



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, October 16, 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.

Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricke, 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

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Meeting called to order at 5:17pm. Commissioners present: Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricke, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristin Tam, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet

Commissioners Paola Robles Desgarenes, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler are seeking approved absences for giving advance notice to staff. Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricke, motioned to approve these as excused absences. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Franet seeks authorization from October 2 meeting as staff forgot he gave advanced notice. Commissioner Marshall-Fricke, seconded by Commissioner Amable, motioned to excuse Commissioner Franet's absence. Motion was approved by acclamation.

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

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

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. October 2, 2017
([Document A](#))



Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Amable, motioned to approve the minutes pending the correction of Kristin to Kristen in the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

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

No public comment

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

- A. Presentation on Youth Leadership Institute's Health Impact Project - Policy Advocacy Program
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document B)

The Youth Leadership Institute is applying for a grant where they would like to implement a Youth Advising Body for the Department of Public Health. DPH is willing to sign on with the caveat that they would like data/info on existing youth advising/decision making bodies and the impact they have in SF. YLI knows that the YC is a powerful and dynamic youth serving body in SF. Assessment would look (and up to youth involved in project) like surveys, interviews, focus groups. Assessment to understand structures in place and potential impacts and the way young people feel to best inform the value of it.

Direct ask: YLI, with youth as researchers, would do a campaign, and the middle piece would be partnership with the YC to do their methodology and implement it. 1-2 hours with the Youth Commission is requested to collect data and then analyze it.

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Franet, motion to support the Health Impact Project and to open up the YC to assessment when the time comes. Motion passed by acclamation.

No public comment.

- B. Presentation on BLING Grants
Presenter: Natan Sebhateab, Program Coordinator, Youth Leadership Institute

Highlighting outstanding partnership between YLI and the Youth Commission: have passed health policy on decreasing smoking, YC funded for voter pre registration project, and supported YC in Vote16 work. YLI has supported Youth Commission's all over the Bay Area.

YLI would like the YC's help in getting out the support of BLING program. Focus is building and deepening partnerships and centering youth voices in the city.

Past funded projects: media campaigns, youth scholarships, immigration rights projects, murals, youth policy efforts, etc. Possible ways for you all to help us lead in outreach efforts:

- 1) share it on social media
- 2) reach out to folks you know and pass on Natan's info

Natan is committed to youth being more involved in having a voice and centering it.



Questions:

Commissioner Tam-what is age range? 13-18

Commissioner Amable-has to be written by youth? Yes. Need adult allies to help get things in order but want it as youth led as possible.

Commissioner Amable-anything you want to see in new proposals? Want an emphasis on social justice and policy change.

Commissioner Tam-have you reached out to the schools? Yes, mostly coordinate with wellness coordinators and principals. Hard to get info to schools with teachers getting bombarded with things. Tam-can give student gov't coordinator Natan's info.

Commissioner Andam-looking for more school specific projects? Not necessarily, it's just easier to go through schools. Ask that projects are based out of a school and/or non profit.

Commissioner Vigil-would you be willing to work with charter schools? Yes, not exclusive to any youth group. All youth are welcome to apply.

Commissioner Franet-dates? Early bird is this Friday October 27th and the actual deadline is November 10th.

Commissioner Gregory-if we submit after 27th could it still go to early bird? We would try but give priority who turned in on time.

Commissioner Andam-how is BLING planning to work with other community philanthropists? Has strong relationship with YEF and has observed them and their process and expertise. Try to collaborate with others on what projects their funding so the same group isn't getting all the money from each philanthropy source.

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

- A. Leave of Absence Request for October 3-December 4, 2017 for Commissioner Paola Robles Desgarenes

Commissioner Desgarenes' sister died tragically and is requesting a leave of absence. Bringing this forth as per by laws to adopt it and needs simple majority vote.

Commissioner Lona-would we fill her in on what has happened? Yes

Commissioner Vigil-sending condolences to her family and what happened to her sister shouldn't happen and is unbearable. Please be there for her.

Commissioner Lind-we all agree that it's atrocious.

Commissioner Andam-opening up positions for interim, when she comes back, the role will go back to her? Yes, and the interim would step down.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, motion to approve the leave of absence for Commissioner Desgarenes. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Staff-Employee Assistance Program folks have come by to all committees and is still an offer to you if needed.

- B. Motion to allow Commissioner Robles Desgarenes to temporarily step down from Executive Officer role and reopen an Interim Election of 2017-2018 Youth Commission Outreach and Communications Officer
Sponsor: Executive Committee

Questions:



Commissioner Andam-what if we don't motion to support stepping down. Then it would be left to Vigil and be unfilled.

Commissioner Vigil-can only do so much work by themselves and would appreciate help and a team member so work is more efficient.

Commissioner Yu-other commissioners could step up and learn from the role and check out leadership role.

Staff-note you would also have to attend EC at 4:30pm

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Andam, motion to approve Commissioner Desgarenes stepping down from this position, temporarily.

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Yu, nominates Commissioner Andam.
Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominates Commissioner Lona.
Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominates Commissioner Franet.
Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Tam, nominates Commissioner Chen.
Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, nominates Commissioner Nassiri.
Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominates Commissioner Gregory.

