



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

5:15 pm~8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 278

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-Fricker, 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:

Madeleine Matz, Martin Krause, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Cris Plunkett, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Griffin Ng, Chiara Lind, Jarrett Mao,

Commissioners absent: Hugo Vargas, Emma David, Mary Claire Amable, Cecilia Galeano, Tsia Blacksher, Noah David.

Commissioner William Juarez is on his way.

Commissioners Galeano (family matters) and Blacksher (work) are no longer eligible for excused absences. Commissioner N. David is sick, Commissioner Amable has the flu, and Commissioner E. David gave multiple weeks' notice of being gone. No word from Commissioner Vargas.

Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Lind, motioned to excuse Commissioners Amable, N. David, and E. David. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon, Adele Carpenter

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Mesler, seconded by Commissioner Park, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.



3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. February 6, 2017
([Document A](#))

Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Mao, 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. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Presentation on return to work services for youth with disabilities
Presenters: Christine Randolph, M.S., CRC, Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Vocational & Rehabilitation Department

DOR is to help people with disabilities to get and secure work for life stability. Has offices throughout the state of CA and new office for SF at the CA building. A person must have a disability in order to obtain services. Can help with understanding benefits, counseling, interview clothes, retention services, different hiring pathways to find work in government, LEAP program, ACE program, Schedule A.

Questions and Discussion:

Commissioner Plunkett-what is age range of youth? Can serve up to age 16, or whatever working permit is. Also-does this qualify for undocumented individuals? Yes, just as long as they have work permits and/or alien numbers. What are your strategies for reaching out to homeless youth? Partnering with agencies to do presentations. Plunkett suggests Larkin, LYRIC, etc.

Presenter asks if there are there high school employment centers. City College has employment centers there.

Commissioner Matz-do you have a current program specifically for youth or is it a catch all? Anyone can come to them. They do have a partnership with SFUSD. That program only takes 30 new students per year and there are way more that qualify. Project Opportunity is one they are aligned with.

Commissioner Juarez arrived at 5:31pm.

Can visit www.dor.ca.gov for more information.

Commissioner Matz-what have you been doing regarding outreach so far? Have a lot of nonprofits they work with. Looking for other city wide places to get youth that they wouldn't think of.

Staff-sent information on how to reach out to Mayor services.



Commissioner Krause- what kinds of disabilities do you observe? For youth- autism, mental health, and general learning disabilities.

Commissioner Matz-how many people do you serve in SF? Total of 1700 (not all are youth). Trying to do more outreach to youth because of federal mandate to increase youth demographic.

Question from the public-after vocational training where are the youth placed? Focus on competitive employment and mainstream employment.

Commissioner Marshal Fricker-is a job developer a job coach? The different is a developer is a mentor. Job coach is geared towards certain disabilities and offering more assistance and support, can offer practice.

Commissioner Matz-other than suggesting organizations how else can the Youth Commission help support? If you have any resource fairs to go to would just like a collaborative relationship. Will leave brochures to have in SF YC office (also available in different languages). Will also leave business cards (address is not updated but everything else is right).

There was no public comment.

B. Presentation on New Generation Health Center

Presenter: Nataly Ortiz, Violence Prevention Group Facilitator, Mission Girls

NGHC has been servicing all SF for the last 45 years and UCSF gave 30 day notice to shut the center down and didn't let anyone know about it. Folks created a petition and created a media release and that's when UCSF said they would extend support to NGHC and give them a year instead of 30 days. This upcoming June is the end of the year and it would be a full closure. Asking YC if anyone can help support them or help spread the word about this important community issue as it is not ok to just close a health center that services the community, and especially the youth, in the community. Folks will be meeting with Ronen's and Cohen's people as well to get their support. She is looking for more youth to help lead this movement and to stop the closure. They have over 10,000 signatures with over 5000 online and about 4-5000 signed from the schools. This is a DPH and UCSF clinic but doesn't know how much DPH is involved. UCSF has convened work groups but there seems to be a lot of stalling that is happening because once June comes then there is no moving forward. The people leading the meetings aren't really moving this issue forward and the fear is that they would say they gave the working groups a shot but nothing come of it and then close the Center anyways.

Questions/Discussion:

Commissioner Matz-YC has really supported the work of the Health Center in the past and wrote a resolution to support the formation of the Work Group and Commissioner Matz would like to see advocacy continue.

