San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft
Monday, March 2^{nd}, 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)**
   Chair Cheung called the meeting to order at 5:01pm. There is quorum. Commissioner Santos is absent. There is no public comment. Motion to excuse Commissioner Santos’ absence, by Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
   There was no public comment. Commissioner Cureton motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
   A. February 18th, 2020
   *(Document A)*

   There was no public comment. Commissioner Alameri motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Dong. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**
   There was no public comment.

5. **Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
A. [Inform + Decision] TeenTechSF: STEM Inclusivity Summit 2020

Presenters: Shavonne Hines-Foster, Forum Co-Chair, Communications Team, and Colton Lum, Finance Chair
(Document B)

TeenTechSF is presenting first as Director Tumlin is waiting for the staff person to come with a presentation.

Shavonne Hines-Foster, Forum Co-Chair, Communications Team, and Colton Lum, Finance Chair introduce themselves.

They are here to request SFYC support for their mission and the TeenTechSF STEM inclusivity forum on April 11, 2020. Please see slides from agenda packet on March 2, 2020

In 6th year and each year connect 2000 students in the bay area.

Many youth are isolated from opportunities that tech provides and strive to engage more youth to be comfortable with coding and other resources. All TeenTech SF activities are organized and led by teens.

Many youth who attend their conferences do not have access to tech companies or to decrease the digital divide.

Having events youth led makes it less intimidating.

D6, 9, 10, 11 are districts they are focused on again to be a part of their teams and in attendance at their events.

Data shows that AA and Latinx has dramatically declined in STEM programs.

Looked at districts in SF with lower incomes and high risk youth and most of these are in 6,9, 11 districts and that their events and conferences are welcoming and affirmative of marginalized agendas.

Have funding for transportation to the event and will provide food for participants.

Focus on opportunity, diversity, and inclusivity and provide opportunities for youth to have access to STEM and tech. Hope to encourage coding and careers in tech and provide new opportunities for youth.

Venue: College Track in D10, keynote is Sheryl Davis, received funding from YFYI.

Requests from YC:
- Endorse and support mission and activities
- List events on the YC calendar
- Help with outreach to orgs and schools
- Help with planning and development forum on April 11th
  - Come to planning meeting on March 21st from 12-2 at the Mix
  - Attend the forum

Q&A:

Commissioner Versace: In slide 6, when you say you connect youth to opportunities across the Bay Area, what kind of opportunities?

Shavonne: when we say opportunities, we mean our events and networking opportunities

Commissioner Jones: How do you all plan to target the communities you mentioned?

Shavonne: reaching out to Community Orgs and go to places in the community and hosting their events where they are trying to target particular communities. Communications team: eventbrites, be in areas where youth are at so easy access to the event.

Commissioner Quick: we all understand divide and the gap in the tech industry especially with marginalized communities, so when talking about networking opportunities with big tech companies, what is the level of engagement and responsiveness that you get from the tech companies? Are they open/actively seeking or do they do it for show?

Shavonne: it’s not for show and they send a representative to interact with the youth and they are taking out time to interact with the youth. Feels like a pretty good response from them.

Commissioner Jones: but how often are young people being pushed into opportunities, how is this being tracked?

Shavonne: No they are not tracking it but they are offering exposing them to leaders and opportunities to learn about.

Commissioner Jones: so have internships taken place because of this?

Shavonne: Yes, some.

Commissioner Jones: so would you say that’s likely or not likely?

Shavonne: It’s based on the youth networking and following up. They don’t have control over that. 5-10 kids get internships, roughly, but we don’t have a way to know.

Commissioner Jones: trying to get a feel for how many would walk away with some offer.
Commissioner Versace: you mention you like having tech leaders to come and speak but you mentioned it’s Sheryl Davis, who are the tech speakers?

Shavonne: Didn’t include the tech leaders but they will have a tech panel (from LinkedIn, Google home, and Girls who Code, Black Girls Who Code, etc.)

Commissioner Cureton: cosponsored this last year, and going over asks. Endorsing and outreach is cool, but for SFUSD schools we aren’t the best resource for that but could do outreach.

