



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, March 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-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 5:17pm

Commissioners Present: Madeleine Matz, William Juarez, Martin Krause, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Mary Claire Amable, Emma David, Noah David, Hugo Vargas, Cecilia Nicole Galeano, Jarrett Mao, Chiara Lind.

Commissioners Absent: Ng, Mesler, Plunkett, and Blacksher.

Commissioner Ng is sick and let YC staff know this morning, Commissioner Plunkett is with grandmother as his Great Uncle died and he let YC staff know about an hour before the meeting. Chair Matz reminded the Commission that it is not mandatory to excuse every absence but it is still your right to. There has been no word from Commissioner Blacksher, who is out of any absences. Also there has been no word from Commissioner Mesler.

Commissioner N. David, second by Commissioner Mao, motioned to approve the absences of Commissioners Plunkett and Ng. Motion was approved by acclamation.

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon, Adele Carpenter

### **2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

Commissioner Krause, seconded by Commissioner Mao, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.



### **3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

- A. February 21, 2017  
([Document A](#))

Commissioner Mao noted that his name is listed twice in the roll call.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Lind, 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 is no leg referred this meeting.

### **6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. Presentation on Our Children, Our Families Services Inventory  
Presenter: Luis M. Aroche, MPA, Family Support Navigator, and Alecia Barillas, MPA,  
Council Coordinator, Our Children, Our Families Council  
(Document B)

OCOF is seeking support and candid feedback on their activity guide.

OCOF was created by voters in 2014 and it is co led by the superintendent and the mayor. Community was giving feedback on how to better serve children, youth and families and acknowledged that everyone seemed to work in silos and no one was really communicating at a level that benefited children, youth, and families.

There are roughly 42 members that include community leaders, department heads, school district employees, police, and faith members.

Luis is in charge of trying to get families to navigate the services, not be overwhelmed, and provide simplicity. There are many assumptions that families have access to the internet, know how to navigate it, and understand the language that it is in.

OCOF created an Activity Guide that is online via InPlay. They have targeted 5 neighborhoods to maximize services in these communities. The website does translate into different languages and is very mobile friendly.

He wants to know if the Activity Guide is youth friendly, found it worth exploring, would it capture your attention, was the info relevant to SF youth?

Commissioner Mesler arrived at 5:30pm.



There are maps that you can use to identify programs, scholarships, by cost, etc. Trying to make it more accessible to youth. Trying to figure out key words, tags, cultural sensitivity, gender neutrality, etc. In mid-March will be sending out 5500 postcards regarding this website.

Feedback from Commissioners:

Commissioner Krause-fantastic work and it's all consolidated really well. Easy to navigate. One thing-difficulty understanding exactly what the front page is referencing and suggests saying it is a city wide inventory. Be a bit more specific as it reads a bit vague now.

Commissioner N. David-top part is good but as you scroll down it's a bit monotonous and he lost interest reading it down. Why didn't it capture your attention? Lot of grey and white and not interesting to look at.

Commissioner Amable-enjoyed this website. At top where you list the activities if you clicked she liked the money scale and that is super helpful. Suggestion is to go to the listings is that a specific org putting on different programs the thumbnail is exactly the same for different things. So giving different thumbnails to use.

Commissioner Matz-easy to navigate, especially the search bar. Balance of images and texts was really engaging and totally fine.

OCOF will be adding more categories like 14+ categories as well as focusing on TAY services/resources. Should we have an online directory just for TAY population or should site be 0-12/14? Or 14-24 age range? Any suggestions from YC on that?

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker-would like to have two different sites.

Commissioner Galeano-if you could change the age within the website but having one just for TAY would be good since it's so different. The picture right now skews pretty young so doesn't appear to service teens or older youth.

Commissioner Matz-separate websites would be good since services are so different but for now a different tab would be better than what exists. If that is easier that could be included.

OCOF is not trying to generalize or stereotype with any pictures. Really wanting a lens of equity with the pictures so if you see something please contact OCOF as they really want your feedback on this. Most importantly, is it family friendly and easy to navigate? Is it easy for undocumented folks to access? These questions are important.