Commissioner Juarez-when and who are a part of the working meetings? About 30 different members (UCSF students, obgyns from general hospital and Health Center, Mission Girls, Mission Neighborhood Health Center, etc). They take place once a month at General Hospital and are facilitated by the director of New Generations as well as someone from DPH.



Commissioner Juarez-As YC'ers can we show up to these meetings? Yes. Can you send the dates? Yes.

Commissioner Matz-for the work groups do you have any ideas of how they could be improved? Nataly goes to these work groups and says there are few options. The best option is to stay at New Generations, and the whole point is we don't want youth to run into adults that they might know regarding their health. Another option was the New Day school which is also closing soon. Looking for new location is the general idea of the meetings. What Nataly is doing on her end with some staff and students is that they are partnering with Youth Speaks to get youth to do spoken word to call out UCSF and the chancellor. Want to get his attention and get some attention on UCSF to give the working group attention.

Commissioner Matz-so you would want the Center to stay where it is? Ideally, yes, it would have its own space or close to own space and not have it completely closed. They are saying that when/if it gets closed, that clients can just go to General Hospital. It's hard to get services there for youth and to even get in there. It's not a good option to send them to general hospital. Youth should have their own space.

Commissioner Park-What is an Ob-gyn? It's a women's doctor. And-who has the power to make the change? The chancellor.

Staff-DPH has one clinic that is a clinic within a clinic (Dimensions). There are two times a week where only LGBTQ youth can attend. They have their own staff and outreach program. Is there anything like that has been discussed in the process if they are going to close the youth specific space? One option is to partner with homeless pre natal so it would be NG inside Homeless Pre Natal which is plan B but even that it's not youth specific. NG is open all day until 6:30 as there are other little clinics but they have less hours and that's why it's been so important to get a full time clinic and to only give 30 days' notice for a clinic in use for 45 years is not ok. Staff-Dimensions is also open on Saturday, if any YC'ers are interested in having a public hearing or to have Dimensions out to give information on how they work.

Commissioner Mao-are there funding problems and a long term plan to address this? UCSF says there are funding problems but not giving the working group directions on how to fundraise. It would be about \$300,000 a year to remain afloat and open and it will be up to the community and the youth to hold them accountable and to raise the money. From UCSF's end it's basically "if you want to keep this open then you need to figure this out".

Staff-newest member of Board, Supervisor Sheehy, is a potential angle on putting some pressure on this. Do you know how much DPH contributes vs UCSF? No, not at this time but will look into it.

Commissioner Juarez-what are the main arguments to close down the clinic. Main argument to close it is the money issue and them saying they are losing money. The working group thinks that UCSF has lots of money and that because they do lots of research on young people it is not ok to then take away a Clinic that services them. UCSF sends out mailers to get money but not specifically about NG clinic. Seems like UCSF is just like "that's it, we don't want to pay for this anymore, send them to general hospital".

Commissioner Matz-lots of routes to take: partner to host a hearing, motion of support, are there Commissioners or committees interested?: Commissioners Krause, Matz, Mesler, and Juarez. Nataly will reach out to D9 and D10 YC'ers.



Nataly can be reached at: nataly.ortiz@mncsf.org.

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

A. 2016-17 Budget and Policy Priority process updates

Step up for this training if your Chair or Vice chair isn't here.

B. Youth Commission Motion 1617-AL-03 - Motion Urging the Board of Supervisors to Remove Sharp Park Golf Course Redevelopment Project from the Natural Resource Areas Management Plan Environmental Impact Report Sponsors: Commissioners E. David, Lind, Matz (Document B)

EC has already put a stamp of approval on this motion at their last meeting so in lieu of doing a first and second reading of this it will just go to full YC.

Commissioner Lind is curious on how this did in the BOS meeting or hearing. They will find out next week.

Motion read into the record.

Discussion: Commissioner Marshall-Fricker is curious on what is the argument for people who want to keep the course? Not sure.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Mao, seconded by commissioner Plunkett, motioned to support this motion. Roll call vote: all Commissioners in favor except for Commission Ng who has the sole no vote. Motion passes.

C. Review and reminder regarding use of Youth Commission activity logs

The Annual Report takes everything in the activity log to accurately describe what you all have been up to versus being really vague at the end of the year. Staff wants to make sure we are reflecting all the awesome work that you're doing so please be sure to fill this out. This will also help with your BPPs when you are starting the writing process.

There was no public comment.

