



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, February 6, 2017

5:15 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.

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 5:18pm.

Commissioners Present:

Lily Marshall-Fricke, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Mary Claire Amable, Emma David, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Madeleine Matz, Noah David, Cris Plunkett, Griffin Ng, Chiara Lind, William Juarez, Martin Krause.

Commissioners absent: Tsia Blacksher, Cecilia Galeano, Hugo Vargas.

Commissioners Blacksher (migraine) and Galeano (childcare issue) gave staff advanced notice of their absences. Commissioner Mesler, seconded by Commissioner Amable, 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 Lind, seconded by Commissioner Krause, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. January 14, 2017
([Document A](#))



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

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

There was no public comment.

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 Youth-Funded Youth-Led Projects

Presenters: Breanne Harris, Associate Director, Youth Empowerment Fund with Community Funders
(Document B)

Muki-Urban School of SF, District 6 spoke on who YEF is and what they do. YEF encourages youth to be change makers in SF. Goals are to support youth leadership, strengthen their communities, etc. March 16th is YAD.

Community Funders-they are in the program that reviews mini grants and decide which ones to fund.

Mark, Lowell District 11-main goal is to empower youth to amplify their voice and to create changes in their community. 70% of time is grant making and granting funds to youth led projects. Outreach to the youth who are interested in doing their own projects, read/review the project, and then interview the youth. They then decide to fund them. Hold an orientation and teach them on how to budget and timeline. 20% of their time is geared towards YAD. 7% is toward youth giving project. Main goal is outreach to other youth. 3% is geared towards fun and outreach and tabling.

Winston, Lincoln District 11-Youth giving project. From spring until summer you learn more about philanthropy, and connect to SF. Attend workshops and improve your leadership and change the community. Required program to become a community funder. Learn more about the funds and how they are used and funding in general. YEFsf/org. Deadline to apply is March 10th.

Charlie, District 1, Bay School of SF-YEF mini grants: start by accepting youth around SF who want to start a community project in their community. Review it and score it by their criteria: is it possible, is it youth led, look at needs based lens and not only social justice. Provide support via community contacts, resources, etc. Fair amount of free range to make the projects their own. Three main cycles. School cycle, spring cycle which runs through spring, and upcoming is summer cycle and will be available March 1 and deadline is April 7th.



Monica, Academy HS, District 3: School year grantees, 18 submitted, 7 were picked. Talking about 3 of them. Gave 44,000 roughly. Academy music Production. GSA conference for queer youth and their allies. Outdoor artist project.

Henry, George Washington, District 4-BBQ in the Avenues, Comic Books and Arts Club, Gateway Garden Community Space, Latino Boys Group

Asha, Bay School, District 1: Spring mini grantees: Makers Space, Movement Youth Summit, Homegrown Theater Festival, BVHP Youth Forum,

Angelina, Academy of Arts and Sciences, District 11: Wash Robotics Team, Common Roots on Campus, May All Who Enter,

Mikey, Brynn, District 10: Want YC to know about these programs and to let them know any issues or problems happening in districts so they can include this in their thought process of applications and decisions. Take out cell phones and follow them on Instagram or FB to keep them posted on any events YC has. Reminder to sign up as a YAD leader.

Questions/comments:

Commissioner Krause-fantastic work you're doing. Wished he knew about it and would have applied. What do you do for outreach? Answer: social media, Instagram, twitter, fb. Go to events and directly outreach to youth or youth serving orgs, have a lot of contacts in youth organizing world and lean on youth serving agencies.

B. Presentation on Close Up

Presenter: Eleanor Vogelsgang, Community Relations Manager, Close Up (Document C)

Close Up is a non profit, non partisan civic education organization founded in 1971. Their mission is to inform, inspire and empower students to become more active citizens.

The program is 6 days/5 nights in DC and they focus on current issues, government, and active citizenship. The presenter walked through the daily schedule of what it would look like.