Commissioner Galeano-had to create a log in account and wants to know if this is necessary and thinks some parents might not be comfortable giving that information. Can we access it without giving info like that? OCOF is having that conversation with their vendor around confidentiality and any info that goes in the site will go back to OCOF and not the vendor itself. Asking vendor to be gender neutral and not just an female and male options at log in. Log is in to create a tracking form of how many agencies or services they signed up for and email reminders about scholarship opportunities and openings in program services.

Commissioner Matz-really commends the equity lens and thinks it is so important that services reflect these values. Really amazing to see this thoughtfulness.



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

- C. Resolution of Commendation 1617-RC-02—Resolution commending Mary Abler, Youth Development Coordinator, San Francisco Public Library  
Sponsor: Commissioner Mao  
(Document E)

Item 7C was read out of order:

Commissioner Mao read the Resolution of Commendation into the record. Mary Abler was in the audience to receive this commendation. No public comment besides that she is awesome.

Commissioner Juarez, seconded by Commissioner N. David, motioned to support this resolution on the first reading. Motion passed by acclamation.

## 6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- B. Presentation on ConnectSF Transit Priorities  
Presenters: Amnon Ben-Pazi, Planner, San Francisco Planning Department and Bradley Dunn, Public Information Officer, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency  
(Document C)

ConnectSF is trying to map the City's transportation future. There are a couple major problems with how transportation is planned right now: massive amounts of change is constantly occurring and there are differing values on how much change should happen. ConnectSF is trying to get everyone on the same page with a shared vision.

There are 4 agencies that do transportation planning: SF MUNI (that includes SFMTA), the Planning Department, SF County Transportation Agency (run by the BOS and is state mandated), Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development. Those agencies don't always coordinate and we need everyone from these 4 agencies and the public to decide what we're going to do for the next 50 years.

Connect SF is going to engage stakeholders and the public to think about what they want as a city in the next 50 years. Want a long range vision that will guide city plans and want the next generation of voices to be involved in this process.

Connect SF's Transportation Vision will guide these transportation planning efforts: SF General Plan, SF Transportation Plan, Freeways and Street Traffic Management Strategy, Transit Modal Concept Study. Once we have the vision, other things can align.

A Special Futures Taskforce will be formed from neighborhood leaders, transportation advocates, affordability advocates, civic leaders, business interests, disability rights advocates, senior and youth advocates, and members of the general public.

It is incredibly important that young people have a voice in the process as you will be the ones who have to deal with it later on. You get to help shape the SF you want to live in in the future.

How do you get involved? Will have events throughout the city, pop ups on the street, online surveys. ConnectSF is asking Commissioners to ask their communities to come out to the meetings. You can put in your email address at [www.connectSF.com](http://www.connectSF.com) to get more information.



#### Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Krause-what do you see as the major deficits that should be addressed? Whole point is to take the priorities out of the planners and want regular SFans to identify what should be focused on. Really trying to ask the community what the deficits are.

Commissioner Yu-you presented at HRT committee last month. We raised the concern that your meetings aren't at a youth friendly time. Full day meetings or weekday meetings during school times aren't youth friendly. Throughout your presentation you mentioned that youth are important so are there other options that are youth friendlier? Have looked at ways to mitigate concerns about timing. Haven't published all the dates because they are trying to make them more youth friendly. Taking your feedback seriously. Open houses are evening events and are trying to do them between 6-7:30pm. Task Force workshops are full days and are aware that the first one is going to be during the school time. Have gotten feedback from parents who want things during the day because they can leave their kids at school. If it falls on a school day they will talk to your school administration if that helps.

Commissioner Matz-can you partner with the school district to send out a survey on youth transportation needs? Yes, they can look into that.