Shavonne: Hack a thon: grab students all over CA and find a tech solution to problems facing youth.

Commissioner Hylton: what you do is cool. Going to schools what are your plans for this?

Shavonne: Last year I went to SF International and now I’m going to College Track which connects 10+ schools and think this is a hub for a lot of schools.

Commissioner Jones: can we commit to something in October?

Commissioner Cureton: YC – not really since it’s a new term should come back in the new term. Maybe this is something we can be in contact with you in July/August.

Shavonne: if you can’t do the October one, please support with the April summit. We can keep in contact about the hack-a-thon.

Commissioner Dong: says work with YCers to translate YC priorities and is it a conflict of interest for sarah cheung?

Commissioner Quick: no because there is no money involved.

Commissioner Versace: What ideas have been generated by youth at the hack-a-thon?

Shavonne: our 2019 civic hack-a-thon, our winners created an app to help students during school shootings. College Eats encourages affordable eating for college students.

Commissioner Cheung reiterated the requests for endorsements:

- endorse the STEM 2020 Forum
- outreach
- mission

No public comment. Commissioner Cureton motions to support the mission of Teentech SF and cosponsor 2020 TeenTech Inclusivity Forum, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.
B. [Input + Discussion] SFMTA Budget for FY 2021-2022
Presenter: Peter Lauterborn, Civic Edge Consulting

Peter is not presenting, SFMTA Director Jeff Tumlin and Jonathon R. SFMTA staff are presenting. Here to discuss SFMTA’s 2 year budget.

Key indicators are in decline for SFMTA, for many reasons. We are in a peak economy, jobs are available in SF and San Mateo county. Only 400 housing units. Puts pressure on this region and transportation. Increased driving – increased congestion – decreased transit performance – reduced transit ridership.

SFMTA has done work and success especially with vision zero and muni forward, particularly in corridor focus. San Bruno avenue, Fulton ST, Turk ST, etc. and have prioritized movement of people vs. vehicles. Significant increases in ridership and especially with 5 and 5R.

Looking at learning from the problems that are forced on them from the outside. Want to prioritize people over vehicles, improve passenger comfort, increase safety from injuries, parking, supporting CTA efforts, invest in own agency and dealing with HR problems that has resulted in 1000 vacancies in the department.

Confronting cultural obstacles: agreement on overall goals, but deep disagreement on details, ongoing staffing shortage exacerbated by strong economy and affordability crisis, general misunderstanding of issues such as bunching and congestion.

Challenges and initiatives: Johnathan R.

Going to different commissions, open house for the public, to solicit people’s feedback before going to the board March 17th.

Common Customer Frustrations: safety, transit, driving, service and public trust.

Proposals: advancing vision zero, capital funding of projects and programs

Prop D RideShare business Tax

Vision Zero Education Programs, further invest on this and on education relating to behavior

Parking Enforcement Options

Multi Tiered Approach: contract security, capital improvements, munit transit assistance program, staff training, SFPD partnership

Muni Transit assistance Program (MTAP) – increase staffing
Strategic Initiatives: ongoing operator hiring and training, increased supervision, congestion relief, subway enhancements, revamped customer information, enhanced security, vacancy reduction

Jonathan reviewed, in detail, strategic initiatives.

Service Expansion Priorities: connectivity/travel time, school services and crowding, support for existing service

All of the above is what people have asked them to do.

Long term financial objectives: financial sustainability and economic resilience.

Revenue Based projection 1209M, expenditures – adjusted based.

5 year capital program

157 projects, 2.5 Billion investment (down from 3.4 billion FY 2017-21)

If there was a downturn (recession) they would lose 200M$. Very reliant on the economy and would impact the services.

Transportation funding efforts and opportunities: bonds, props, community benefit district, federal and state grants. Prop K sales tax reauthorization, +1/4 cent sales tax, congestion pricing.

Operating budget financial proposals: cost of all proposals is 69 and 90 M. Trying to raise revenue and keep the agency delivering what it has in the past.

