



San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft
Monday, March 5, 2018
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, Owen Hoyt

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Meeting called to order at 5:18pm. Commissioners present:, Lily Marshall-Fricke, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Kristen Tam, Mike'l Gregory, Zak Franet, Owen Hoyt, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam.

Commissioners absent: Elsie Lipson, Arianna Nassiri, Jarrett Mao, Jonny Mesler, Claire Amable, Mampu Lona.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Yu, motioned to approve all absences. Motion approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Lona arrived at 5:26pm.

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

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

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

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. February 5, 2018
([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)



Ashley Rodriguez and Carol, from YFYI, came to speak about a youth grant opportunity. These grants started in 2003, and have funded over 300 projects that are youth led in SF and roughly 2.5 million dollars have been given back to the community. Two grants: innovative and capacity grants. Must address social justice issues.

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

- A. BOS File No. 180127 [Hearing on the efficacy and impact of San Francisco gang injunctions]
Sponsor: Supervisors Fewer and Ronen
Presenter: Chelsea Boilard, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Sandra Fewer
(Document B)

The City Attorney, Dennis Herrera, brought forth gang injunctions in 2007. Many organizations, such as the ACLU and Coleman Advocates for Youth, are against the injunctions. Gang injunctions are policy put in place by many cities but are seen as racial profiling, and currently there are 145 names on the list for gang injunctions; this reduces the movement and allowable activity for people on this list. This has raised significant concerns.

Supervisor Fewer sits on the SF Reentry Council and wanted to sponsor a hearing after reading Jeff Adachi's letter (handed out to YCers) calling on the City Attorney to end gang injunctions like Oakland and other cities have done. D1 office wants to hear from city attorney and public defender for justification on the existence of these injunctions and have not been updated since 2011, many of the people are dead or not living in SF and all appear to be black or Latino. There is a negative and disastrous impact on communities. This is a hearing, not legislation, and thought YC would be interested in this. Since this has been in place for 10 plus years a lot of the people aren't youth but still YC could be interested.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker- how do you stop it? The city attorney has authority to withdraw them.

Commissioner Vigil- do you have any info on the opt out process and what this looked like or the success of it? We do not know who has actually used the opt out process or if it was successful. This is a question they have put forth to the city attorney to see how it has been used, been attempted to use, and if used successfully. When you are charged with a crime, gang injunctions are civil, you don't get a public defender and don't necessarily get the right to defense. Another question they are asking is do people have access to attorneys to navigate this complicated process?

Commissioner Vigil-are there non profits to help with the process of opt outs? Would like to see this connection to. If there are particular questions would be happy to answer them at the hearing.

Commissioner Lind-not legislation referred, we will vote on the hearing if we support it. YC can't attend cus it's during school so give thoughts and comments so it could be considered at the hearing.



Boilard-not possible to holding after school hearing for this one, but on next ones they hope to do so as they respect youth voice as part of the process.

Commissioner Andam-can you recess the meeting and restart? No because there are other conflicts.

Public comment: Jose Bernal, serves on SF Reentry Council and End the Injunctions Coalition. Thank you for having this discussion. These injunctions have been around for 10 years and every single person is either black or brown male and were placed on the list between ages 18-20. City attorney did not prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they were actually gang members. Our youth should have a problem with this when our civil rights are under attack and Trump is making statements that he is going to come and rip brown family's apart; we need to guard our civil rights. These injunctions are permanent and have impacts like not being able to be in their own neighborhoods. Welcomes conversation with him and invite you to the Bayview on Wednesday at 5:30pm at the Bayview City College Campus to hear more about the injunctions.

Donna Mandel, staff for Public Defender's office, represents the law office that defends people who have been charged with crimes and mostly defends poor people who can't afford counsel. Public Defenders office can't defend those who were under gang injunctions and this is lack of due process. Many of these were 10 years ago and still on the list and many are not that young anymore and some are deceased, moved out, but their names are on the list and this means they can't be seen in their neighborhoods or be seen with others on the injunctions list, can't associate sometimes with family members if all on the list. She know someone who tried opt out process and was denied, and didn't have legal representation. Periodic reviews were supposed to happen every three years from city attorney but this has never happened. Very concerned and welcome your support for a hearing. Get rid of these gang injunctions.