Commissioner Amable-understands the importance of community meetings. Main concern is that open houses are not at a youth friendly time and they aren't youth friendly in general. Last open house she attended at SFMTA was a bunch of people in suits which didn't feel youth friendly. If we mobilize youth to come out, what ways are you navigating that dialogue? Trying to do community board formats so it's more 1-on-1 than lecture format. Doing more interactive events so it's less stale and trying to mold workshops in ways that are more informative, more break out groups, smaller conversations, and trying to make them friendlier in general across the spectrum. Will be in 5 different neighborhoods. Any kind of feedback you have please let them know.

Commissioner Amable-why is downtown not one of the areas? That's why they're doing The Port as one options. Also limited by space available and the Port donated a room to them.

Commissioner Galeno-what other youth are you reaching out to? Neighborhood groups (Chinatown, Bayview, Hayes Valley), asking BOS who to talk to, organizations based on issues: bike coalition, Walk SF, disability groups, Chamber of Commerce types, etc. Youth outreach is not a strength of theirs. If you have suggestions please let them know.

Commissioner Matz-any organizations you can recommend? Campaign Academy from Chinatown Development Center. District 4 Youth Council.

Commissioner Galeano-a lot she doesn't know about existing transit issues and new ones. How does that info get to her to learn? Doing co-learning process and are briefed on experts in the field, how we got here, the mistakes that were made, why decisions were made, etc.? This gets everyone on the same page so everyone has the same facts and a more abbreviated version will exist at community meetings. Galeano would like to attend a learning session.

Chair Matz-all YC'ers can't attend as it would violate the Brown Act. YC can motion to join the task force and a few can volunteer to be involved.



There was no public comment.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner E. David, motioned to generally support the Task Force. Roll Call vote: unanimous support.

Commissioners E. David, Yu, Galeano are interested in joining the Task Force.

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

### **A. Discussion on Solidarity Rally for Arab, Muslim, Immigrant, and LGBTQ Youth Sponsors: Commissioners Matz, Juarez, and Amable**

Chair Matz-Jane Kim's office recommended there could be a rally for youth most affected by Trump's orders and actions: immigrant youth, LGBTQ youth (especially trans) and Muslim youth. Idea is to have an intersectional solidarity rally for all three of these groups. The YC wants to coordinate a unity rally between these groups on the steps of City Hall and it requires a lot of moving pieces: outreach to different nonprofits and groups, getting a Supervisor to sponsor the steps of City Hall, getting speakers, and finding an MC. This is an exciting opportunity to do support in direct way and interface with a lot of youth and help show up for youth in our community. March 20<sup>th</sup> as the possible date.

Commissioner Amable-is there a full YC meeting that night? Yes, it would be before the YC meeting so everyone should be there already. So about 4:30ish timeframe.

Commissioner Matz-who's interested to help out? Amable-are there any suggestions?

Commissioner Park-could connect with What Now participants as they would probably be interested.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker-what about outreach? YC staff can help with this and have lots of connections. Bay Resistance is another way to get the word out.

Commissioner Park-plug into the YC alums email list.

Who's interested-Mao, Lind, Krause, Park, E. David, N. David.

### **B. [Second Reading] Resolution 1617-AL-02 [Resolution Responding to Donald Trump's Election] Sponsor: Commissioners Plunkett and E. David (Document D)**

Tabling item 7B for March 20<sup>th</sup> as we can invite rally participants to YC meeting to view it being read.

### **D. Review and Discussion on 2016-17 Bylaws regarding attendance and commissioner code of conduct**

Chair Matz-attendance is an issue again. Commissioner Code of Conduct-when people come to present at your full YC or committee, need to prove folks wrong about negative stereotypes of youth. You don't need to be riveted but you do need to bring a sense of professionalism and



respect. Important to remember that this is a body that demands this of all of us and we show up every time that we are here. Attendance-we are getting into BPPs and have a lot of work to do. It's really important to show up for this action packed schedule of BPP season. If we don't have quorum it will destroy ability to get things done. We need everyone to show up. If that isn't possible, Chair Matz and YC staff can support you. Please follow up with us, coordinate, and be clear with your communication.