Parking options: extending parking rates, fare options (minimal cost/revenue impact)

Standard inflation and cost of labor for MTA (index up period so everyone’s salaries costs went up): supporting fare equity

Fare options cost anywhere from $1-8M

Big ideas aligned with our transportation goals

Budget next steps: they are in their outreach process right now. Have done public forums, tomorrow will discuss fines and permit fees, big open house on March 11th, all feedback they hear will be integrated into the full budget proposal on March 17th

Q&A:

Commissioner Hirji: thanks for showing up. Free passes for students in city cars and expand free muni to all kids…would the intro of city college passs…HLU is advocating for Free Muni be expanded so could there be an expansion alongside with city college/TAY or this not on the table?
Answer: YC could suggest a definition of ages. These are not proposals but ideas and if they were to find money they would have to cut somewhere else.

Commissioner Dong: services that are near schools. Noticed that there would be more plans but could you expand on that right now what's going on? A plan for 29Sunset that impacts youth and is the longest route of daytime and most unreliability.

Answer: Would like to move forward on the 29Rapid idea to expand capacity and to make travel time more reliable. Can't fund that without closing deficit and adding new revenue

Commissioner Alameri: how would you go about finding stops for 29R? Would you keep in mind the school stops?

Answer: Yes, they would be priority stops and have policies on how to pick/choose stops between schools. There are standards and vary depending on equity, topography, etc.

Commissioner Ty: SFMTA seems like you are putting effort into policing youth and how does FMTA improve the services of muni?

Answer: SFMTA is very separate from fare enforcement/policing. All members are community members and are NOT enforcement officers and aren't there to inspect fares, they are there to support the community and to start conversations and civic behavior. They are there to welcome everyone, especially children and youth. Customer service present…community response unit. Have been positive on the response they’ve received.

Commissioner Alameri: has there been conversation on getting SFMTA to do some surveys with the impacted lines, especially those that youth ride.

Answer: Yes, they are there to engage and to pass along suggestions for what they hear from the passengers.

Commissioner Asfaw: re: policing youth specifically on strengthening SFPD partnership what does this look like?

Answer: Enforcement of the fare rules and police presence so people feel safe. Sometimes this is at night, or to help support the operator. Meant to have police available and so riders feel safe and comfortable. Making sure the officers are available when they are needed and responsive. It’s a safety element.

Commissioner Quick: had discussion on section of the fines and fees portion of the transportation code where there is differentiation for fare infraction for fare officer and infraction

for SFPD, wants to clarify on this but believes there is something on the code that SFPD could be enforcing fairs.
Answer: SFPD chooses not to enforce them but thinks it’s an authorization but typically it’s fare inspector. MTAP supports customers, fare inspectors to inspect fares, SFPD for safety.

Commissioner Quick: have heard from others about people driving down market and it not being enforced now that it’s no cars on market. Who is enforcing this?

Answer: Split is between SFMTA and SFPD. SFMTA is for those that don’t involve movement and if it does, then it’s SFPD which has already issued 1000 citations. SFPD can’t be out there all the time every day. Lower level than expected on those who are driving on it now. Tolerable level of not following the rules and finding the balance. Trying to figure out limited resources and do the best for the higher good.

Commissioner Quick: would rather see SFPD enforce market than the other things they do.

Commissioner Hirji: you talked about Alice in Wonderland aspect that the public is not educated about difficulties of SFMTA, many Lowell students took initiative and got this off the ground, is SFMTA acting on integrating youth or CCSF students who are interested in advocating improvements of 29, and how youth could be involved? Is there outreach to schools, libraries, etc.?

Answer: Doing continual outreach mainly in corridor places. Very eager to hear YC advice. Try to encourage more than the usual suspects. You are all not aware of the power you have when you show up and frame things in the right way.

Commissioner Jones: 1) is it SFMTA who puts up street cleaning signs?

Answer: No, it’s DPW but we give the tickets.

Commissioner Jones: 2) Free Muni and expanding that, how do people get the tickets and how do they assess who is a youth?

