



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, February 5, 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-Fricker, 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, Owen Hoyt

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Meeting called to order at 5:16pm by Vice Chair Yu. Commissioners present: Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Kristen Tam, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Zak Franet, Owen Hoyt

Commissioners absent: Mary Claire Amable, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Mampu Lona, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind.

Commissioner Andam is running late and arrived at 5:28pm. Commissioner Lona arrived at 5:40pm.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon. No public comment.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Mao, moved to approve the agenda with the correction of her name from "Kristin" to "Kristen" under item 5C. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. January 13, 2017
([Document A](#))

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation. There was no public comment.

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 the Department of Environment

Presenter: Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of Environment

Deborah Raphael is impressed by the YC agenda and gives a shout out to Kristen for inviting her here today.

Phoebe the Phoenix presents about zero waste and could have seen her in assemblies. They reach out to SF students to educate them on environmental stewardship. Work in areas of renewable energy, toxin reduction, plastics out of commerce, environmental justice, wide range of programs with about 100 people in their Department. They take big bold ideas and make them real to benefit the person on the street. The White House is a house of denial when it comes to federal regulations and protection of the environment.

Climate change is real and the impacts are happening today. How do we talk about climate change? They created a framework around climate change; the city's strategy is 0-50-100-roots. 0=zero waste to landfill and incineration; 50=half of transportation should be sustainable transit, bike/walk first to reduce congestion and reduce reliance on cars; 100=100% renewable energy which means being energy efficient (switch to LED), electricity should be greenhouse gas free (use solar panels, sign up for cleanpowersf), fuel switching (get off gas and diesel and natural gas in buildings); roots=capturing carbon (roots is how we heal the planet), secret weapon is its compost, if everyone composted we can transform the soil to pull carbon out of the air.

The world is run by those who show up. Two ways that the YC can show up: 1) tackle plastic pollution and heal our oceans, and get folks to not use single use plastics (working with Supervisor Tang on plastic pollution and litter); can ask Tang to help. 2) Gov Brown is calling together people from around the world to talk about climate change Sept 12-14th at the Climate Summit 2018. The YC can get involved in this and do something here, could gather other YCs to convene and talk about environmental issues and what to do.

Feels SF is very committed to environmental stewardship but we need more/everyone to get on board. Invites YC'ers to join Kristen to figure out what is possible to heal this planet.

Commissioner Andam arrived at 5:28pm.

Questions: Staff is anyone interested in the climate summit? Yes, many hands were raised.

Public comment-Anthony Valdez, former chair of the Youth Commission 2001-2002 is now secretary of Dept of Environment. Was at 20th anniversary event. On inauguration night for Obama many youth were there and he said to them "the reason I won was because of youth and the youth sense of possibility, whatever you go and do in your life, never lose that sense of possibility". Reminds him of being on the YC and badgering the Supervisors and MO and reminds him of the sense of possibility. See's Commissioner Tam's resolution and seeing the legacy of continuing environmental justice and other issues in SF. Proud to be former YC'er and to see all the great work you are doing and looks forward to working with Commissioner Tam further.

Second person- Ace on the Case. First time attending YC meeting. Will behave in front of the youth. Great great grandfather so is an OG/baby boomer. Comes speaking from experience and moral obligation and speaking of Black History Month.



Questions and Discussion:

Commissioner Tam-for goal of zero waste how are we doing on that and what are we doing to get there? Think about your black bin, is it empty? Which means you're not at zero. We need people to take the personal approach of what they can do to get to zero as we aren't there yet. Apt buildings and other large commercial buildings are challenging and hard to reach people. Trying to make it so easy to do the right thing by investing in pier 96 so almost anything has a home in the blue or green bin. Now the challenge is public education and figuring out how to inspire others to do the right thing.

B. Presentation on San Francisco Cannabis Legislation Issues/Summary Presenter: Nicole Elliott, Director, Office of Cannabis

Eugene Hillsman, Deputy Director for the Office of Cannabis, is in Nicole's place. This office's primary responsibility is to regulate the industry to follow education and safety goals.

Commissioner Lona arrived at 5:40pm.

Cannabis legislation was designed to move the business industry out of the shadows and into the sunlight to regulate the spaces. So to have no imminent threat to safety or health, inspectors go in to check out spaces. Partnering with SFUSD and have someone on the task force and will continue to partner with the school system to make sure youth are negatively impacted. DPH currently working on public health campaign to improve awareness of this issue. Can call 311 or the police if you think a business isn't following the codes.