Commissioner Gregory-reject nomination
Commissioner Nassiri-reject nomination
Commissioner Chen-reject nomination
Commissioner Franet-reject nomination
Commissioner Lona-reject nomination
Commissioner Andam-reject nomination

Reopened floor to nominations

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Tam, nominates Commissioner Lona.
Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, nominates Commissioner Tam.

Commissioner Lona-accept
Commissioner Tam-reject

Commissioner Lona accepts the nomination. Statement from Commissioner Lona-declined.

Questions:

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker- can you do the time requirements? Yes, he can.

Commissioner Amable, do you really want to do this? Yes, he can do it, not completely aware of what he will be doing. Yc'ers will guide him through it as will staff.

No public comment.

Roll call vote called, unanimous support for Commissioner Lona to be interim Outreach Officer.

- C. Motion to allow Commissioner Robles Desgarenes to temporarily step down from role as YC rep and reopen Interim Election of 2017-2018 Youth Commission Representative to Our Children, Our Families Council
Sponsor: Executive Committee



This body meets very rarely and by laws indicate Vice Chair would have to take it, if no one ran/was elected.

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, motioned to allow Commissioner Desgarennes to step down from the OCOF role, temporarily. Motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Franet. motioned to nominate Commissioner Andam.

Commissioner Andam-accept

No statement from Commissioner Andam. No questions.

No public comment.

Roll call vote called, unanimous support for Commissioner Andam to be interim OCOF rep.

- D. [First Reading] Resolution to Support the Erection of the Comfort Women Statue in St. Mary's Square
Sponsor: Jarrett Mao
(Document C)

Resolution read into the record for the first time.

Suggestions/edits: staff-put historical info first, Commissioner Yu would then want the depiction of the statue to go after that.

Commissioner Amable would like to be a cosponsor and wants to see line 17/18: add the countries after the cities, line 20/21 says South Korean women and wants it to include other ethnicities that were impacted.

Commissioner Andam-did Commissioner Mao want to do this resolution because of the conflict with Osaka? Yes

Commissioner Andam-what are repercussions of SF keeping the statue? Can have sponsors look into that.

Commissioner Franet-doesn't really matter if there are repercussions we should move forward regardless.

- E. Motion in favor of writing a thank you to Jerry Brown for his support of Youth Justice Reform
Sponsor: Justice and Employment Committee

Info: 3 bills that had to do with justice reform that were on governor's desk when JECs discussed it and started work on a resolution but then Governor signed all into law. Resolution now turned into just doing a thank you.

One eliminated sentence of life without parole for those under 18.

One would extend youth parole to the age of 25 vs 23.



Last one was Miranda reform to get anyone under 16 to talk to counsel before they waived Miranda rights. Police lie to get their job done and those under 16 it is easy to get them to admit to crimes they didn't commit so good to have youth talk to counsel first.

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, motioned to to send thank you letter.

Motion was approved by acclamation.

F. Protocol on Connecting with City Staff and Elected Officials
Presenters: Youth Commission Staff

Staff explained why it was important to consult with staff BEFORE reaching out to department heads, Sup offices, or office of the Mayor. We don't want to be gate keepers, but we are trying to keep track of 17 different people who are rearing to go. If we know before hand, we can best strategize of who needs to be at the table plus give correct contact for who to connect with. Also, there might already be some things in play that staff hasn't been able to express yet. Love the go getter and strong initiative and want to capitalize on this while being smart and structured at the same time.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Creating buddy system for accountability and someone will be assigned to you that you can reach out to.

Commissioner Franet-you will get a buddy with another YC'er or another EC member? EC will be the person who checks in with you.

B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Each person talked about priorities they want to work on and created a list, then combined 5 big ideas. TAY housing, Zero Vision, etc. were on the list.

C. Justice and Employment Committee

Established ground rules and did prioritizations of what could be top 3 priorities for both issue areas. Identified the connections. Worked on resolution that failed by default.

D. Civic Engagement Committee and Immigration

Discussed Commissioner Desgarenes and her leave of absence. Discussed divvying up CE and Immigration work and when we would deal with which parts, especially since we have a bling grant. Created proposed schedule of how to implement bling project.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

No meeting to report

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)



-Coleman Advocates Town Hall planning meeting is tomorrow from 3-4:15 at 459 Vienna St in their community room. Info is in your inbox and WI. Staff are not in charge of their meetings so have no control over the time.

-Business cards had an issue with the proofs but they are on their way

-Staff will do mini elevator pitch activity at upcoming YC meeting

-Keep getting appointments for your ID and do your online trainings. Shout outs to Kristen and Zak for getting all paperwork completed

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Vigil-hoping to strategize around DACA events

Commissioner Amable-working on art exhibition and it opened yesterday and it's on outside of Asian Art Museum. Open until February. Second-Asian Night Market going on this Friday of this week and has free tickets for everyone who wants to come. At the old Mint. Third-Pilipino American History Month and there is a visual arts show and is first Asian American arts community center in all US. Up until October 28th and will have an open mic.

Commissioner Franet-this Thursday at the library there is youth policy advisory committee on homelessness. Saturday-cannabis forum at Bayview Opera House.

Monday-community conversation with Jeff Kosintsky

Tuesday-interagency council on homelessness

Community group/arts group called Skywatchers and event is next Thur and Fri.

Commissioner Lona-this Sunday and every third Sunday until January there is a bike ride series for people of color and will be meeting at 1:30 at part at Folsom. This will be themes around developments and community things they are looking into.

10. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.