Answer: Been a difficult issue to deal with. This has come up in fare discussion at the MTA board and in public meetings and because it’s so difficult to make the determination the inspectors aren’t supposed to ask for your id. Have been told you should trust people. Maybe they should set up a system for SFers to behave responsibility and trust that you are and get the pass. Today’s program they work with schools district for those who are eligible via low and free lunch program and outreach to those so technically there are a number for those who are eligible. So technically if you don’t have the clipper card that’s how they base this.

Commissioner Hylton: YC did some work on a resolution on this, many youth aren’t signed up and this causes a problem for citations and then can’t pay. Have also heard that outreach and application is really adding a layer and is inaccessible for youth. One suggestion-make it so that you qualify for free lunch you are automatically guaranteed free muni.
Commissioner Versace: How do you square the equity issue and rising fares? Without new revenue they would have to cut muni services to not increase fares. How to target the subsidy.

Commissioner Versace: how long would it take to outreach to the youth who don’t have the pass? Trying to simplify the process to get it in their hands. Priority for youth, seniors, and low income programs.

Answer: Cost of services have increased and SFTMA is also not happy about this. Cost of not increasing fares means cutting service. Or find a new source of revenue just to hold steady.

Commissioner Quick: have presented to BOS to not increase your fairs and it’s clear that BOS doesn’t want you to increase fares so if they ask you not to do that would that mean you would talk to them to help raise revenue and would this be productive?

Answer: Starting the conversation with BOS and ways to close the deficit and to raise money to improve service for SF to function. It’s a big gap. Tension on BOS for those who want to keep fares discounted and raise money and help to steer conversations in a productive way.

Commissioner Asfaw: still doesn’t understand police issues. So you’re saying that SFPD doesn’t have the right but they could. Every time she’s seen a ticket given it was by SFPD.

Answers: SFPD does have the right to ticket but not to enforce the fairs. The position of SFPD is that they don’t want to do that. However, fare inspectors could have a police officer with them.

SFMTA is one of the top 10 transportation agencies. Don’t have our own independence police force and created inspector program so to de escalate interaction with SFPD. Also made it decrease from criminal act to administrative. Objective is not to punish people but to continue to get fares. Want operators to feel safe as many situations involve assaulting bus drivers.

Commissioner Asfaw: so when you have officers do you want them to protect the operators or to catch fare evaders? She sees them trying to catch fare evaders and not the former.

Answer: Yes, they want to keep operators safe and not the latter. Operators might have requested additional SFPD to protect them and passengers. You are correct – yes we choose to disperse where a number of incidents happen against operators, and will add officers for people to feel safe, but the majority of situations is to keep employees safe and secondarily to be available for fare inspectors.

Commissioner Ginsburg: have witnessed fare evaders get kicked off or have a warning so where’s the consistency?

Answer: The protocol is to remove them and to write a citation after the fact. Free muni for youth there is confusion on who is a youth so they might get a warning.

Commissioner Versace: do you have an estimate you think is lost by fare evaders?
Answer: $20M in lost revenue. Doing a new study now.

Commissioner Versace: what about citations that people have to pay?

Answer: Only get about $6-7 M back. Many people don’t pay.

Commissioner Versace: once fares are increased do you expect people to stop paying?

Answer: Not necessarily, not much difference. Widening gap in income and corresponding sense of unfairness also breeds resentment in people thinking it’s inappropriate for people to pay their fares. See housing costs not following rise in jobs and how much rent costs. In the midst of a complex problem.

Commissioner Hirji: lack of visibility of Free Muni for Youth program, and how cumbersome it is to apply, YC recommends for SFMTA to simplify/water down the process to get youth into the program (simpler application form, broader advertising campaign). YC resolution speaks to encouraging SFMTA TFI to give out flyers rather than citations to youth. Also, equity strategy…include routes that serve large amounts of education services that those routes be monitored as KPIs separately and it be a goal/requirement that it shows it meets its requirements and a strategy for implementing the strategy.

Answer: Could look at time periods differently, too vs. typical work. Would love to hear from all of you about key performance indicators and how serving or failing youth.

Commissioner Asfaw: would recommend their own youth advisory board or have youth involvement on the issues impacting them.

Answer: Bayview Community plan and yes should include youth voice in their process. As they come up with major policy they will need to include a group to solicit feedback. Jonathan will make it a personal mission to do this!!

