



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, June 5, 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, Griffin Ng, Chiara Lind

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:16pm.

Present: Madeleine Matz, William Juarez, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Joshua Park, Cris Plunkett, Mary Claire Amable, Noah David, Hugo Vargas, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind.

Absent: Commissioners Krause, Galeano, E. David, Mao, Ng.

Commissioner Juarez is running late.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner N. David, motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was approved by acclamation.

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. May 15, 2017
([Document A](#))

Commissioner N. David, seconded by Commissioner Plunkett, motioned to approve the minutes. 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 The Beat Within

Presenter: David Inocencio, Director and Founder, and Lisa Lavaysse, Program Director and Volunteer Coordinator, The Beat Within

David Inocencio founded this publication while working with youth in Juvenile Hall, where he saw a need to give youth a voice in the criminal justice system. He believes there is more to the alleged story of what brought youth into the criminal justice system. He created The Beat Within and first workshop was in 1996. It is a weekly publication of art and insight from inside juvenile hall. This publication is an anchor/lifeline for the youth who are incarcerated so they know they are not alone with what they are facing. They also do writing workshops in other places.

Commissioner Lind: where can one get the magazine? Have to reach out to The Beat Within as it goes to the youth in county jail, juvi, and state prison. Can find them online or facebook for some snippets of the writing.

Commissioner Matz: Urban works a lot with you so it's great to hear directly from you about what you're doing.

Commissioner Plunkett: this is incredible. This goes against central norm that these are "bad kids". Such a testimony of what youth are capable. Read a poem into the record "No Interruptions".

Commissioner Matz: What can the YC do? Always looking for volunteers (typing and editing of the magazine). Have to be at least 21 to go into the halls. Also have workshops in the community so aspects of volunteering are many. They have monthly orientations for those who want to get involved.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: this is really eye opening

Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner Lind, motioned for a general motion of support. Vote was taken by acclamation. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Juarez arrived at 5:23pm.

B. Presentation on Organ and Tissue Donation

Presenter: Kristina Ruiz-Healy, Community Development Liaison, Donor Network West

A presentation was given by Donor Network West on the importance of Organ and Tissue Donation.

Commissioner Matz: how would you like YC to support you in your goals? Would like to understand what the YC can do to impact high schools or how to get the word out. Matz-the district has an advisory council and the YC is separate from the school district. The City does give money to the wellness centers so that does fall under YC area.

Commissioner Amable: what tools are you giving youth to prepare them for these conversations with their elders? Using pamphlets/resource guides that have a framework for youth to use. Amable-a conversation like this is very difficult because of the controversy with science and religion so is curious of what feedback has already been given. They are just starting to do



training of health educators so if you have any ideas of what could help with these conversations they would love to hear back from Commissioners.

Staff-in the past YC helped with supporting an advocacy project via another community based organization that was youth driven and community health driven. Where is there potential of college aged potential since youth in SF tend to get their drivers licenses later? Would be a great idea to honor youth organ donors and get the YC involved with this. So YC could honor youth who have given an organ in advance they could do that.

Commissioner Matz-who's interested in connection more on this issue? Mesler, Juarez, Matz, Ng.

A recess was taken for food at 5:57pm

The meeting was called back to order at 6:04pm.

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

- B. Youth Commission Motion No. 1617-AL- 15 [Motion to Issue a Letter supporting San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) application for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) federal grant]
Sponsor: Housing, Recreation and Transit Committee
Presenter: William Tyner, SFMTA
(Documents C and D)

Item 6B called out of order. They had a focus group in the HRT committee last month to gather information regarding the next bus system. Found that youth are using alternative modes like uber and lyft versus public transportation. They know youth are very dependent on public transportation and they asked youth what it would take be "hip" or "cool" and the answer was it doesn't need to be it just need to function properly. Doing focus groups and an online survey.

