

**San Francisco Youth Commission
Youth Civic Engagement Committee
Minutes~Draft**

Wednesday, February 8, 2017

4:20-6:20 PM

City Hall, Room 345

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Joshua Park, Noah David, Chiara Lind, Griffin Ng

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 4:27pm. Commissioners present: Joshua Park, Griffin Ng, Noah David. Commissioner Lind is running late, but will be here shortly.

Staff present: Kiely Hosmon. There was quorum.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

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

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. January 18, 2017

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Commissioner David, seconded by Commissioner Ng, moved to approve the minutes. There was no public comment. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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

There was none.

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

A. Team Building Activity

Commissioner Park had everyone go around and say what they did well at the gathering and what could have been improved for themselves.

Commissioner Lind arrived. Commissioner Lind: did good job planning the gathering, had a good timeline. Improve: transitioning from one piece to another to have a smoother flow.

Noah: great turnout. Improve: shouldn't have been playing Magic during the event.

Griffin: good job cleaning up. Improve: keeping people there after the activities because folks seemed to think it was over.

Commissioner Park gave kudos to all colleagues: Commissioner Lind did great job at MCing the event, Commissioner David did good job serving the food, Commissioner Ng impressed him with his talking to the presenters.

Commissioner Park for himself: he was present at the event, improve: not stressing out.

For Kiely: Commissioners said she did a good job being Kiely, staff acknowledged she could have been more present instead of focusing on behind the scenes work. Hard to strike a balance of that when doing events.

B. Presenter: Jill Fox, Department of Elections

November election was historic turnout in terms of registered voters as well as general turn out. Had most people to actually vote at 414,528. High voter turnout at 80%. Also biggest ballot in SF history.

Current 16 & 17 year olds: 12, 492

Under 18 year olds: 112, 426 or 13.4%

Current 18-24 year olds: 37,476 (so estimate 5134 people 18-24 not registered to vote)

Number of 16 & 17 year olds pre-registered to vote: 523

864, 816 people live in SF according to US Census Bureau

All the above numbers are estimates. Our 555 estimate is off because some could have turned 18 which would bump them into the next age bracket.

To be eligible to pre reg:

Must be US citizen (all above numbers also include some non-citizens and undocumented folks)

Anyone under 18 whose parents become citizens will also automatically become citizens (so keep this in mind when speaking with young people)

Commissioner Lind: we wanted to take this on to encourage youth to be excited about elections and make the knowledge of pre reg more accessible and wanting to get the word out and double the current numbers DoE has before end of school year.

Commissioner Park: when applied for grant we were wanting to get money towards stipends for recruiting youth to help with the outreach but without the money we will have to do a lot of the work ourselves. Want to sign up people through YLEADS program as a way to incorporate this as a policy ask. Will be talking to Maria Su from DCYF about having pre reg as a part of their programs. We were going to have social media campaign but probably won't do that aspect.

Question from Commissioner Park: how can we get the word out besides just talking to youth?: This is where dept of elections comes in. No money to give us but can give us other support. Dept of Elections has some events that are already in the works and the YC could help staff with DoE. They have all the stuff and we have the youth, energy, and interest.

Things we could do together and/or for free:

Last 2 weeks in April: plan ahead for state wide voter education weeks and Jill is interested in making this a thing and getting some state help on this. They did it last April and September with the high school ambassadors. You sign up and bring in schools and do a training on registration or pre reg and voting awareness. In March planning on recruiting more ambassadors and we could come in and help explain why pre reg is important. DoE could also help with social media campaign and we could help push it out. Focus in on March and April as the most active months.

On her handout she has other ideas where we could target some youth (and could set us up with bags and clipboards and vests-can't pay people but could help get us in, and could get us trained):

Basketball Championship, March 3rd 7pm
Princess Project Prom Dress Giveaway, March 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25
Youth Advocacy Day, March 16
Mayor's Youth Jobs & Resource Fair, March 18, 10-3pm
High School Voter Education Weeks: April 17-28
Bayview Youth Summit: April 29

New thing: at any state schools you will have to register to vote after you register for your classes so this would include SFSU and CCSF.

High School Ambassador program is pilot program and if it does well could get Alex Padilla to show up. Has mentioned he wants to come to SF.

If born before or on June 5th, 2000 you'll be voting in next SF election so it will go live for them.