Questions/Comments:

- Commissioner Mesler-what are your requirements? None. Really encourage all to apply and want no barriers.
- Commissioner Amable-wished she knew about this earlier. How do you make this accessible for low income youth to attend? Build into a budget for student fellowships and use free and reduced lunch definition to see if youth qualifies. Find funding opportunities on the ground to bridge the gap. Schools and teachers might take on fundraising on their own and Close Up has ideas and can give those ideas so they don't start from scratch. Follow up question: what are the statistics on who gets aide. They provide help to 18% of all participants. And that's how you do your outreach? They try to reach every school and work with existing schools and groups who have been going and outreach to new schools as well. If you think your school might be interested then take a brochure or business cards.



- Commission Park: where are you based? On the east coast.

Total price is \$1850-2100.

Strategies to collect funds: events, donation letters, social networking sites, create pledge sheets, corporate matching programs

Why Close Up? Learn about current issues, politics, and American government, hang out with friends, meet your elected officials, see DC, earn college credit, looks good on college application.

C. Presentation on the Appeal of Sharp Park Golf Course Redevelopment
Presenters: Julia Chang Frank and Hannah Sawyer
(Document D)

Hannah Sawyer is part of an environmental coalition and a student at USF.

Sharp Park Golf Course in Pacifica is built on wetlands. 400 acres and golf course is on 100 acres of it. A particular type of frog and snake are at stake. YC has supported them in the past with a 2010 resolution.

This group has come to ask for YC support once again. After the initial support from YC this issue went to the BOS who approved an ordinance to give the wetlands to the national parks but the mayor vetoed it. This golf course isn't sustainable because it was built on wetlands so when it rains it gets flooded and has had multiple floods happen to it. Even just to upgrade the pump that pumps flood water out would cost 1.3 million dollars.

EIR process has been wonky. There was a new plan for Sharp Park but after no public hearing and there were lots of changes to the golf course which takes away the effort to get it into national park services. Sharp Park is operating on losses and has low rating reviews. SF tax dollars are going to subsidize golfers in Pacifica. They are asking BOS to take Sharp Park out of the redevelopment plan and they are asking the YC to write another resolution in support of their appeal. They would like to add YC to the list of community supporters/partners.

Questions/comments:

Commissioner Matz-when does this go before the BOS? Before the end of February.

Commissioner Lind-when was the course built? Over 80 years ago.

Commissioner Park-did the mayor give any reason of why he vetoed it? Think it was about creating a balance between environmental groups and recreation groups.

Commissioner Matz- are you asking for the BOS to stop the updates or to totally transfer it to National park land? They are trying to get it off the current plan and get it on a separate EIR which means they want to stop it from being updated.

Commissioner Matz-any YCers who are interested in writing a resolution in support of this before February meeting? Commissioner Lind, E. David, and Matz are happy to help write another resolution of support.

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 E)

Commissioner Plunkett read this first draft into the record.

Chair Matz reminded the YC that this is just the first reading, which means resolutions need to be read twice at YC. Regardless of suggestions this will be read again at next meeting and will be passed (or not) at next meeting.

Comments/Questions/Suggestions:

- Commissioner Amable-really likes it, should be extra Q after LGBTQ after line 7 on first page.
- Commissioner Matz-including folks with disabilities would be awesome.
- Commissioner Amable-can someone explain to me about whereas and resolved. Whereas states the facts. In this situation, the facts are well known so only needed to include a few facts and then jumped into takeaways from them. Not standard for a resolution but for this aspect it works.
- Commissioner Mao-line 9, is it BLM organization? Why is it all capitalized? In BOS they capitalize it. Mao-page 1, officially not a Muslim ban as language is regarding Muslim majority countries. Could say ban on Muslim majority countries but not a ban on people so could change it to Muslim majority country. Commissioner Matz-the general consensus is it is a ban on Muslim people travelling to the US. It is up to Plunkett and E. David to reflect the exact language.
- Staff suggest to take out LGBTQQ "brothers and sisters" and it is still very gendered. Can use community instead. Also the very last resolve clause should say "and be it 'finally resolved'".
- Commissioner Matz-compost aspect is unexpected and not most necessary to making the point on environmentalism.