Things to be clear about: you can't smoke in public; there are still restrictions on consumption. Can't consume at special events or where there is already a liquor license. The BOS also expressed a priority of equity. There has been a historic injustice associated with selective enforcement from PD and now SF is trying to create a pathway for these impacted communities to participate in the industry if they want to. The rates of arrest and impact fell on vulnerable communities.

There is a November 2017 Cannabis Equity report which is on file with the Clerk of the BOS that shares more details on the equity impact. The War of Drugs had disastrous impact on communities of color, especially in SF.

Black and Latinos have endured more felony arrests than other races. Even today there are large racial disparities that still exist around this topic. Want to clear the way for people with previous convictions. Last week the DA said they will clear the records of those who had misdemeanors connected to cannabis use. We don't want their previous history to prevent them from being a part of this new economy and they want to reduce the illegal market and get folks to sell in spaces that are regulated.

Retail shops can't be closer than 600 feet near schools and this is nonnegotiable. It is a violation for any individual under 21 to be in a shop. Want to get the word out regarding safe consumption and but being thoughtful about doing it so youth don't have access to these drugs.

Questions:

Commissioner Franet-it's the felonies that matter most and not necessarily just the misdemeanors as they would prohibit the most. Whose records will be expunged vs those that aren't? DA's office is still working out the details regarding felonies. Will be getting more clarity on what Commissioner Franet is asking.



Commissioner Franet paraphrasing Commissioner Andam: if someone is in jail now what is the process for getting them out? Prioritizing cannabis crimes but in the case of those who are currently in jail that is a question for the sheriff's department. Regulation of the industry is trying to reduce the opportunities to be arrested for anything around cannabis industry. Want to regulate so people don't end up in county jail.

Commissioner Vigil-what if a 14 year gets caught smoking weed by the police what are the consequences? Law enforcement is not interested in locking up young people for cannabis crimes. Might be more community service or a civil citation.

Commissioner Franet-low numbers of youth being targeted for those convictions. Focused on probation but probably not spending time behind bars for smoking weed.

Rickie (YC intern)-what about community orgs and 600 feet? Existing regulations allow for spaces to be within 600 feet such as daycare, playgrounds but would be required to go through an additional process to verify the use for the business. If you add up anything youth related using the 600 feet rule you actually wouldn't be able to have any space for retail business in SF.

Commissioner Tam-are there regulations on advertisements and posters next to schools? Yes, stipulations on advertising to youth is outlawed. Also at the state level, too. Can't have edibles that are youth focused or anything that is targeted to youth is not allowed.

Rickie-takes Muni and on some buses there are cannabis advertisement; is that considered advertising to kids? Burden of proof is on the industry and the advertiser and must show it doesn't target youth.

Commissioner Vigil-will there be trainings for school admin? Came from a charter school and huge issue of smoking with teachers. Doesn't know the answer regarding teacher training. Will it apply to all schools or just SFUSD? Doesn't know.

Commissioner Tam-is advertisement allowed in general near schools? Not sure but will find out.

Commissioner Gregory-in front of his sisters' school there is a weed poster that isn't 600 feet away.

Commissioner Franet-what's the process for production? Each permit has a different process tailored to the function of the business.

Commissioner Franet- the regulated industry wouldn't be readily accessible to those most impacted by using the black market; so will the equity program level the playing field to get marginalized folks into the industry to help them be involved in the "right way" (doesn't think it would work if it is difficult to get through those hoops)? Thinking of how to provide technical assistance and creating a business plan or getting private capital.

Can contact:

Eugene.hillsman@sfgov.org, Deputy Director Office of Cannabis 415.554.4420

Public comment-Ace. Impressed with how organized you young G's are. The questions that are asked are impressive. Black History month yes browns and blacks in jail and the DA is trying to expunge those but impressed with you all. The power of the future is with you all. A voting bloc



is upcoming with your friends. Tell your friends to get involved in City Hall. Equity must be discussed.

C. Presentation on Youth Advocacy Day

Presenter: Wahid Ahmed, Community Engagement Coordinator, San Francisco Youth Empowerment Fund
(Document B)

Hundreds of youth are invited to share their experiences and learn from government and hear from city officials. Youth need to have a voice in the decisions that are being made about them.

