



**San Francisco Youth Commission**  
**Minutes ~ Draft**  
**Monday, March 19, 2018**  
**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.*

Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristen Tam, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet, Owen Hoyt

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM.

Commissioners present: Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristen Tam, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet, Owen Hoyt

Commissioners absent: Lisa Yu, Jarrett Mao

Approval of Absences: Motion to approve absences by Commissioner Andam and seconded by Commissioner Nassiri. Approved by acclamation.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon, and Naomi Fierro. No public comment

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

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Tam, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

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

A. March 5, 2018

[\(Document A\)](#)

Commissioner Marshall Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, moved to approve the minutes. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

**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 March for Our Lives and Gun Control Reform  
Presenter: Jason Chen, March for Our Lives Organizer and student at Lowell High School

This presentation was cancelled. The Chair called item 5b.



B. Presentation on System Involved Young Women's Bill of Rights

Presenter: Krea Gomez, Organizing & Advocacy Director, and KI Ifopo and Lael Jones, The Young Women's Freedom Center  
(Document B)

Krea Gomez, Lael Jones and KI Ifopo from The Young Women's Freedom Center begin by introducing themselves to the Youth Commission and stating their ask. They state that the purpose of their presentation is to ask for the Youth Commission to adopt their Bill of Rights for System Involved and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls in California. They have already presented to the Justice and Employment Committee and received the recommendation to present to the Full Youth Commission. The Center is currently celebrating 25 years since its establishment. Their mission is to empower and inspire young women who have been involved with the juvenile justice system and/or the underground street economy to create positive change in their lives and communities. They share four values: sisterhood, social justice, self-determination, and spirituality in addition to their five guiding principles. Their annual impact spans over 300 hours of empowerment, leadership, and advocacy training to over 200 young women in detention. They also provide re-entry support, court advocacy, and system navigation training to over 200 young women. They also provide internship and employment to 40 young women every year. It was noted that the Center also work collectively with TAY women as it may be of interest to the Youth Commission's ongoing work with the TAY population. Currently, there are only 38 kids in Juvenile Hall, of which, the majority come from the following three neighborhoods: Hunters Point, Visitation Valley, and Mission. It was also noted that there are disproportionate effects on the Black, Latino, and Pacific Islander population.

Commissioner Desgarenes: Personally, this opened my eyes, I did not see myself sitting in this position, I do not know where I would be without you. There are so many people impacted by the system, and most look like me. Housing, School, Employment already present a challenge already.

Commissioner Amable: Can we adopt? Where would it go? Do we use this to recommend stuff to the Board?

Chair Lind: A subcommittee can go deeper.

Krea Gomez: I want to go to Department on the Status of Women and Human Rights Commission with the blessing of the Youth Commission first.

Commissioner Tam: Are you envisioning Justice Committee or Civic Engagement?

Commission Franet motions to support, seconded by Commissioner Desgarenes. Motion approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Franet: Another space to meet about TAY homeless, stipend provided.

C. Presentation on Youth Funding Youth Ideas

Presenter: Ashley Rodriguez, staff from Youth Funding Youth Ideas



This presenter attended the last Full Youth Commission meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> and spoke during public comment. Some of this information may be repeat from the last public comment. Youth Funding Youth Ideas (YFYI) is the first youth philanthropy program in San Francisco. There are currently two types of grants: the Innovative Grant and the Capacity Building Grant. One example of a grant funded idea is the Healing Garden at Leadership High School which promotes holistic health, healers, and herbal medicine. This year's deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>, however, they are able to grant extensions. They are asking the Youth Commission to help spread the word about YFYI.

Commissioner Andam: What is coming up in the future for YFYI?

Presenter Rodriguez: Chalk will be hosting a conference soon. Will be seeking an endorsement from the Youth Commission.

Commission Vigil: Thank you for the Garden at Leadership, thank you for the benefit.

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

- A. Motion No. 1718-AL-09 [Motion Supporting youth taking a Stand on Gun Control through organized walkouts on March 14, 2018 and April 20, 2018, and the March for our Lives on March 24, 2018 and urge the Board of Supervisors to continue their commitment to common sense gun reform]  
(Document C)

Commissioner Nassiri: I don't think there have been 43 school shootings.

Commissioner Franet: What counts as a school shooting?

Commissioner Gregory: They are including when there are actual deaths caused by a shooting, when there are injuries and when a personal gun is located around a school campus.

Commissioner Nassiri: Perhaps there should be a citation to a medical journal that talks about psychological trauma in reference to line 8 on page one of document C.

Commissioner Andam: What would we be motioning to do?

Commissioner Vigil: I do not think we should change the writing if the BOS used it (referring to line 8).