- E. Motion to allow Commissioner Vargas to step down from executive officer role for remainder of 2016-17 term and reopen Executive Officer Elections  
Sponsor: Commissioners Vargas and Lind

Commissioner Vargas-lot of things going on his life, good and bad, and here to tell you that he's sorry he hasn't been here in a while and asked staff to give him a break because of a lot of things going on and needing to help his family out. He's requesting to step down from his role in Executive Committee.

Commissioner Lind-do folks want to elect someone to take Hugo's place. Especially with BPP season a second outreach officer would be helpful to her and EC.

Commissioner Matz-it takes a lot of courage to admit you have taken on a lot and thank you for being able to identify what you can and can't handle. It is fine this didn't work out. Thank you for being able to see the big vision.

Commissioner Vargaas, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motioned to excuse Commissioner Vargas from the Executive Committee. Motion passes by acclamation.

Commissioner Mao, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominated Commissioner Yu. Commissioner Yu needs a moment to think. Commissioner Matz nominated Commissioner Mesler, accepts nomination. Commissioner Yu accepts. Commissioner Park nominates Commissioner Krause and he respectfully declines.

One minute allotted for candidates to speak about why they want the role.

Commissioner Mesler would not skip meetings and would always be there. Right now is really interested in meeting with community leaders and working with them and thinks he would do a good job of that.

Commissioner Yu wants to step up and help out those in the YC and is a college student and has a bit more free time. Really familiar with outreach via her 5 years of community outreach and has done community building, presentations, and is familiar getting thrown out there and wants to improve connections with other communities she is not already working with.

Need 9 to carry the vote.

Commissioner Lind-Mesler  
Commissioner Mesler-Mesler  
Commissioner Mao-Yu  
Commissioner Matz-Yu  
Commissioner Juarez-Mesler  
Commissioner Galeano-Mesler  
Commissioner Vargas-Mesler  
Commissioner N David-Mesler



Commissioner E. David-Yu  
Commissioner Amable-Mesler  
Commissioner Park-Yu  
Commissioner Yu-Yu  
Commissioner Fricker-Yu  
Commissioner Krause-Yu

Tie vote.

Commissioners E. David-what orgs do you work with? Yu-Chinatown Comm development Centers, Walk SF, been to different campaign work. Mesler-met with Bernal Heights Community Center, interested in meeting with Coleman.

Commissioner Galeano-do you think you have the time to fulfill this positions? Commissioner Mesler-no doubt he can show up to meetings and be attentive in them. Commissioner Yu-no doubt has attended all YC meetings and committee meetings.

Commissioner Juarez-what experience do you have with outreach? Commissioner Yu-helped adopt an alleyway and tabled at a middle school, presented there via her CDC, helped with a booth, did Q&A and offered help. Commissioner Mesler-no comment but same as last answer

Commissioner Amable-do you think you will grow in this role? Commissioner Galeano-what do you think you would give to the YC. Commissioner Mesler-hoping to know more organizations and help grow his future policy work. Commissioner Yu-always think there are ways to grow, each of us still need to grow and still has to step out of comfort zone like joining YC cus it's people she hasn't met before. CDC is her comfort zone so stepping into YC was new environment and being outreach would help her grow to meet other orgs.

YC Staff-so promising to have multiple commissioners in an outreach role. Given the interest of multiple people, how would you encourage other YC'ers to step up their outreach? Commissioner Yu-going to each commissioner and getting to know them a little bit more and still feels unfamiliar with YC'ers and meeting them outside of meetings and encourage them to step up. Commissioner Mesler-help others by connecting other YC'ers to what they are working on, announcing orgs in YC meetings.

Chair Matz-would either of you be interested in LAO role? Staff have been informally told that the LAO officer position needs a short leave of absence. Both would like outreach role.

Commissioner Krause-Yu  
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker-Yu  
Commissioner Yu-Yu  
Commissioner Park-Yu  
Commissioner Amable-Mesler  
Commissioner E. David-Yu  
Commissioner N. David-Mesler  
Commissioner Vargas-Yu  
Commissioner Galeano-Mesler  
Commissioner Juarez-Yu  
Commissioner Matz-Yu  
Commissioner Mao-Yu  
Commissioner Mesler-Mesler



Commissioner Lind-Yu

Commissioner Yu has won by 10 votes to become the new Outreach and Communications officer.