Showed a video to the YC'ers.

Why get involved?: it's fun, they prepare you through four trainings, meet other youth, speak to city officials, help youth express their opinions.

Long tradition of 9 years running and YC was a part of it every year. Started with youth lobby day by the YC and it was taken over by and reformed to YAD. Wahid does read your BPPs and is impressed and hearing from other youth could inform your next BPPs. This is a way to get other youth involved with city government.

Commitment:

April 11th Orientation 5-7, 1390 Market St

April 14th Training Day 10-4pm, 2012 Pine St.

April 16th or April 18th Prep Session 5-7pm 1930 Market Street

April 25th 5-7 1390 run through market st

April 26th YAD

Topics: transit/environment, youth organizing, activism and digital advocacy, cannabis legislation and public health, affordable housing and workforce development, social justice and criminal justice reform, education and empowerment.

Leaders for YAD:

Rickie, Lisa, Bahlam (yes's)

Arianna, Mik'el, Kristen, Felix (maybe)

Commissioner Marshal-Fricker-why did you choose to do trainings on the weeknights? If just on weekends you would have blocked off a ton of Saturdays.

Commissioner Andam-if you miss a training is that bad? It's not good to miss any as there aren't any make up days. April 14th is completely mandatory. The 25th if you miss you'll be fine but it's for your comfort.

No public comment.

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Andam, motion to sponsor Youth Advocacy Day. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Vice Chair Yu circled back to item 1 to excuse absences. Commissioner Lind is sick, Commissioner Amable is on a leave of absence and are the only ones who gave notice on missing the meeting tonight. Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-



Fricker, motioned to approve these absences. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

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

- A. Leave of Absence Request for January 15th-February 15th, 2018 for Commissioner Mary Claire Amable

Commissioner Mao, seconded by Commissioner Franet motioned to approve Commissioner Amable's leave of absence request. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

- B. [Second Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-06 [Resolution in Support of Youth Justice Reform]
Sponsor: Justice and Employment Committee
(Document C)

Read into the record for a second time. Commissioner Franet shared that there was some technical errors so working on citations to match statements as well as put numbers on the side.

Staff-"actions by other states" sentence should include the dates of when these actions took place.

Last resolved clause should be "and now therefore be it resolved".

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to approve the resolution with the suggested edits. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.

- C. [First Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-08 [Resolution supporting more Environmental Education and Awareness for San Francisco Youth]
Sponsor: Commissioner Kristin Tam
(Document D)

Commissioner Tam-this is a very rough draft as we are waiting on presentations that are taking place in February to get more information.

Resolution was read into the record for the first time.

Commissioner Vigil-could you put in something about recycling centers shutting down? Some of the TL centers have been closed and that is something for low income communities to get some money. Could put something in about how to get money from recycling.

Commissioner Franet-regarding apartment buildings, he lives in an SRO walk up on the 4th floor and doesn't have access to the garbage as it's through a garbage shoot, so can you look into requiring buildings and how they sort garbage? Are there regulations or stipulations around these buildings? What do these buildings have to do and should they have to do more, especially if owned by non profits? He cares about the environment but isn't going to look for a bin if one isn't accessible. Also, where is there a public compost bin in SF?



Commissioner Andam-why is this important to educate kids? Feels like it's companies and not individuals. No one takes education seriously. How is this efficient and why does it matter when we should focus on corporations? Commissioner Tam-yes larger places have a huge impact but youth will be the ones going into the corporations so need to start teaching them as they are growing and showing it's important and instill it in their values and bring to the larger companies.

Commissioner Andam-general sense of awareness but isn't transferring to action.

Commissioner Vigil-Varies person to person and area.

Commissioner Vigil-is it possible to incentivise mulch/compost? Yes, SF already does this and turns into compost and they sell it to farmers in the bay area.

Commissioner Vigil-but could they do this local? If they had money to pay people for their compost so instead of going to a company that they keep it more local. Commissioner Tam will look into this.

Commissioner Franet-before diving super deep think about logistics and what people are willing to do for money. The amount of compostable waste may not be worth it for anyone. Is this practical? Or should it be focused on a tax break for larger buildings?

Commissioner Tam-clarifying Vigil do you mean from homes or garden (Compost). Homes.

Staff asked about the data point on if their parents could recycle for them versus the youth actually doing it themselves.

