



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, April 3, 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 5:22pm

Commissioners Present: Madeleine Matz, , Martin Krause, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Mary Claire Amable, Emma David, Noah David, Jonny Mesler, William Juarez, Griffin Ng, Cecilia Galeano, Chiara Lind.

Commissioners Absent: Blacksher, Mao, Plunkett, Vargas

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon, Adele Carpenter

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Krause, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was passed by acclamation.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. March 20, 2017
([Document A](#))

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

There was no public comment.



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

The De Young Teen Advisory Board invited them to an event “Teens Take Action” which is a gathering of teens to talk about equality and how to take actions and be involved. They are looking for panelists, would like any suggestions of who else to outreach to, and invite YC’ers to be on the panel.

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

- A. [Second Reading] Resolution 1617-AL-02 [Resolution Responding to Donald Trump’s Election and Executive Actions]
Sponsors: Commissioners Plunkett and E. David
(Document B)

The resolution was read into the record for the second time. There was no public comment.

Questions/comments: Commissioner Marshall-Fricker thinks this is really good and appreciates the addition of the section on disabilities.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Lind, motioned to approve this resolution. The vote was approved by acclamation. Chair Matz let members of the public know that this will go to the BOS and is a statement of our values moving forward.

Item 5B was tabled.

- C. Motion 1617-AL- 04 [Motion Urging the Board of Supervisors to hold a hearing on alternatives to incarceration for 18-25 year olds]
Sponsors: Commissioners Galeano and Mesler
(Document D)

A supplemental document was passed around with new additions to it. Chair Matz reminded the Commission that since this is a motion it will only need one reading. The motion was read into the record.

There was no public comment.

Questions/comments:

Commissioner Amable-can the BOS deny our request for a hearing? Yes, technically. This motion is a direct ask and lays the groundwork for the BOS to hear from all different groups to find alternatives to incarceration.

Commissioner Krause-wants more careful proof reading.

Commissioner Matz-commends Commissioners Galeano and Mesler for their work on this important issue as we haven’t had the most success with different agencies we interact or work with so thanks for being proactive on this.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker seconds this motion. A vote was taken by acclamation, all were in favor, motion passed.



- D. [First Reading] Resolution 1617-AL- 05 [Resolution Requesting Support for Assembly Constitutional Amendment 10]
Sponsor: Civic Engagement Committee
(Document E)

This resolution was read into the record. Chair Matz clarifies that this resolution is asking the BOS to pass their own resolution in support of the ACA-10 which is happening at the state level. The people working at the state level are asking Youth Commissions across the state to get their city councils and Boards of Supervisors to pass their own resolutions in favor of this proposed constitutional amendment.

Public comment-is social media going to affect the minds of the young voters since there are cases where propaganda is effective especially for youth and children?

Commissioner Lind-political propaganda is something in our culture and does affect us but it's not a problem with just the youth; it's a problem for everyone. It's only 12 months difference between 18 and 17 years and that one year growing up isn't going to change your mind in regards to voting choices. It's better to think about what's real and what's not in regards to everyone, not just youth.

Commissioner Matz-people over 18 have definitely responded to propoganda and we have seen this with this past particular election.

Chair Matz called item 5B out of order.

- B. Motion 1617-AL-07 [Youth Commission Support for Petra DeJesus' Reappointment to the Police Commission]
Sponsor: Commissioner Matz
(Document C)

Petra DeJesus has been on the Police Commission since 2005. She thanks YC for their service and the leadership they provide to the youth and the guidance they provide to the elders.

She is an attorney, born and raised in SF, went to all SF schools. Represents union workers who are dying from asbestos sickness. Has been on the commission for 10 years and is up for reappointment. She is asking YC for an endorsement and to recommend her to the PC again.

Reasons to endorse her are:

- she updated procedures on juvenile arrests so youth weren't taken to adult facilities. Youth could be taken to JJC, Huckleberry House, etc instead.
- language access for those with limited abilities via language interpretation services.
- supported the work around children of arrested parents.
- use of force issue-with help of working group turned it around and focus on sanctity of life. Was vocal in removing carotid choke hold, shooting at cars, and body cameras as additions to policy. She was against the sit lie ordinance and against the tents. Thought these measures were punitive and tried to prevent them but wasn't successful. She supported vote 16 and undocumented parents to vote in school elections.

Questions/comments:

Commissioner Marshall Fricker-thank you for coming in person and talking to us as a commission. Petra is honored to be here.



Commissioner Juarez-thank you for the work you have done.

Commissioner Matz-why are you feeling the need to continue on with your work? Petra-did participate in selection of new chief and thinks they selected best candidate in SF. Wants to shepherd him through the process of SF. He has experience in reforms and that were successful in LA and she thinks it's important to stay on and give guidance. She has lots of institutional knowledge and wants to see how we can make things better. Has been against tasers and the issue is coming back and she is on record not wanting those and wants to be a part of this conversation.