Commissioner Nassiri: It should read as believable. Perhaps, replace line 8 with a clarifying sentence and delete an additional sentence elsewhere in the document.

Commissioner Franet: I would remove any lines that commissioners disagree on, because it is not about that, this is about supporting youth who are performing civil disobedience against school shootings.

Commissioner Franet: motion to support with removing lines 7-8. I would strike "just as detrimental".

Commissioner Franet: Motion to support with the aforementioned revision. Seconded by Commissioner Vigil. Vote by acclamation. Passes with Commissioner Gregory in the dissent, Nae vote.

- B. [First Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-10 [Resolution urging the Department of Children Youth and their Families to allocate \$270,000 for fee waivers for California IDs for Youth between the ages of 14-16 in San Francisco]  
Sponsor: Commissioner Felix Andam  
(Document D)



Commissioner Amable: Is this for low income youth or all youth?

Commissioner Andam: The whole point is that we do not want to make youth prove that they are low income because it adds to a system. At the DMV, a fee reduction form does not have to prove you are low income. However, on a fee waiver form you need a reference from an organization or some proof of economic status. Are we voting now?

Chair Lind: Does anyone have any comments?

Commissioner Amable: A lot of the evidence that you provide, you are also giving it to people who do not need it, and your evidence proves that.

Commissioner Andam: Adding to the youth friendly aspect, I do not think we should be asking people about their income status.

Commissioner Franet: Lines 11-16 imply entanglement.

Staff person LaCroix: the wording can be worked on but the fact remains that the Youth Commission supports Vote16.

Commissioner Franet: maybe it should be the DMV instead of Department of Elections.

Commissioner Andam: DMV is a statewide agency versus a local department like Elections.

Director Hosmon: Is the age range 14-16 or 14-18?

Commissioner Andam: I meant 14-18.

Director Hosmon: We need to finesse the language for polling credibility in page 2, line 15-16, of Document D.

Commissioner Tam: Where did you get the 35 percent who expressed interest data point?

Director Hosmon: Anywhere you see a number, you will want to reference where you get that number? The census part is okay, but stay away from estimates.

Chair Lind: For the sake of time, this would be better suited for CEI Calls a recess at 6:32.

Meeting called back to order at 6:35 PM.

- C. [First Reading] Youth Commission Budget & Policy Priorities for Fiscal Years 2018-2019, and 2019-2020  
(Document E)

First reading of BPPs into the record. Read title and recommendations into the record and asking the person who took lead on BPP to provide no more than 2 sentences worth of context.

Chair Lind: That is our first reading. Make edits.

Public Comment: Presenters from SOMCAN and YOHANA here to give thanks and express their gratitude. Dean, works against issues we face in our community. We want to thank you for listening to our needs. Highest pedestrian fatalities due to amount of entrances/ exits to major highways and dim lights in their district. I would like to thank you for POPOS especially because we have the most developed spaced. However, POPOS have not been Children Youth and Family Friendly.



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

### **A. Executive Committee:**

Chair Lind: Discussed supporting fellow commissioners and approving agendas. Can we switch our seats for the next meeting?

### **B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee:**

Commissioner Amable: We worked on our BPPs in our last meeting. Exciting stuff with POPOs and pedestrian safety.

### **C. Justice and Employment Committee:**

Commissioner Franet reports that the Human Rights Commission voted unanimously in support. They have also picked up letters of support from Coleman Advocates, College Track, and the Young Women's Freedom Center. Meeting with the Budget & Legislative Analyst's Office report an 8-10 week timeline for information. Police commission meeting this Wednesday and Status of Women the following Wednesday.

### **D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee:**

Commissioner Nassiri reports on a productive work space.

### **E. Our Children Our Family Council: n/a**

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

Director Hosmon formally introduces Naomi Fierro as new staff person. Shout out for commissioners who attended the DCYF presentation last Friday.

Staff person LaCroix: Thanks for tabling at DCYF resource fair. The reapplication process is underway, submit if you have not already. Youth Advocacy Day is about a month away. The Homestead Meeting is next week, and March for Our Lives is this weekend. The organizers of March for Our Lives have offered the Youth Commission the opportunity to speak, so if anyone is interested please communicate with staff.

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

Commissioner Andam: Regional Silicon Valley Robotics Event March 28-31<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Hoyt: Band performance at Bottom of the Hill at the end of the Month.

Commissioner Desgarenes: MYEEP applications are out Deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup> 14-24

Commissioner Lona: March 24<sup>th</sup> learn how to work on bikes, every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday at San Francisco Community School.

## **10. Adjournment**

Meeting is adjourned at 7:11PM.