D. Youth Commission Application 2018-2019

Sponsor: Youth Commission Staff
(Document E)

Staff walked through what is included and what could be included before it launches in February.

Commissioners debated on word limit for questions and decided it should be left as is, to see how applicants respond to the question.

Staff-what was your experience? Franet-confusing and weird cus of his situation but felt it was pretty straight forward, Mao can't remember, Hoyt-a lot of time reading things and broke up the work to answer the questions would probably revise some things, Yu-doesn't remember but second year of reapplying was easier cus less questions, Vigil-felt like homework but was straightforward, Gregory-liked his experience, Tam-liked group activities in interview as it made it less stressful and tense, being interviewed by a YC'er felt more casual, frustrated about the MO office and lack of response.

Commissioner Franet-do we do intentional outreach? Yes. Make sure to hit JPD.

Staff asked for help with outreach.

No public comment.

Commissioner Gregory, seconded by Commissioner Andam, motioned to approve the application. The motion was approved by acclamation. There was no public comment.



Vice Chair Yu called for a recess at 7:16pm. The meeting was called back to order at 7:21pm.

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

- A. BOS File No. 171310 [Charter Amendment - Budget Set-Asides and Baselines]
Sponsors: Supervisors Tang, Peskin
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document F)

Staff-this is coming back because at the January 24th meeting of the Rules Cmte of the BOS, they made enough amendments that it's being referred back to you. Staff read from the legislative digest.

Changes:

1. **Moved to November 2018 Ballot**
2. **Note that this Charter Amendment has a *may* clause.** Meaning that the BOS *may* but are not mandated to choose to freeze the CPI growth or claw back to the general fund if baselines are not encumbered
3. **Deficit trigger** – whenever City's projected budget deficit for upcoming fiscal year exceeds \$200 million, **growth** for baselines will be frozen for that year.
 - This would be tied to the Joint Report (released in Spring). This has happened only 6 times in the last 20 years
 - Current set-asides already have this deficit trigger such as the Dignity Fund, Street Tree Maintenance, and Rec & Park Maintenance of Effort baselines
 - Again this is not a cut to the baseline, it is suspending the growth and the \$200 million is indexed
4. **Fund balances** – baseline funds that remain unspent or uncommitted at the end of the fiscal year will be returned to the City's General Fund.
 - The amendments proposed at committee adds that funds dedicated to capital expenditures do not have to be returned to the General Fund. The amendment also clarifies that the Controller will base the reversion on the proportion of total revenues a department receives via the baseline.
 - Some questions came up regarding encumbrances, and here is an example -- If DCYF contracts with a non-profit (issues grant funding to them) and the non-profit does not spend its money by the end of the year, it is still considered encumbered.

Staff may not be able to answer all questions but will note your questions and comments in your referral response. Reminder that you can support, take no position, or not support.

Commissioner Franet-capital expenditures and encumbered monies will not be included in this amended version? They have changed it to a 'may' clause, so it isn't clear if they will be capped at their original baselines or if there is discretion around this as well. Original presentation made it seem if there was excess capital it would trigger what was being capped for that baseline. Is this is still the case? Is it a temporary 1 year freeze? Or does it revert back to normal? Or are those funds perpetually capped at their baselines?



Commissioner Andam-that was one of the reasons why last time we didn't support it. We wanted there to be discretion around the capping. No distinguishing between what baselines would be capped and at what amount they be capped at. This is improvement from last time in the fact that there is a difference between what is in their funds already vs what would be taken out.

Staff-because it has moved to November ballot there is the potential of this leg coming back to YC again as the BOS considers amendments and public input. This is probably not the last time you hear this leg.

Commissioner Andam-can we conduct our own research on how this would affect children and youth and organizations that serve them. So if we say 'no position' in this case it wouldn't be bad? Not in this case.

Commissioner Vigil-he had someone come to him concerned it would have an impact on DCYF. How would this impact the organizations that DCYF gives money to? Staff attended the DCYF OAC retreat last week and asked the same question. Maria Su said DCYF would have encumbered funds, which means whatever money they have promised grantees is what they would get. She said DCYF wouldn't be impacted by this legislation. Staff can only speak to what she heard, though.