Commissioner Amable-thank you for coming. Youth police relations is important to us and the youth in this city think it could be better. Is there anything you think can be done about that? There are reforms that have been recommended. A lot of these efforts is reaching out to the community as well as understanding racial bias. They had a retreat recently and will be working within the department and really wants youth to be a part of community discussions.

Commissioner Galeano-what is one thing that you would want to accomplish in the next four years? Wants the reforms in place with new chief. The EIS system is broken and wants to work this to make it better and to improve the data collection. EIS doesn't have the data and doesn't have the expertise to analyze. Use of force data needs to be analyzed and interpreted so SFPD can self correct. Do we put our money in technology or do we put money in tasers?

Public comment-the police is seriously underfunded and would be great to implement longer training time for police officers. Budget for police officers goes to cars and equipment vs hardware and systems that they run. Lots of outdated technology. And they need more tech available than tasers.

Commissioner Galeano, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, motioned to support the reappointment of Petra DeJesus to the Police Commission. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was passed with unanimous support.

- E. [First Reading] Resolution 1617-AL- 06 [Resolution Urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to Support Efforts to Pre-Register 16-17 year olds to Vote]
(Document F)

Commissioner Amable left at 6:12pm.

A supplemental document with newer updates to this resolution was passed out. The resolution was read into the record.

Questions/Comments:

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker will be voting as a minority and will have to be uniform with past votes around lowering age of voting. N. David-this is just about pre-registration and not about lowering the age to vote.

Re word a paragraph on page 4 as it seems like it's saying that only the Youth Commission is pre registering to vote. Commissioners had questions around this state wide policy. Clarified that there is already a statewide policy on pre-registration and the Civic Engagement Committee is helping to implement it.



Commissioner Marshall-Fricker-Why do you need this policy if it already exists? Commissioner Park-this is a new policy that was passed in November 2016 so it's very new and not many people know about it. We feel the need to take a step forward and really begin an organized process of pre-registration efforts.

Part of this resolution is asking for funds to target outreach efforts around a policy that has been newly passed.

Commissioner Galeano-have you talked to the Board of Education to ask them to get it out in the schools somehow? N. David is doing outreach through SAC and then hopefully to an actual meeting with the Board of Ed to hear updates on how they promised support last year.

Item 1 called out of order again. Commissioner Mao asked to be excused since he'd be out of town. Commissioner N. David, seconded by Commissioner Lind, to authorize his absence. A vote was taken by acclamation and was passed.

F. Certifying Resignation of Commissioner Tsia Blacksher

Charter mandates that if you miss three unexcused absences that there needs to be a conversation about resignation and Blacksher has requested to resign. She has had a very challenging year with her family and is devoted to SAC with numerous other responsibilities.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by N. David, motion to authorize Commissioner Blacksher's resignation. The resignation was passed by a roll call vote with unanimous support.

Chair Matz clarifies that she doesn't think her intent was to not finish and it's a bummer to not have her on the Commission. They mayor's office may or may not reappoint someone to finish out the term.

6. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Developing a survey regarding internet access and worked on rally for today.

B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee

Drafted BPPs.

C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee

Super informative meeting with president of board of education and discussing needs related to students with incarcerated parents. Planned for meetings with Chief Nance and Scott and Hennessy so lots of planning for upcoming meetings and plans for BPPS. Meeting with Chief Scott tomorrow.

D. Civic Engagement Committee

Worked on BPP and resolutions. Commissioner Lind is new vice chair.



E. Our Children Our Family Council

Commissioner Galeano hasn't been able to go to the meetings but last meeting was cancelled and next one is May 15th.

7. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Overnight youth organizing retreat: they are asking you complete the forms as soon as you can. Please look at WI as it has all information you possibly need.
- Youth Commission Convention and vote 16 efforts can be put on the agenda. Please let other youth who were involved in vote16 efforts know so we can hopefully get someone to take this on.
- April 9th is returning application for YC who would want to reapply
- great job at the rally today. Was really inspiring. Shout out to Madeleine and Claire for emcee work.
- march for science SF teen tech SF, would like YC to participate April 22nd, same weekend as the other april weekend events. Will be in WI. Juarez, Galeano are interested. 11am at Justin Herman Plaza.
- SF Mental Health Board is looking at how youth access services. Invite to YC to speak to them Wednesday April 19th in room 278 in City Hall if any commissioners want to speak about personal experience or sharing or summarizing issues we've heard from other youth: Krause, Matz are interested.
- Pre reg winner so far is Matz; Krause wants 60 cards, talked strategies of how to get out the cards

8. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

There were no announcements.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.