But I do think it would be productive to know what SFMTA’s argument is to support this fare increase? I would be interested in seeing those. I don't know if staff has access to that. But I support the campaign.

Commissioner Jones: When is the increase set to happen?

PJ: July this year or next?

Commissioner Quick: are they increasing the monthly one?
Commissioner Dong: Out of curiosity, have you looked into MTC? They provide a chunk of money from lifelong funds. They subsidize a lot of fares for low-income communities.

PJ: migrant families are scared to give out information to agencies.

Commissioner Versace: What is the issue?

PJ: not everyone has access to an app, or clipper card. Some people just use cash and they are being taxed for no reason.

Ramon: Clipper stops working at age of 18. They cut mine on the day of my birthday when I was going to school. This is not for youth, it's also for TAY. It's a big part of our monthly income.

Commissioner Cureton: Going back to clipper cards, have you all done work for youth CC or cash fare?

PJ: yes, we want this to be accessible to everyone.

Staff Kiely: I want to clarify, the YC changed it to it be cut off at 19. We will figure something out to remind SFMTA.

Commissioner Chueng: I was wondering if one of your asks for us to be at the hearing, what time is that?

PJ: they meet at 1pm.

Commissioner Chueng: Do you want a specific number?

Commissioner Cureton: who can commit? I know it's an untimely manner?

PJ: if not, we can also read a letter during public comment from the YC.

Commissioner Alameri can make it.

Commissioner Quick: Will write the letter on behalf of the YC. Send it to the staff and staff can share it with everyone.

Commissioner Chan: Commissioner Ginsburg and myself will like to help.

Commissioner Quick: timeline is short and can talk after the meeting.

Commissioner Jones: can help find a venue in District 10.

Commissioner Quick: I would not put that in the motion. Commissioners can do that in their individual capacity.
No public comment. Motion to support SOMCAN’s Transit Justice Campaign including by Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Arana.

Vote by acclamation. Motion passes.

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

   A. [Inform + Input] [First Reading] HLU/TJ Resolution on youth still getting fined on Muni even with Free Muni for Youth
      
      Sponsors: Commissioners Santos, Ty, and Asfaw
      
      (Document D)

      Commissioner Santos reads the legislation into the record.

      Commissioner Dong: Thank you for writing. I have a few clarifying questions: is there a specific age you will include for TAY? it wasn’t clear in the draft.

      Commissioner Santos: we want to include 18-24

      Commissioner Dong: Curious about, 1.4 million dollars from?

      Commissioner Santos: no, but can look it up

      Commissioner Ginsburg: line 54-56, it might be unclear where the money is going. Maybe it will be more clear.

      Commissioner Quick: line 51, page 4. Division 1…. of what? What is it? Admin?

      Commissioner Santos: if you get a ticket, this is what you get. Passenger misconduct is another ticket. Pricing goes from $80-$150.

      Commissioner Quick: My question is more, what are those divisions a part of? SF transportation code?

      Commissioner Ginsburg: does the program not include all SFUSD students?

      Commissioner Santos: no, the assumption is that youth will automatically be included if you have free and reduced lunch.

      Commissioner Chan: Line 73, add work with. remove just discuss.

      Commissioner Quick: From a broader policy perspective, I think this resolution does a lot of things. I would add that when we talk about Muni fares, it seems to me that the simplest solution is that we ask SFMTA to just drop fares to 0. When we generate these programs we create more bureaucracy. It is something we should think about.
Commissioner Santos: Free MUNI for all is important, it is a matter of what is realistic. It is a compromise, but our thought is that it works toward.

Staff Kiely: Congratulations on drafting your first piece of legislation! Resolutions will need an action legislation number. Formatting is needed and Sponsors’ name. There is confusion on the title, more so title number 1. It doesn’t reflect fare evasion.

Also, you can include that on Feb. 3 YC voted in support for SOMCAN’s MUNI4ALL campaign.

Commissioner Cureton: we will be hearing more about this at the next meeting. Thank you again Commissioners for spearheading this.

B. [Inform + Decision] DCYF OAC Youth Seat 2 Recommendation
Sponsor: Executive Committee

Commissioner Quick: Seat 2 fell vacant, we did not reopen applications and instead went back to the reapplicant pool. EXEC committee discussed and recommended, we recommend Michelle Li to Seat 2 on the DCYF OAC. Rationale:
- work in community
- dedicated to personal development
- is a sophomore and can stay at least 2 years
- Impressed with recommendation from CPA organization
- Has a lot of room to build professional skills.

This decision was unanimous.

