



# **San Francisco Youth Commission**

## **Minutes ~ Draft**

**Monday, October 21st, 2019**

**5:00 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.*

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Chair Cureton called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Commissioner Nassiri is absent. Quorum is met.

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

There is no public comment. Commissioner Alameri motioned to approve agenda with a motion to table item 5A, Commissioner Hylton seconded. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. October 7, 2019  
[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Alameri motioned to approve of October 7th, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Cheung. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There is no public comment.

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



A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 190957 [Hearing - Department of Police Accountability Operations]; Sponsors: Walton; Haney  
Presenter: Natalie Gee & Tracy Gallardo, Legislative Aides to Supervisor Walton  
(Document B)

The hearing date is not set. Please refer to the previous motion in item 2.

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

A. [Inform] Grand Challenge to End Homelessness for Youth of Color and LGBTQ Youth  
Presenter: Ali Schlageter, MSW, Youth Programs Manager, San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

Ali, she/her, youth programs manager, SF DSHS - inform to end youth homelessness for POC and LGBTQ youth. Grand Challenge just got back from first convening, our youth leaders will be presenting and taking the lead throughout the year.

San Francisco has accepted the Grand Challenge. They created a video and were accepted through an application process. Five young folks part of the Larkin Youth Advisory Board submitted a video about why the grand challenge is important in San Francisco.

A Way Home America, national organization, mission is to prevent and end youth homelessness through prevention and awareness brought this challenge to folks.

Grand Challenge goal - over a two year period, this challenge will use these core approaches racial & LGBTQ equity, youth collaboration, and continuous improvement.

Statistics: 120% LGBTQ Youth will experience homelessness, 89% are people of color experiencing homelessness.

The disproportionate impact of life and death for black trans womxn before the age of 35.

SF: 2019 Youth Count

- 1145 youth, 46% LGBTQ, 79% youth of color, 8% transgender

Grand Challenge sent a call out to cities to end youth homelessness over 2 years. In this application, they asked about accountability and how we operate under a white supremacy framework and how the city hopes to address that.

In addition to the application, they have to have a support letter from DSHS, nonprofit (3rd street, LGBT center, Larkin), youth experiencing homelessness & got into an interview.

Cohort 1, started last week - Cohort 2, 2020 January - national platform for standards and accountability for successes and failures.

Other cities: Richmond, VA, Miami, FL, Sacramento, CA, SF, CA, Hennepin County, Minnesota.



SF Team: HSH, LSYS, 3rd St, LGBT Center, 2 youth leaders

No money, just coaches & technical assistance to deploy resources to meet the goal.

Q1 Goals: engaging difficult conversations, right partners, a meaningful collab with youth, system accountability assessment

Things to remember...

- radical system organizing
- transformative organizing
- vehicle for a much larger conversation, not the conversation

Questions:

Commissioner Versace: What effective strategies are there?

Ali: just started with team of coaches, our effective one is housing but we want to make sure it's not a program by program commitment (Rising Up 500 youth), if we don't do work for equity then we are only temporarily fixing not changing the system on how it serves youth of San Francisco. The first visit with Coach is in November - and strategies with youth involvement, no feedback loop on how it changes the decision, not at the table besides at a presentation.

Commissioner Santos: What were you able to learn from other cities and how homelessness differs? Where do you get feedback and community voice and YC play a role in that?

Ali: work wasn't about collaborating, it was more groundwork - we didn't interact with other cities. Miami is serving immigrants in a different way. We can learn from how they do cultural work. In Sacramento, we can learn about when resources aren't centered on how youth have to travel. For community feedback, we are trying to set up grand challenge community convenings and having to do work planning together. There are so many youth boards and gatherings, that's where we need to figure out who can organize the youth voice and harness the work.

Commissioner Asfaw: Two youth leaders, why only two? How do the different youth groups differentiate from the work they do? What happens after the 2-year challenge?

Ali: the team is defined by the ride or die team, 5 members limited as the cohort is funding the transportation, during the writing of application more than 8 youth attended, yes there are identified representatives but we have more youth than in name. We are hoping to get more funding to compensate and get youth participation.

Ali: YPAC - youth with experience with homelessness, is a low barrier and open door. SF LGBT Center & Larkin YAB give feedback on programs that are running and work towards improvement. They come together to YPAC.

Ali: they have not looked past 2 years, SF might not do the work of equity, service providers can do the work but the city is unwilling to do the change. We just need to have honest vulnerable conversations or else we do the work.

Commissioner Ty: quick turnaround and excited for the youth commission to support grand challenge and hold these conversations, for commissioners you can ask youth in different positions, many organizations doing the work and talking with each other.



Ways to Collaborate:

Commissioner Alameri as a rep of district 6 would like to support.

Public Comment:

Ali: Support isn't just about vocal, social media, #endyouthhomelessness Grand Challenge, districts have pages please tag your supervisors, may inspire other cities to get involved.