Commissioner Nassiri left at 6:50pm due to fever.

Commissioner Cureton: you made a point to hear youth feedback, who can we contact to give feedback? Also suggested youth friendly time for meetings that are after school hours.

Jeff asked about youth friendly locations.

YC: Yes, near public transportation.

Open House is on March 11th at 1 S. Van Ness in the Atrium. From 4-7pm. Stations on different topics.

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

   A. [Inform + Input] [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-10 Problem Gambling Awareness Month - Youth Problem Gambling Curriculum and Outreach

Sponsor: Commissioner Chan
Commissioner Chan read the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Cureton: Any feedback? If planning to pass today can not make substantive changes.

Commissioner Arana: on page 2, line 17 can you change Latinos to Latinx?

Commissioner Hylton: change last resolved clause to Finally resolved

Commissioner Cureton: can we do a Board of Education urge?

Staff: not really but we can put it in there for just having it on the record.

Staff: input a whereas clause that states the language from the first portion is taken from a previous resolution written by the BOS

Commissioner Versace: is NICOS an acronym?

Commissioner Chan: Yes, I can include it in there.

Commissioner Quick: We have to waive bylaws section 9.C paragraph 2 to pass this today.

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick motions to suspend 9.C paragraph 2 pertaining to this resolution only, seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

No public comment.

Commissioner Hylton motion to pass resolution with amendments, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Chan said it wasn’t as hard as writing a resolution as she thought. Encourages other Commissioners to do more.

B. [Inform] Budget and Finance/Budget and Appropriations Committee Presentation Debrief
Presenter: Chair Cureton

Supervisor Walton wants to work with TJ cmte re: know your rights work
HLU’s part was smooth and BOS seemed interested. Mandleman had experience himself of riding the 29R.

Commissioner Versace – warm reception for CEC in that 4 out of 5 have endorsed Vote16 and are excited it’s moving forward.

Commissioner Cureton- Fewer’s main qualm was that we didn’t have concrete numbers on budget needs so that is something we are working on. Try to get numbers for upcoming terms. Important to get numbers so the BOS can see what to work with.

C. [Inform] Vote 16 Training & Update
Presenter: CEC and Youth Commission Staff

Commissioners participated in a mini-training to prepare to engage with the community and other stakeholders regarding the Vote16 campaign.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

a. Executive Committee
   a. LAO
      nothing to report
   b. Comms
      gearing up for YC open house and application season. Contact Commissioner Chan if you would like to support.

c. General Committee Updates

HLU & TJ need to let us know who the moderators are for YAD. HLU: chose Charloz/Jasmine from Ride or Die Team, Noora from Larkin, Paola Robles Desgarennes, Calvin and Sasha for transportation, culture: DeAnthony, Grabiella Alman, Honey from D6 office

b. Civic Engagement
   Met with President Yee, leg sponsor to Vote16 to discuss campaign and finalized community endorse email template, planning stakeholder meeting and town hall

c. Housing and Land Use

did YAD discussion and finalized dates for Grand Challenge community workshops. Three dates picked, April 16th, June 18th and July 9th. ConnectSF survey reminder link is in weekly internal. 888 Post was finalized at BOS and Planning Commission

d. Transformative Justice
   social justice conference on April 2nd at Lick Wilmerding, Austin and Rome are going to a conference in North Carolina.

e. OCOF
   nothing to report.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)
9. **Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Commissioner Ty is sitting on panel tomorrow 3/3 along with Mark Leno. Free event and JoJo can give you free tickets and there will be a reception. Will be at the new National LGBTQ Center for the Arts on Valencia St. at 7pm.

Commissioner Quick: D5 Youth Forum on March 14th please spread the word and pass out flyers

Commissioner Hylton: Social Justice Conference - opportunity for Vote16 outreach.

Commissioner Jones: Police Commission has a meeting on Wednesday 3/4 and will be considering how they report their data and stats on how it relates to race. Rome can't attend.

Commissioner Cureton: in collaboration with Commissioners Ginsburg, Cheung, and Versace are planning a D4 West Side forum.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

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