Tracking numbers: Dept of Elections will give us cards that are actually "checked out" to us. Every card is unique and we'll check out however many and that will be earmarked towards YC. We can check out a certain number of cards and then can check out more once we go through the first batches. We will also have the same form if we get anyone who is over 18 as well and track them in the YC numbers.

Online registration-must have driver's license or CA ID in order to submit online.

Staff asked if getting up to a 1,000 from 523 is reasonable. Jill says getting numbers up to 1000 is very reasonable.

Dept of Election wants to hire someone to go into schools and do voter training. Hopeful to roll this out by next school year.

Staff asked if the youth have to remain non partisan. Jill says we can't turn anyone away but it's ok to tell their own stories and why they want youth to pre-register and the importance of it.

Jill suggests they go through voter registration training and wouldn't take more than an hour. If we pulled in more people who want to help us outreach for more numbers then we'd want to bring them in to be trained as well. First steps, CEC could get the initial training and then we could train the full YC at a YC meeting and not have them go through something separate. We could then tailor our training to why we are focusing on the pre-registration aspect.

D. Pre-Registration of 16 & 17 year olds Strategy Planning

Commissioner Park tabled Item C to go to Item D for the sake of the flow of conversation. Staff went over the strategy plan for the rest of the year. Commissioners have to read this through and give feedback. Staff will incorporate event dates from DoE on the timeline chart.

C. "What Now?" A Youth Led Post-Election Gathering Debrief

Commissioner Park came back to item C.

Commissioners read the summary of the feedback from emails from expression artists and tablers. All really positive.

There was some miscommunication about how to prep the MCs. Could have prepped them sooner rather than later. Commissioner Lind would have wanted more preparation for the MC aspect. Lots of people from the mix went to Commissioner Amable's open mic so building the gaps between youth!

The question envelopes didn't work well. Super awesome and resource fair was good. Some SAC thought it was unorganized but that was the point from the very beginning to have a less structured and more flexible event than the first one.

Group conversation about roles:

Staff asked the group if they think they all contributed 100% of themselves to this group effort: Commissioner David knows he didn't show up to this event 100%. He said he was exhausted. Commissioner Lind said she was tired as well but that she showed up and smiled through it and gave it her all.

Commissioner Park-felt frustrated that a lot of his job was looking over everything and constantly having to deal with Noah's friend and Noah. It seemed that Commissioner David brought a friend just to play Magic at the event and was doing that instead of giving 100%.

Commissioner David acknowledged that his friend asked him to play and he said yes.

Staff asked Commissioner David what it means to be a commissioner. Commissioner David said his role as a commissioner is to help the youth of the city through political means. Staff: Did you think you did this at the event? Commissioner David thinks he does this in general.

Other commissioners disagreed with this answer. Commissioner David clarified he thinks he didn't do his role as a commissioner at the event but overall thinks he does.

Commissioner Park-frustrated that he needed to watch Commissioner David to make sure he was committing to his responsibilities and from then on he didn't go to anything else at the gathering because he felt like he had to watch him and babysit. Commissioner Park said this was frustrating as the chair to do this as he wanted to focus on other things besides having to watch another colleague play games with his friend at a gathering they have been working hard on.

Staff stated that it is our job to make sure Commissioners fulfill their chartered duties as well as abide by their bylaws. When a commissioner is at something that is filled with other young people, your chartered duty is to interact with them and to hear their frustrations, their fears, their concerns and how you, as a Commissioner, can bring these to light at not only the Youth Commission, but also to the Board of Supervisors. If you are at an event that you organize and plan, and then ignore your constituents and play a video game, you are not fulfilling your chartered duties. Furthermore, this committee has the smallest number of commissioners as well as the most amount of first years with Commissioner David being the only one that is a returning Commissioner as a third year Commissioner. So when Commissioner David does not pull his weight, this committee feels it at an incredible level as other committee members must then pick up the slack for the one member who is not fulfilling their responsibilities, as stated in the group agreements we have previously agreed upon. So not only do we need to abide by the chartered duties and our bylaws, but we also need to abide by the group agreements we all created together at the beginning of the year. Other commissioners agreed with this.

Super successful event and gained a lot of rep.

E. Sign Group Agreements

Commissioner Lind signed the group agreements. There was no public comment.

6. Staff Report

There is a Vote16 Documentary in the works and D'Arion and Celi would like youth feedback. This is on the same night and time as the anti-sexual harassment training party. Staff will put the info in the weekly internal.

7. Executive Committee Report

Commissioner Lind was sick, staff said the report is the same as what they heard at the full YC meeting this week.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.