Commissioner Alameri motioned to support The Grand Challenge, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

B. [Inform + Decision] Generation Upwards Coalition Request for Endorsement of the November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 March for Education

Presenter: Bahlam Vigil, San Francisco central regional chair  
(Document C)

Bahlam is at work. Alan Terrones, SF Eastern Chair, is part of Generation Upwards Coalition

Allan: We have youth organizers around the Bay area. Schools and communities first is a campaign that we are currently working on. We are having a march for education on November 9, to create a narrative on youth activism and to kick off Schools and communities first. We are asking the Youth Commission to support the march and spreading the word, providing a letter of support and supporting Gen Up. We plan to work on gun violence issues in the future too. GenUp.US is our Instagram handle.

Commissioner Asfaw: a lot to ask at one meeting, is there a highlight just one we can sponsor right now? and is there a timeline for spreading the word?

Allan: turnout and social media engagement

Commissioner Versace: what is 11 billion in funding?

Allan: making sure schools and communities get funding annually in California

Commissioner Santos: is there a focus besides gun violence?

Allan: education intersects with other issues, but the main focus has been gun violence and working with March for Our lives

Commissioner Cureton: what is our capacity?

Commissioner Santos: what is your handle?

Commissioner Chan: do you want us to spread the word on your application?

Commissioner Cureton: how many youth do you want us to turn out for March for Education?

Allan: 10

Staff Hosmon: is there a template for a letter of support?

Allan: no template

Commissioner Jones: who would write it?

Commissioner Quick can.

Commissioner Jones: on all the asks or just endorse based on capacity?



Staff Hosmon: goes over the asks one more time.

1. attend the march for education.
2. spread the word: social media.
3. letter of support: quick
4. supporting SF Region

Commissioner Hylton: third ask is supporting recruitment, but if we are saying presentation just about the march - we won't be supporting all of the org, then can we spread application,

Commissioner Jones: another presentation, clarify for me - moving parts of other focuses that the organization

Allan: may have more after 2020 -

Commissioner Jones: moving parts that we don't endorse, and if we are going to support recruitment I would need to know more about the organization as well

Commissioner Alameri: separate presentation on the application and how we can get out the application

Commissioner Versace: large scale thing

Commissioner Cureton: just endorse the march

Commissioner Jones: excited to hear about gen up - be specific

Commissioner Hylton: would the motion just cover the March letter of support

Commissioner Cureton: yes

Commissioner Alameri: will we need to approve letter?

Commissioner Quick: done at the end of the week

Commissioner Jones: trust that

There is no public comment. Commissioner Versace motioned to support March for Education, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Attendance for 11.09.2019 - Sat 11 am, Asian art museum,

Confirmed: Hylton, Chan, Cureton, Cheung, Alioto-Pier, Versace, Asfaw, Quick

Tentative: Alameri, Ginsburg, Arana

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

- A. [Decision] [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-03 [Defining Transit Improvements Citywide to Improve Access and Reliability – Youth Interest]  
Sponsor: Housing and Land Use Committee  
(Document D)

Commissioner Hirji will read this into record with the noted amendments.

Page 2 edit line 13 - 15: whereas, following the great recession, the San Francisco Unified School District drastically cut yellow school bus service, rendering many youth solely dependent on muni service to get to school; and



Page 4 edit 7 - 8: Further resolved, that the youth commission urges the SFMTA to be fully transparent in data collection and sharing; and

Commissioner Jones - page 2, line 2: City Charter Consequences?  
Commissioner Hirji - no

Commissioner Santos: I thought we read this last week, why do we see this again? What do strikethroughs mean?

Commissioner Quick: second reading gives action and additions made following the discussion we had the last meeting

Staff Hosmon: even though it is read on the 2nd time, it doesn't mean it'll pass again - if something huge is added, we might not accept it,

There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick made a motion to amend the resolution with underlined amendments, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Quick motions to approve of the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

## **8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

- a. Executive Committee
  - a. LAO:
    - i. hearing: date to be set on police accountability
    - ii. hearing: status of foster youth in the city
    - iii. hearing: sexual orientation and statistics in the city
  - b. Comms:
    - i. publishing individual YC'er profiles
    - ii. Alumni Network - reaching out to Alum and doing YC Alum profiles and doing a mixer before end of year
- b. Civic Engagement
  - a. reviewed timeline wrote YFYI grant, discussed the article of Lowell student for pushing to lower voting age ACA 6, potentially writing a letter to the editor.
- c. Housing and Land Use
  - a. YFYI grant, 29r resolution, 29r report back event location TBD, connectsf @ mission high
- d. Transformative Justice
  - a. mission statement, timeline, public comment 10/18 and questions for DOJ, mayor's blue ribbon panel, police commission youth rep, kyr at 10/28, mayor's justice campus
- e. OCOF
  - a. met with Alecia, origin of their work - meeting is tomorrow

## **9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**



Coleman advocates 10/25 at Bayview 5 - 7pm

- Jones, Cureton, Alameri, Quick, Alioto-Pier, Versace, Asfaw, Arana, Ginsburg, Hosmon, Versace

Motion and Purposes

Austin will be out of town till 11/4

1-1's with Itzel

Send shout outs to YC staff before every Friday to include in the weekly internal

## **10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Commissioner Jones Thurs 9am meeting with Public Defender

Commissioner Jones: Mayor phone call - schedule some office time and present directly to the office

Commissioner Dong: 11/14 29R report back, 11/21 connect sf  
Returners consensually connect with your new yc buddies

## **11. Adjournment**

Chair Cureton adjourns the meeting at 6:38 pm.