Commissioner Franet-who has oversight? The city attorney.

Commissioner Andam-is the hearing about reviewing the members of the list or to get rid of gang injunctions? The hearing is to ask the city attorney to present the justification for the gang injunctions to be in place, the impact, and the city attorney will present and the public defender will also present.

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Tam, motion to support the hearing.

Roll call vote:

All Commissioners voted aye for unanimous support of this hearing.

Discussion/comments to be included to packet to the Clerk of the committee holding the hearing-

Commissioner Vigil-consider the timing of young people when there is impact on them and really try for after school hearings

Commissioner Andam-will there be another hearing on whether the board will support it or not vs just an info hearing? Response to Felix's question: because this is a policy by city attorney the BOS can't pass leg to end gang injunctions. The BOS could pass a resolution urging action around gang injunctions but at this point the hearing is just informational.



Commissioner Vigil-what is the process of opting out and the resources going in to help people opt out?

Commissioner Tam-have the people who are on the injunction list have been educated on the opt out process? How do those on the list get off the list if they actually aren't in gangs? Do those on the list know about this hearing as it would be vital to have them speak for themselves?

Commissioner Desgarenes-can you review the evidence and ask why they didn't have legal representation and can this be changed moving forward? Is there an effective way to decrease the gang injunctions?

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

A. Presentation on Epicenter Summit 2018

Presenter: Naomi Fierro, External Affairs, San Francisco Fellow, and Francis Zamora, Director of External Affairs, SF Department of Emergency Management

Naomi Fierro is a former YC'er, native SF'an, and believes in the potential of youth to drive decisions that affect SF. Thank you for your service.

SF Department of Emergency Management -when there is a large scale emergency or pre planned event their center is the point person of how they respond to emergencies. Community education and outreach is done so folks know what to do when there is an emergency to be as responsive as possible.

They communicate with the public via: AlertSF, Twitter, Outdoor Public Warning System, wireless emergency alerts, SF72 (has tailored info on what to do in various emergencies).

Commissioner Andam-what if there is an emergency at noon on Tuesdays? Test siren stops, if real, it would be ringing endlessly. Siren would be much different.

EpiCenter-2018 Summit on Bay Area Response and Recovery from a catastrophic earthquake. 2 days at Observation Post in Presidio. Youth Commissioners can shape this conversation by attending and is invitation only and you are being invited by Naomi as your voice has a right to be heard.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricke-why is it only invitation only? Limited space.

Emergency management: school violence, natural disasters, mental health, technology.

There will be a panel that has emphasis on mentorship and policy. Check out: Sfdem.org/epicenter and it's April 10/11 during school, 8-4pm, food and transportation provided. Asking for your participation and your opinion. Reach out to naomi.fierro@sfgov.org.

If one day is what you can do then that is ok. Would like to see youth commissioners at the panel on diversity and management at 1pm on the first day, April 10th. They could provide notes for your teachers.



Commissioner Yu-Chinatown Community Development Center Youth for SRO program as a group to reach out to.

There was no public comment.

B. Presentation on Close Up Program

Presenter: Eleanor Vogelsang, Community Relations Manager, Close Up Foundation

Came last year and presented. Washington DC non profit organization whose mission is to inspire and empower youth to be civically minded.

No public comment.

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

A. [Second Reading] Resolution 1718-AL-08 [Resolution supporting additional Environmental Education and Awareness for San Francisco Youth]

Sponsor: Commissioner Kristin Tam
(Document C)

Need to change spelling of Kristen's name. Resolution read into the record for the second time.

Commissioner Yu-part where she cites her data is too redundant so figure out how to condense it so it's shorter and easier to read.

Commissioner Andam-can you cite it and then just say look at data here? Staff-no because the data is coming from kristen's survey and we want that in there.

Josh Park-what do the environmental trainings look like? And what would the YC need to do to make the ask successful? Dept of Environment could give the presentations as they already have presentations targeted towards team.