F. Discussion on Youth Commission Convention and Bay Area overnight training on Resisting Trump Administration

April 21-22 Overnight-Amable, Juarez, Matz, Vargas, Lind

MCYC Youth Commission Convention-Mesler

## **8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

A. Executive Committee

Attendance, cell phone usage, almost planned the rally for today but decided March 20<sup>th</sup>.

B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee

Presentation from ConnectSF and talked about concerns about scheduled meeting times and being youth friendly. Leah created google docs for BPPs. Gave updates on DCYF meeting. Commissioner Yu focused on park equity.

C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee

Very fruitful discussion on different meetings that committee members have had with department leads. Received and discussed where each subcommittee is at in regards to BPP process. Aim to have 7 different priorities. Created a timeline of when they want everything done by.

D. Civic Engagement Committee

No meeting due to the DCYF meeting. Will meet this Wednesday and will have a voter registration training and will start on their BPPs.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

Didn't go to the last meeting but will be at March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

-Could talk about Vote16 to Youth Commission Convention would be a great thing for April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Could ask Anna Bernick and Persky to attend about this

-Meet with your appointing official and ask them about budget stuff and let them know what is on your radar

-Berkeley Mayor sent them a letter thanking you all for your resolution of commendation. Cool letter that was addressed to all of you and offered to be your mentor if needed

-Police Dept of accountability and law school are getting together and want to know more about the know your rights game on youth/police relations. March 17<sup>th</sup> as possible option to meet.

Commissioners Mesler, Yu, and Matz are interested.



-DCYF is making a plan to do stuff with their money for the next 5 years. If you want any chance to give feedback on what the city spends its money on regarding youth this would be the meeting to attend. This Friday from 4-7pm on March 10<sup>th</sup> will help host a youth listening session. Who can go: Matz, Amable, Galeano. Anyone who is in CEC should give info to those that are going to make sure their priorities get in there again.

-anti-sexual harassment certification is needed from Jonny, Tsia, Martin, Hugo, Mary Claire, Chiara

-Tabling opportunities are coming up. Staff passed out dates and events. Went over the list of who can show up and help out. See below for more info.

-Family Housing Hearing tomorrow at 3pm. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker will be there

### **Tabling Leads:**

Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
DCYF Summer Resource Fair\*  
10am-2pm  
County Fair Building  
Golden Gate Park  
1199 9<sup>th</sup> avenue  
San Francisco, Ca  
*\*set up 3/10 between 5:30-7pm or 3/11 between 8-9:30am. Contact: Emily Davis*  
Lead: Commissioners Matz, Park, and possibly N. David

Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>  
College Track Resource Fair  
5:30pm-7:00pm  
College Track San Francisco  
4301 3<sup>rd</sup> St. San Francisco, CA  
Lead: Kiely, Commissioner Yu

Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

YAD  
11am-2pm  
South Light Court  
City Hall  
Lead: Leah, Commissioners Vargas, Park, Krause

Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

SAC Youth Summit  
11:30am-12:30pm  
Ft. Mason Center  
(at Marina Blvd & Buchanan Street).  
*\*set up 10:45-11:30am*  
Lead: Leah, Commissioners Amable, Vargas

Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>

Youth Jobs+  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Hilton SF Union Square  
333 O'Farrell Street  
San Francisco, CA  
Lead: Leah, Commissioner Park in the morning, possibly Commissioners Lind, Amable

## **10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Commissioner Vargas-Sunday Streets on Valencia. PODER will be having a table and Vargas will be there as part of his bike program

Commissioner Amable-Wednesday is International Women's Day and people are striking. On Saturday is International Women's Working Day march. Her organization is leading that. 12pm start on 24<sup>th</sup> at Mission.

Commissioner Matz-Bay Resistance is something people should check out and sign up for their text alerts.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.