



San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes

Monday, June 18, 2018

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.

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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 5:24 PM. Commissioners present: Lipson, Marshall-Fricker, Nassiri, Amable, Lona, Gregory, Vigil, Andam, Franet, Lind, Mao, Mesler, and Commissioner Robles Desgarennnes arrived at 5:33 PM. Commissioners Absent: Yu, Chen, Tam, and Hoyt. Motion to approve the attendance by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, and seconded by Commissioner Andam. Approved by vote of acclamation.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment. Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Mesler, and seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker. Approved by vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

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There was no public comment. Motion to approve the minutes by Commissioner Gregory, and seconded by Commissioner Amable. Approved by vote of acclamation.

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

There was no public comment.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

A. BOS File No. 180519 [Ordinance amending the Environment Code to prohibit the sale or use in the City of single use food service ware made with fluorinated chemicals and certain items made with plastic; requiring that food service ware accessories be provided only on request or at self-service stations; requiring reusable beverage cups at events on City property; removing waiver provisions; setting operative dates; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.]

Sponsors: Supervisors Tang, Safai, Breed, Sheehy, Peskin, Yee, Ronen, Fewer

Presenter: Ashley Summers, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Katy Tang

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The presenter, Ashley Summers, began by sharing the background to the legislation with the commission. The District 4 office started this legislation with an announcement at Boba Guys to signal the partnership between a publicly-loved beverage that requires a straw to drink it, and the City legislators. The majority of litter on the streets comes from plastic single-use service-ware. The legislation has received significant support and co-sponsorship from a legislative standpoint. Therefore, if the public wants to send in a letter of support they may do so and be aware that there is a rally tentatively scheduled for July 11th.

She then passed the presentation on to two representatives from the San Francisco Department of the Environment (SFE). Freddie Coronado commenced a presentation outlining the exact data measuring plastic waste and the role of SFE in this legislation.

Commissioner Andam asked the presenters to clarify the difference between an all-out ban on plastic and the provisions that allow for plastic ware to be available upon request.

Peter Gollata clarified that plastic straws would be ban and that all other single-use plastic ware would be available upon request.

Commissioner Andam followed up with a question about the availability of plastic straws in stores and the effect of selling niche products on small stores.

Peter responded by explaining that this ban has actually saturated the market with alternative products to straws, which in turn have lowered the cost of niche products like paper and metal straws.

Commissioner Robles Desgarenes asked if current legislators are considering charging for single-use plastic ware similar to the plastic bag ban.

Peter did mention the possibility of charging for other single-use plastic ware. Ashley also took the opportunity to explain that from a legislative perspective, it was more effective to leave the charge out of this legislation in hopes of garnering legislative support to pass the ordinance.

Commissioner Robles Desgarenes followed up with a question regarding where the ten cents per plastic bag goes?

Ultimately, the charge goes back to the retailer. Peter stated that this helped gain the support of the business community.

Finally, Commissioner Robles Desgarenes, offered the comparison between the United States and Mexico. Mexico is offering a discount to consumers who bring in their own reusable items.

Ashley also asked if any Commissioners would like to help her petition staff to acquire a set of dishware that all offices may use in an effort to be more environmentally conscious. She did remind the audience to think about reusable items in their offices to help change office culture. Commissioners Andam and Robles Desgarenes offered to help in this effort.

There was no public comment.



Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motioned to support, and Commissioner Andam seconded. Approved by a vote of acclamation. The motion passed.

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

None.

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

None.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee: last meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee: last meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.
- C. Justice and Employment Committee: They continued to meet with Samara from the office of police accountability to provide feedback on their Know Your Rights pamphlet for minors. They also showed up to give public comment at the Gang Injunctions hearing last week.
- D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee: They are having their last meeting on this week to celebrate the end of the year.
- E. Our Children Our Family Council: No new update. Staff will meet with them to coordinate staff efforts moving forward.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Caroline Truong will be the new staff person.
- Kiely will be out of the office next week.
- There will be no future meetings, unless the Commission received legislation referred. Need 10 on-call commissioners.
- OCEIA and the Office of Transgender Initiatives will be hosting a film screening next Wednesday at 6:00 at the LGBT Center on the intersections of Immigrant and Transgender Identity.

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Andam announced that he will be participating in a Pride contingent this weekend.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.