Commissioner Franet-the front page seems that you're asking DCYF to provide the trainings but the resolved clauses make it seem that the Dept of Env will provide trainings. Commissioner Tam-DCYF would have to say yes to this as a policy but the dept of env would provide the trainings. Commissioner Franet-so make this as clear as possible.

Commissioner Franet-be clear that DCYF just needs to say yes to something the dept of env has already said they would do.

Park-would it be to offer or require these trainings? Concern with offer is that it's too loose. Aiming for mandatory trainings so learning towards require.

Commissioner Franet-may not be realistic for all.

Commissioner Tam-need to see how mandatory their mandatory their trainings are.

Commissioner Franet-large orgs could pull this off but could be tough ask for small orgs.

Staff-page 4 line 10 add in "for DCYF to offer env trainings for DCYF grantees by Dept of Environment and/or to coordinator with the Dept of the Env."



Park-DCYF serves numerous ages so clarify the ages that you want to specify receive presentations.

Commissioner Yu doesn't think we should change the language of "offer" in the resolution and better to put in the BPPs instead.

Amendments-condense the data, be explicit on Dept of Env providing the trainings for DCYF trainings, and the ages of those who should receive trainings.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Yu, motioned to approve the three amendments mentioned above. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to approve the resolution. The motion was approved by acclamation.

B. Leave of Absence Request for February 14-March 12, 2018 for Jonny Mesler

C. Leave of Absence Extension Request for February 15-March 5, 2018 for Mary Claire Amable

Items B and C were called together. Mesler broke his knee and unable to get to YC meetings. Amable going through family stuff and requesting extension.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Andam, motioned to approve these leaves of absences. The motion was approved by acclamation.

D. Presentation on Previous YC Priorities, DCYF Follow Up, and DYCF Youth Advisory Board Meeting Presentation
Presenters: YC Staff
(Document D)

Follow up is needed regarding recommendations that was made to DCYF department heads last year. We will request updates and implementation process as well as add in any new recommendations to share on March 16th at 4:30pm to the DCYF Youth Advisory Board. Will need at least 1.5-2 hours of practice and prep time.

Lisa, Kristen, Bahlam, Paola, and Josh are interested in presenting.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Approved agenda and moved start time to 4:45pm.

B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee

Had presentation from Department of Environment.

C. Justice and Employment Committee



Had meeting with Supervisor Fewer to get her support on the resolution and the BLA. She is tentatively supportive of the resolution but wants more info on the fiscal impacts. Requesting BLA report soon.

Had Young Women's Freedom Center present and are coming to present on March 19th. Getting letter of support from their org. Larkin has sent in their letter of support.

Presentations scheduled for multiple commissions where they will be asking for their support.

D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee

Working on BPPs. Researching CA ID fee waivers.

E. Our Children Our Family Council

No meetings yet.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

-School walk out. Folks are emailing the YC looking for guidance and leadership. If anyone wants to help please connect with Kristen or directly with Jason, the organizer at Lowell.

-March is the time where we are going to see an increase in requests on top of your chartered duties. Please stay committed to showing up 100% to the YC as we are starting to see a drop off.

-Last full YC meeting was canceled a few hours before the meeting due to lack of quorum. We can't have this happen again. Look at your calendar and get those dates down. Bad look to the presenters.

-Youth Advocacy Day on April 26th. Some of you signed up for youth leader positions. Lisa can't attend the day of. Follow up with Wahid on who is participating. You co sponsored so want to make sure YC shows up.

-This Saturday the YC is doing DCYF resource fair and we are tabling. Some 3000 folks showing up. Who can come to table with Leah? 11-3pm, set up one hour before and tear down one hour after. At County Fair building in GGP. Josh for 2-3 hour block, Zak could do an hour in the afternoon, Bahlam will be there.

-BPP deadline is March 14th and can be bullet points

-Homestead Florida Youth Commission coming to CA on Tuesday March 27th between 4-6pm for an hour. Felix, Paola, Bahlam are interested. Zak, Josh, Owen are maybes.

-Students at Gateway high to reserve city hall front steps for March 14th for walkouts.

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

No announcements.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11pm.