Commissioner Franet-if it goes through more changes, it has to come back to us? Yes. Likes the different changes re: capital expenditures and the encumbered part but still has some questions. Concerns not answered: do funds get capped at their baselines no matter what, and is there discretion around that and is there an annual freeze? Will it happen to every single one listed in the legislation or will the Board take the power to freeze what they choose?

Commissioner Andam-do we know where other organizations stand on this? Organizations did show up to the BOS Rules Cmte back in January all with varying positions. Staff encourages YC to watch that meeting.

Commissioner Vigil-isn't it counterproductive to target the Public Enrichment Fund during a deficit when it was created in response to deficits?

Public comment:

Josh Park, previous D4 Youth Commissioner and current YC intern. Thinks the resolution is important to give flexibility on deficit spending, but is this flexibility worth putting youth of SF at risk with the money that goes towards them? If it passes at the ballot it would contradict the values of SF and the past YC values. Last year in your BPPs it was written that there should be a prioritizing of youth development in the city. Based on these points I encourage you to not support this legislation.

Commissioner Yu-speaking not as chair but regular Commissioner-personally thinks we shouldn't take a position on it unless you strongly feel one way or another and suggests we take no position to see if more edits will come down to them.

Commissioner Andam motioned to not support this legislation. He doesn't like the idea of capping the growth of orgs that are dedicated to improving the lives of youth. This is what we are tasked to do. Motion not seconded and fails.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, motioned to take no position so they can see what other amendments could be made.



Roll Call:

Commissioner Hoyt-aye
Commissioner Mao aye
Commissioner Franet aye
Commissioner Andam no
Commissioner Vigil Aye
Commissioner Gregory aye
Commissioner Tam aye
Commissioner Nassiri aye
Commissioner Chen aye
Commissioner Yu aye
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker aye
Commissioner Lipson aye

Staff left out Commissioner Lona. Roll Call vote a second time:

Commissioner Hoyt-aye
Commissioner Mao aye
Commissioner Franet aye
Commissioner Andam aye
Commissioner Vigil Aye
Commissioner Gregory aye
Commissioner Lona aye
Commissioner Tam aye
Commissioner Nassiri aye
Commissioner Chen aye
Commissioner Yu aye
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker aye
Commissioner Lipson aye

Motion to take no position passes unanimously.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Vigil, motioned to include the comments and questions discussed. The motion was approved by acclamation.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Discussed retreat and suggest each cmte go back to the ground rules you created and discuss if you need to add in new ones or address any issues. Be mindful of others on the commission and be respectful of your chair, be present, and be on cell phones less.

B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Narrowed down to 6 BPPs and waiting for presentations (YOHANA, Dept of Environment, and Planning Dept).

C. Justice and Employment Committee



Having quorum issues. Going to be contacting/finding a sponsor at the BOS to introduce it at their level. Feedback is that they want to see it passed at YC first so have hit that goal.

D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee

Redid their group agreements and brainstormed priorities and received presentation on Vote 16 from Josh. Might need all of you to speak to your Supervisors on Vote 16. Want to do fee waivers for CA IDs, push implementation efforts at SFUSD on pre registration efforts, get updates on Prop N, and be a part of symbolic efforts to support immigrant committees.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

Staff-there has been a lot of transitions in MO and that is why they have not met.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Info on ICE raids in your WI and encourage you all to have that info available and share with your networks
- How many are thinking of returning to YC (Arianna, Owen, Felix, Bahlam, Elsie, Kristen, Mike'l, Marshall-Fricker)
- Try to meet with your appointing official to touch base and talk about plans for your term. See what their priorities are this time around
- Next YC meeting will be on Tuesday February 20th and not the 19th we will be in 278 (Lisa, Gregory, Arianna, Conna, Franet, Jarrett, Elsie, can't make it). If shorter more can make it.
- March 14th is first deadline for BPP draft due
- March 1st for Mayoral appointees works. At 4:30pm on March 1st. Only Zak can't make it.
- WI had a missing name for SRO request. That was from Jordan Davis.
- Kiely has been appointed new Director. She thanks Leah for her hard work as Acting Director during this transition.

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Tam-fill out her environmental survey please
Commissioner Andam-Operation Smile raised money for people who have cleft lift and palate so looking for doctors to speak at their events
Commissioner Franet-3 million dollars being slated for homeless TAY services, DCYF press conference sent to all YCers
Commissioner Gregory-youth forum at Bayview at 4:30 at opera house, SFPD wants to hear from youth

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.