



**San Francisco Youth Commission  
Housing & Land Use Committee  
Minutes ~ Draft**

**Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

**City Hall, Room 278**

**1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Members: Maggie Dong (Chair), Khatab Alameri (Vice Chair), Sasha Alexander Hirji, Calvin Quick, Jose Ty

**1) Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chair Dong called the meeting to order at 5:03pm. Commissioners present: Maggie Dong, Khatab Alameri, and Sasha Alexander.

Motion to excuse Commissioner Ty's absence until further notice, by Commissioner Dong, seconded by Commissioner Hirji.

No public comment. Passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

Motion to approve agenda by Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. There was no public comment. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. December 12, 2019

[\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment. Motion to approve minutes by Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

**4) Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**

No public comment.

**5) Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. Check In Question

Presenter: Commissioner Dong



Commissioners engaged in a check-in question.

B. [Input + Discussion] YFYI Grant Update  
(Document B)

Commissioners reviewed the updated budget and looked over timeline. Commissioner Dong suggested to work on a community workshop calendar during item D.

C. [Discussion] BOS File No.190418 [Administrative Code - Navigation Centers for the Homeless]  
Sponsors: Supervisors Haney, Ronen, Mar, and Walton  
(Document C)

HLU committee to take lead in this conversation during next FYC meeting on February 3rd. Courtney from District 6 office will be coming to present at that meeting.

Commissioner Calvin's (absent) sent his thoughts:

"1) I am generally supportive of the intent of this legislation, specifically its intent to address the geographic inequity in the current distribution of navigation centers. I think it would be a good practice for the City to have navigation centers not just in areas most affected by homelessness, but also in districts like D4, D1, D7, and D2, where the homeless population is smaller, albeit present. This is important for access purposes, but also to combat the social stigmas associated with homelessness.

2) I however have concerns with the way the legislation is currently written: first, though a planning application has finally been submitted for a TAY Nav Center at 888 Post St in D3, there have been enough delays and misadventures with both the TAY Nav Center *and* navigation centers generally (the litigation with the Embarcadero Nav Center being one example) that I'm not entirely comfortable with the BOS removing the requirement that a TAY Navigation Center be opened, as this legislation does:

- Old section 106.2(c): At least one Navigation Center **shall** focus on the needs of homeless persons, aged 18-29, who have experienced street homelessness. (emphasis added)
- New section 106.3-1(c)(2): At least one Navigation Center **may** focus on the needs of homeless persons between the ages of 18 and 29 (transitional-aged youth), inclusive, who have experienced street homelessness. (emphasis added)

Though I recognize that this change is in the context of adding "may" clauses for other specific groups with specific needs, I think we have seen by our experience with the TAY Nav Center that, unless there is an *actual requirement* to open one, navigation centers for specific populations may very well never be opened at all. I do not think having a lot of suggested navigation centers, instead a few of *required* navigation centers, is not good policy in this situation, given how long it takes to get HSH to act.

3) I am frankly not convinced that even the base level requirement that HSH open a navigation center in every district within 30 months is a goal that the City can set it self in good faith, for several reasons:

- The TAY navigation center requirement was added in 2016: we are well past the many deadlines set for it to be opened, and yet still, it has barely just been submitted for Planning Dept/Commission approval.



- Why should we believe then that just because there is a legal requirement to open these centers, that they will actually be opened?
- A lot of the momentum that this legislation will need to carry it through implementation would need to be generated by district Supervisors, whose collaboration and consent is usually, if not legally required, politically/effectively needed to fulfill such a project in their district, against what seems could be a not small amount of opposition from community groups, depending on where the projects are located. It is not at all clear if support for this legislation is unanimous on the Board: only 5 Supervisors are listed as co-sponsors. If a Supervisor does not support having a navigation center in their district, does HSH and the rest of the BOS have the political will and capital to override that Supervisor's objections? It seems uncertain at best.

I therefore think it is worth considering whether this legislation will just end up being another disappointment going forward, especially as once a navigation center is opened, it usually will not operate for ever, meaning that by removing the requirement that at least one center be for TAY, we could end up a few years down the line *again* without a TAY navigation center. Is that sacrifice worth it for supporting this legislation, even should we agree with its general intent?

I am therefore, at this moment, undecided on whether I support the legislation with recommendation, or whether I would rather simply oppose unless amended to reinstate the TAY navigation center requirement.”

Commissioner Dong: TAY NAV centers have been ignored, there is no mention in this legislation about the promise of anymore being built. The TAY NAV center BOS promised on 888 Post St. has been delayed, and no signs of it opening up soon.

Commissioner Hirji: Should we flat out recommend to change the language or not support this legislation with comments?

Commissioner Alameri: I would like NAV centers throughout the city, the homelessness crisis is intense in the TL. Everyday there are 5 new encampments.

Commissioner Dong: Let's type up our opposition and send it to staff to include in our agenda packet for the February 3rd FYC meeting.

Commissioner Alameri: I will create the document and share with the committee.

Staff: plan to submit by the next HLU meeting on 1/30. You all can finalize then and I will add it to our FYC agenda packet.

Commissioner Dong: Let's plan to finalize at the next meeting. Everyone add to the document between now and January 30th.

#### D. Work Group Updates & Work Time

##### i) YFYI Community Workshop Calendar/Schedule

Ali from HSH needs a community calendar by January 30th. As per the grant request, 3 community events in March, April, and June that focus on homelessness amongst LGBTQ+ youth. Potential dates:

- March 18th, Wednesday, 5-7pm
- April 22nd, Wednesday, 5-7pm
- June 17th, Wednesday, 5-7pm



Next steps: HLU commissioners invite and connect with RODT members to come to the January 30th HLU meeting. Itzel to connect with Noora to secure venue space for community meetings.

## ii) BPP's & Next Steps

Commissioner Dong: Our BPPs don't need to change much from last year. We mainly need to change the wording and update the data/information.

Other items/issues that will need to be included in HLU's BPPs:

- include the grand challenge in HLU's BPPs
- Add 29 data/information - add muni in general
- Do more research, find current, relevant data
- Clipper Start: low-income clipper card with a certain percentage discount. - HLU to look into recommending something like this.
- No poor people taking the Ferry, we should also highlight this.

Next steps: Staff to connect HLU with Muni Director and HSH re: TAY NAV center; more to come at the next meeting, everyone bring their laptop, and review google docs from last year's BPPs. Next meeting HLU will begin working on BPPs.

## E. Appreciations

Commissioners appreciated each other.

## 6) Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Implicit Bias Training - Khatab, Sasha
- MYR 2020 - CAA space, 9-5pm, 1/18-1/19
  - Khatab send Itzel his icebreaker
- Chair training 1/31 at 4:30pm-6:30pm, City Hall

## 7) Announcements

### A. Community Events

- Census is having a difficult time hiring people to do census outreach. They may potentially increase the wages to encourage more people to apply.

## 8) Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

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