Commissioner Cureton: Thank you for the Commissioners who gave feedback. Again, you all asked and we sent out applications.

Commissioner Versace: Is this the candidate that Santos recommended for 1st seat?

Commissioner Santos: Yes.

Public comment was called, there was none. Motion to approve recommendation of Seat 2, Michelle Li, by Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

C. [Inform + Decision] Youth Seat Recommendations Across Government Bodies
Presenter: Austin Truong, Youth Commission Staff

Staff Truong is out sick. Staff Hosmon will be presenting on their behalf. Staff hosmon presented on City Chartered Commissions.

Walks through the history of YC. The current seat recommendations the YC needs to make.
As you all are saying you want more transparency, there needs to be a champion to create a formalized process in the Bylaws.

Proposed process from EXEC:
1. Staff notifies EXEC and FYC
   a. Staff tell FYC application deadline + information
   b. Post on website, WI, socials
2. EXEC notifies review session date
   a. send applications to FYC
   b. invite Commissioners to speak during EC or send their comments to an EC member
3. EXEC determines top candidates
   a. invite for next FYC meeting
   b. tell applicants to to keep FYC date free
4. Once at FYC,
   a. Each applicant will speak about themselves for x amount of time.
   b. Commissioners will ask questions in 5 minutes
   c. decision will be made during this meeting to recommend one person

Commissioner Quick: this came out of MYR conversation. I am working on a bylaw amendment for the next meeting. If you want to be a part of that contact me or any member of EXEC.

Staff Hosmon: transparent enough?

Commissioners: Yes.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)
   a. Executive Committee
      a. LAO
      Commissioner Quick: not much to report. BOS has been dormant. Only thing is that Sup. Fewer introduced a hearing to hear our BPP’s on a tentative date of February 26th.
      b. Comms
      Commissioner Chan: almost done with YC profiles, YC end of the year social party, and presenting to CBO’s.

Commissioner Santos: if you know of any cool CBO’s

   c. General Committee Updates
   Accountability and transparency conversation re: Chair Training.

Commissioner Alameri: I expected 5 of us to be there, all of us were new Commissioners and would have liked more peer support. We talked about a possible monthly check-in with Chairs.

Commissioner Jones: I want to thank the staff for planning a training. Staff had a whole spread and it’s important that we attend these training sessions that will support our work.
Commissioner Nassiri: A notification from CEC chairs that we had emergencies. Not that we haven’t been active. We were also at NEN awards.

Commissioner Jones: In the event of absences, they are reported to staff. And ultimately, staff isn’t your fellow Commissioner. We should know the baseline of why you are missing. There needs to be communication with everyone involved.

Commissioner Alameri: I think it relates to today as well. This conversation includes FYC meetings.

b. Civic Engagement
Commissioner Versace: Vote16 Town Hall, BLING Grant, Sup. Fewer is now a co-sponsor

c. Housing and Land Use
Commissioner Dong: At last meeting we worked on our Memo for NAV leg., went over updates on 29 projects, and discussed our workshops for the Grand Challenge team. Talked about presentations we want to prioritize for BPPs.

d. Transformative Justice
Just a lot of budget stuff. Not much to report.
e. OCOF
Nothing to report.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)
  ● Implicit Bias Training - March 1st
    ○ Nassiri, Versace, Hirji, Alioto-Pier
  ● Mid-Year 1-1’s w Itzel in February
  ● SOTA Health Fair on 4/22 1pm
    ○ Santos, Nassiri
  ● BFC February 26th (in presentation)
    ○ Logistics + presentation: Calvin
    ○ HLU: Khatab
    ○ CEC: Rocky
    ○ TJ: Rome/Josephine
    ○ If people can’t commit, they need to attend the presentation
      ■ Day 1: February 20
      ■ Day 2: February 25th
  ● Food issue from MYR
    ○ Waste of food/resources (financial)
    ○ Trying to feed you all - if you have preferences, let me know.
  ● Next Meeting: TUESDAY Feb. 18th, 2020 (Monday is a holiday)

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)
  ● District 4 is hosting a lunar new year presentation, tabling opportunity - Sat. February 22nd, 10am-12pm. Food is provided. at Jefferson Elementary
    ○ Commissioner Cheung and Cureton
    ○ Will send out flyer
  ● Jason Chen: organizing a youth core organizing team. Looking for YCers to be lead organizers
    ○ Nassiri, Alameri, Jones, Cheung, Arana, Santos, Ginsburg
Youth Justice Comic Con at Lick-Wilmerding, Saturday, February 29th
  - would love to have Vote16
  - from Aptos HS

11. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned 7:48pm

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