No public comment.

B) Budget and Policy Priority Reminders and Updates

Take a ton of time and is about to be upon us. Now is a good time to book time with staff to talk about issues and what they look like. Important to think about resolutions and getting those passed. You'll want to build in time to get in a first and second reading to get it passed. BPPs are chair and vice chair of the committees responsibilities but also up to everyone. Utilize staff. The sooner you get started mapping it out the better.

No public comment

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee



Debriefed about midyear retreat and had no leg referred.

B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee

Met on January 5th, received planning update on Young and Future Voters' Forum. Received draft resolution for Year of Homeless youth, developed plan on moving forward on 12N work, recommendations for rec and park equity metrix. January 26th discussed articles on family housing and refined committee priorities and next steps on housing, 12N, and park equity.

C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee

Had meeting on 25th with Samara who staffs dept of police accountability and the implications of Prop G. Dept has the ability to audit the police. She talked about being hopeful about Chief Scott and the MOU with new chief in place.

D. Civic Engagement Committee

Met last Tuesday for Young and Future Voters' Forum "What Now": A Youth Led Post Inauguration Gathering. Will meet this Wednesday their debrief of the gathering as well as move forward on their longer term strategy and goal of pre registering 16 and 17 year olds. It was a super successful event with over 80 in attendance.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

Commissioner Galeano texted saying she was sworn in on the 30th and they are forming working groups. Data working group, working group on professional development, and city wide services inventory working group.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Supervisor Farrel is convening a working group about the internet for SF families and installing more wifi. This working group will be 9am on the 15th and YC staff will attend. Commissioner Matz is interested to learn more.
- Peer Resources (leadership group at SFUSD) had a delegation of students go to the Women's March and are having a report back on that and on student organizing in general. Will take place on February 15th from 6:30-8 and more info will be in WI. Commissioners Amable and Lind are interested.
- Part of the Children and Youth Fund is dedicated to youth empowerment and organizing. YEF is a part of it. There is more money in that pot. DCYF is going through a planning process on how to spend money for next 5 years. This strikes to have good conversation about youth organizing and to fight back against deportations, sexism, racism, etc. This doesn't live in one committee, but are there commissioners interested in having a conversation in how we are helping/supporting youth organizing? Commissioners Lind, Matz, Amable, Krause, Yu, Park, Juarez are interested. Staff will plan an extra meeting regarding this topic with all interested Commissioners.



- The Family Housing Report is out, please give that a close read because a focus group will be happening and it would be important to have YC voices in this.
- Last call for YAD youth leaders. Commissioner Matz is interested.
- Time to meet with your appointing officials for a second time to give them an update on committees. Staff can help set up meetings with them again.
- Applications for 2017/18 are live. So we need your help getting the word out and doing outreach.
- Part of being new commissioners is doing a two hour anti-sexual harassment online training. This will take place March 2nd from 4:30-6:30pm in YC office. Staff needs to get DSW numbers for Commissioners and will also try to get pizza. Can make it a potluck so please bring in food if you would like.

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- Commissioner Park-First District 4 Youth Council meeting held. They are interested in getting rid of Common Core and want to focus on affordable housing. Park encouraged them to connect with HRT committee.
- Commissioner Amable-on Wednesday there is a Know Your Immigrants Rights training at the BAYAN center, 6pm.
- Starting on February 9th-February 23rd every weekend there will be a theater production "Love Addition". Put on by Fiddlestip on 6th and Natoma. \$10 per student.
- Matz- on February 17th at 3pm she has an art show at Urban. 15 youth doing artist talks and showing their art.
- Staff says to fill in your activity logs.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.