They have zero dollars to help with this project, even though there is excitement about it. They are looking for different sources of money but not enough to implement what they want to do. The federal government has a program they can apply for via a grant. They disburse funds to different transportation agencies throughout the country and 100 usually apply and only 5-10 actually receive money. This money would help them to look at new technology and if received, could help SF get something implemented that doesn't exist anywhere else. Part of the application has asked for letters of support.

Questions:

Commissioner Amable: Muni is something that all of use on a daily basis and part of the issue is getting more people to use it, but every year the fare for muni goes up and uber and lyft are more accessible at some points. As part of the survey they ask questions specific to being in certain situations. The fare differential is something they want to tease out more in follow up research. They personally don't believe that uber and lyft pay living wages and won't be sustainable. They are finding that people are peeling off to uber and lyft when muni is unreliable or there is a long wait. However, when alternatives are presented people will go towards muni and have a lot higher retention rate which speaks to investment in the process. It's latent demand, the will to ride is there, it's just not there yet.



They have sent it to all those who have signed up for the Free Muni for Youth program and just got 700-800 responses already. They did ask about google maps. Muni wants to make sure their app is totally accurate and making sure the experience is very clear.

Commissioner Matz-Groupsie app, Next Route, Routsie, Transap.

Commissioner Amable-is this app going to be integrated with other apps or would it be totally separate? They have a couple different options and haven't solidified that portion yet. IF they partner with apps they have to find that they are consistent with MTA policies. Right now they are putting data out there and whoever grabs it grabs it. As of right now there is no formal arrangement.

Commissioner Matz-is there any private collaboration or is it just through the city. No formal relationship with any private sector app except for NextBus.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner N. David, motioned to Issue a Letter supporting San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) application for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) federal grant. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Matz reopened Item 1 to discuss absences of tonight. Commissioners Mao and Galeano did not give advanced notice and are not open to motions.

Commissioner Mesler, seconded by Commissioner N. David, motioned to excuse Commissioners Krause, Ng, and David. There was no public comment. Motion was approved by acclamation.

- A. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1617-AL- 11 [Youth Commission Recommendations for the 2018-2023 Youth Empowerment Allocation]
Sponsors: Commissioners Amable and Matz
(Document B)

This item tabled until after Item 6B.

Commissioner Matz excused herself from chairing duties to due being a co-sponsor. Commissioner Juarez assumed chair. The resolution was read into the record. There was no public comment.

Commissioner Amable-can we not have DeVos name in there? DeVos is misspelled.
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, you're stating a fact.

Commissioner Matz- we will fix the few spelling errors.

Commissioner Matz, seconded by Commissioner Park, motioned to approve this resolution. The motion was approved by acclamation.



C. Discussion on Youth Commissioner Schedules and Summer Meetings
Sponsors: Executive Committee

Commissioner Juarez-want to see what everyone is doing for the rest of the summer so we can decide meeting scheduling and attendance for next couple of months as our terms don't end until August 23rd.

Meetings scheduled so far: June 19th, July 3rd and July 17th, August terms end but have legislation recess so agreed in beginning of the year that august was also a recess. You can call an august meeting, if needed.

Commissioner Matz-the idea is we might not have enough business to have all three meetings. We could choose 1-2 meetings to attend versus all that are still left.

June 19th: Yes: Commissioners Marshall-Fricke, Yu, Plunket, Amable, Vargas, Juarez, Matz, Mesler, Lind. Maybe: Park. No: Vargas.

July 3rd: Yes: Commissioners Marshall-Fricke, Yu, Plunket, Amable, Juarez, Matz, Mesler. No: Park, N. David, Vargas, Lind.

July 17th: Yes: Commissioners Marshall-Fricke, Park, Plunkett. Maybe: N. David, Vargas. No: Yu, Amable, Juarez, Matz, Mesler, Lind.

Exec Cmte will be meeting on the 14th and will plan to have something on the 19th for June unless otherwise notified.

D. Debrief and Celebration of the Year
Sponsors: Executive Committee

Evaluations of the year were handed out. They will also go out in the Weekly Internal.