D. Completing 'Thank You' cards for Youth Commission's 20th Anniversary Event

Skipping Item D to move forward on Item 6E.

E. Review and Discussion on 2016-17 ByLaws regarding attendance and commissioner code of conduct

This item is tabled due to the amount of Commissioners who are not here.



7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Met last week and passed the Sharp Park motion, discussed attendance and cell phone usage. Clarified that just because there are a lot of people absent today doesn't mean it's ok to be absent moving forward.

B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee

Discussed two departments and their budgets for the fiscal year. They will invite Youth Advisory Body to next meeting. Will be working with staff to present 12N policy proposal to DCYF on Wednesday evening.

C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee

They had presentations from activists considering different routes for the new jail that is being built. They had a meeting from the DA office and want to partner with them which could make it in their BPPs, which they also reviewed. Went to Police Academy to watch training on youth police relations.

D. Civic Engagement Committee

They did a debrief on the "What Now" event and met with Jill from Dept of Elections to discuss pre-registration of 16 and 17 year olds. Will be meeting with DCYF tomorrow as well to talk about their policy angle.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

Commissioner Galeano is out but staff shared an update in her absence. OCOF had first meeting of the year and formed working groups. They want to create a website portal where youth and parents can go to find all the services of children, youth, and their families in one area. At next full YC OCOF staff will be presenting to you and will want feedback from you. Another working group is data analysis and they want to make sure youth are doing well through an equity lens. Lots of silos so want to get a bigger snapshot of what is going on with youth overall. Third working group is training and capacity building so how to train city and school district staff to do a good job and meet the needs of youth. They really invite your public comment (including written public comment) so if you or your committees have something to say or you're working on something that aligns then please give public comment.

6. D. Completing 'Thank You' cards for Youth Commission's 20th Anniversary Event

Referred back to item 6D after item 7E. Youth Commissioners to sign thank you cards for Supervisor Tang and previous Supervisor Alioto. Tang passed the resolution thanking the YC for all its hard work and Alioto created the language to get it on the ballot.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)



- Even though many are absent, staff is following up with them and holding them accountable. Your being here is noticed and appreciated. Let's keep it up through the spring and keep the communication open with staff on attendance if you do have to miss a meeting.
- Tomorrow is preliminary run for BPPs that somehow intersect with DCYF and will get feedback from their whole senior management team. They are coming up with their 5 year plan so it's good to get Dept. feedback in general and now it's timely to give them some guidance in how they should be making their decisions for the next 5 years. Who are the reps? At least two from each committee. Will touch base with Claire since she has the flu. Presentation is at 5pm but we want to do a run through and are asking YC'ers to show up at 4pm. Will leave at 4:45pm.
- Community Events: Wednesday evening there will be a resisting mass deportation at Koret Auditorium. 5pm at Main Library.
- YC has been invited to Supervisor Cohen and Breeds' Black History Month Celebration this Thursday from 6-9 in rotunda at City Hall
- Sharp Park appeal will be Tuesday the 28th at BOS chambers at 3pm.
- If you are interested in returning to the YC then that application is in the WI. You will need to submit applications earlier so we know who wants to try to get reappointed again.
- 826 Valencia has a group of youth who went to Tenderloin Center who put together letters to the President. Will be included in the WI.
- At next YC meeting there will be a group of people coming from Planning Dept, MTA and want to visualize future of transportation in SF with you
- The anti-sexual harassment training party will take place Thursday, March 2nd from 4:30-6:30pm. Pizza will be ordered. Commissioners Park, Yu, Lind, and Juarez will be in attendance. Staff to follow up with those not at the meeting tonight. DSW #s are in your WI.
- Marin County Youth Commission is hosting a gathering of Youth Commissions on Saturday, April 22nd in Oakland. Staff will punt this to EC to take on.
- Staff is curious on what will help you all read your WI. Suggestions-send it out on Wednesday instead of Friday, or send it auto on Sunday nights. Readability-what if it was in a newsletter format? Harder to open on the phone. Don't like this idea. Ok, so just open it and read it.
- 2017 Youth Organizing Bay Area gathering where bunch of youth serving agencies that want to create analysis around resisting this presidency. Saturday, April 1st, in Richmond to talk about current movements about resistances against Trump.

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Two members of the public here:

-Soren at Saint Ignatius, came because of a government project and chose to witness a YC meeting

-Rene, also from SI, is here because of wanting to apply to the YC

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.