Pluses/Deltas as reflection for the whole year that were done on the evaluations. Holding off on team building until the next meeting.

Commissioner Matz-has been so proud and excited to work with all of you and you have brought so much to the table regarding your ideas and your passion. It has been really inspiring and has had a very different experience this year versus her experience last year. Genuinely says thank you for all the work you have done. Immense faith in all of what you are capable of.

Commissioner Juarez-with new Trump administration it seems that youth stepped up and he has faith that everyone is doing good work and feels deep and profound connections with all of you. It was incredible working with all of you this year.

Adele-it's a hard year to get excited about local politics when there is so much going on in the national stage. Thanks you all did a really solid job and is proud of you of the BPPs and the presentations you gave last week. Proud of the community events that you all put on and is proud of seeing you all develop through the year and really watching the leadership grow. This was 5th year of commissioners and it was a pleasure working with all of you and this year with you. You have accomplished a great deal. We really appreciate you and see what you all have done.



Leah-in terms of the arc of the 20 year history this year has been really really solid and really strong and you are continuing the legacy of previous years work and this year is more stronger and compelling. Your BPPs and your own selves and your dedication is incredible. She is happy and excited to see where you will move into. Your commitment here is a really strong and awesome year.

YCers thank staff for their hard work.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Structured this agenda and get temp check for scheduling for next few full YC meetings. Tried to weave in food so hope you enjoyed your term.

B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee

Did not meet last week due to BPP presentation.

C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee

IJE canceled meeting last week.

D. Civic Engagement Committee

There is a meeting this Wednesday in room 278 and have leftover funds from the What Now event so are now hosting a closing event. Everyone is welcome from 4:20-5:20pm. There will be sushi, cake and boba. Big theme is collaboration for this meeting. RSVPs: Adele, Maddie.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

Commissioner Galeano is absent so this item is tabled.

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Number of things happening on June 17th:

-door knocking opportunity to do outreach on free city college and help get the word out. 9am is the training and door knocking is 10-12pm.

-The Mix's 2nd birthday from 6-10pm. The Mix has been an awesome partner with the SFYC so it would be great to show support for their birthday

-BOS softball game

-All YC applications have been sent out so now you should be reaching out to your appointing office to let them know you are interested in being reappointed

-BPP presentation shout outs to Claire, Jonny, Josh, and William for doing the BPP presentation. BOS members were impressed and staff encourages you to watch the presentation. See how the BOS want to help collaborate and follow up with your appointing offices about the issues you brought up in BPPs

-This Friday from 6-8pm Young Workers United is celebrating their quince a the Mission Cultural Center and YC staff want to know if 1 YCER who wants to attend on behalf of the commission.



Your ticket is already paid for. Commissioner Juarez might be able to do the ticket. It is not paid for by city funds.

-Petra DeJesus reappointed for the police commission is this Thursday in the Rules committee at 2pm. Her reappointment has turned into quite the controversy so if YCers can go to rep the YC position please do so and talk to Adele. She has been on 8 years and there was another candidate who just revoked her application today and you can read about other controversies in the press. Since YC is on the record of supporting her you can go out and support that publicly.

-Congrats to recent press of YCers. Got press for BPP and year of homeless youth so that's on our FB and EC's survey on internet access was in the examiner

-Project What is hiring youth so any youth who has or currently had incarcerated parent or guardian

-Budget Justice Coalition will be doing mobilization so lots of community folks on June 14th doing budget advocacy.

-July happenings:

-Power Youth Movement Conference is happening and YC supported this so please RSVP is June 17th

-Human Rights Commission is hosting July 27 Equity Summit, tons of workshops

-Retreat facilitation: William, Jonny, Lisa

-Queer youth panel on race, contact Kiely to give you contact for person organizing it from Our Family Coalition

-In your committee you'll be talking about your Annual Report that summarizes the work that you do in your committees and we will be drafting them, and have to be approved, by the full commission.

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Matz will be graduating on Friday at 11am and you are invited; it will be at Stern Grove.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.