



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

**Tuesday, December 15th, 2020**

**4:30 PM - 6:30 PM**

**Public Comment Call-in:**

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*There will be public comment on each item.*

Members: Erika Morris (Chair), Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy (Vice Chair), Calvin Quick, Jayden Tanaka, Lillian Tang

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

Chair Murphy calls the meeting to order at 4:31 PM. Quorum is met.

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

There is no public comment. Commissioner Morris motions to approve the agenda seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Erika Morris (Chair), aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy (Vice Chair), aye

Calvin Quick, aye

Jayden Tanaka, aye

Lillian Tang, aye

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

A. November 24th, 2020

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There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve of the minutes of November 24th, 2020, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call:

Erika Morris (Chair), aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy (Vice Chair), aye

Calvin Quick, aye

Jayden Tanaka, aye



Lillian Tang, aye

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

There is no public comment.

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

##### **A. Relationship Building Activity** Presenter: Chair Murphy

Chair Murphy led the committee in a relationship builder - draw your summer activity and we will play a guessing game. Commissioners enjoyed the activity.

##### **B. Review Roles**

- i) Timekeeper (Morris)
- ii) Facilitator (Murphy/Staff)
- iii) Action Item Sender (Tang)
- iv) Notetaker (Tanaka)

##### **C. [Discussion] State of Homelessness + Transportation in SF**

Staff introduces discussion about goal of this discussion to brainstorm action ideas to advise BOS and MO regarding youth homelessness and homelessness in general & transportation. Committee takes time to digest and process the gathered news updates and talk through potential action steps.

- Example: continued advocacy on SIP Hotel evictions; connecting with cbos to ask for their needs?
  - For nearly a year, San Francisco, like many cities across the U.S., has been housing people experiencing homelessness in motels and hotels with money officials received from the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. The federal measure passed in March allocated \$150 billion in direct assistance to municipalities for expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency and an additional \$4 billion nationwide to shelter the homeless.
  - Now, with the federal deadline to spend the CARES Act money set to expire by Dec. 31 and amid growing complaints over the costly hotel shelter programs, many city officials are considering putting homeless people back on the streets or in crowded shelters, just as the pandemic is hitting new deadly records. Nearly half of them – about 40% – are Black and already at higher risk of dying from the coronavirus.  
Funding the Shelter-in-Place hotel program for a full year costs \$178 million.
  - The announcement, however, failed to explain where or how clients would be rehoused. Housing advocates and progressive leaders on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors pushed back, calling the mayor's promise to find homeless people new shelter impossible because of the city's chronic affordable housing and transitional



housing shortages. In response, the mayor pledged to slow down the closure of the hotels.

- But data from seven Bay Area counties near San Francisco, which was [analyzed by KQED](#), show that nearly 16% of the people who have already been discharged from the hotels as of Nov. 20 have made it into permanent housing, or 345 people out of 2,196.
- The remaining 84% have gone on to emergency shelters, transitional housing, friends or family, other hotels paid for with private funds, drug rehab facilities, jail, or to tents, cars and encampments. At least 15 people have died.
- Affordable housing benefit extension considered for those displaced by redevelopment - 'Certificate of preference' holders would retain lottery priority for below-market-rate units: Thousands of households displaced by the "urban renewal" program of the 1960s and 1970s in the Western Addition and Hunters Point are entitled to a certificate of preference, giving them a priority status in affordable housing lotteries. HAS BEEN APPROVED, full build out of HP + BH
- Updates from BOS
  - #30rightnow passed earlier today
  - SF Supes debating taking a recess
  - land acknowledgement passed
  - condemnation of naming of zuckerberg general hospital and push to have stricter guidelines - yee voted no
  - sip moved for amendments - awaiting updates
- Grand Challenge work
  - Haven't received an update from HSH
  - Larkin hasn't either
  - Larkin has immediate needs that the grant can support, especially as young people are hurting away about covid exposures and young people have passed away in the rooms, the city didn't want to run the hotel and threw it in larkin's way- service providers are overwhelmed, there is a temporary therapist for bipoc staff - but it's not just that it's the long hours
  - Will need to ask YFYI if we can amend our grant, but think it is likely
- Transit
  - 2020 was a fiscal nightmare for all urban transit systems in the United States. San Francisco's transit crisis is even worse.
  - Multiple projects—the Central Subway, Van Ness BRT, and repairs to the Muni light-rail system—fell way behind schedule. On top of these failures is SFMTA's decision to terminate long planned improvements to Mid-Market.
  - SFMTA facing extreme budget cuts - major union focus esp with propositions passing
  - Fiona Hinze (Senior and Disability Action community member and budget justice coalition member) and Manny Yekutieli (controversial choice and local politics discussion) would bring new perspectives to transit agency leadership MTA Board
  - The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce formally urged the Board of Supervisors to give The City's transit agency the resources it needs to survive the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, even if it means deprioritizing other city programs.SFMTA faces an estimated \$68 million deficit this fiscal



year and a projected \$168 million deficit in the next, largely due to plummeting ridership. It's already had to cut Muni service by more than 30 percent, and it's now considering the possibility of laying off as much as 22 percent of the agency's workforce in order to balance the budget.

- The chamber did not provide specifics for how much money it thinks the board should allocate or where the money should come from, but it did say that relying on federal aid is not a safe strategy.
- the residents of Broderick Street and Marina Boulevard have called into recent SFMTA board meetings to testify against the temporary extension of the 30 Stockton route down Marina Boulevard into the Presidio. They have asked the addition be suspended until their litany of concerns is resolved.

#### Discussion

- Morris - don't see what we can do with MTA, because so many cuts - how do you think we can still get mta to know our demands and what we doing and our levels of compromise
  - Hirji - listen just not act, aside from YTAB formation,
  - staff - fare evasion, broad like balboa park and housing units
  - Quick - maybe free muni 4 all in the budget and keep that as our formal ask and advocacy b/c the pandemic has shown just how problematic fares as a source of transit revenue - better long term ways of having transit revenue, leadership is more accountable than last time
- Murphy - cares act ends?
  - Cq - nothing for transit in state, all but competing agencies 15 - 20 competing for that money at regional mtc , federal definition
  - Included data about tay in phase 1 of sip hotels, 44 tay id housing exits online, just enough for phase one only - place tay exp in homeless ness in adult system
- Tanaka soaking up and learning more in document - it's good that 30right now passed, for the shelter in place hotels - stream that i caught , bos was dogging the presenter for the specifics didn't seem like a plan
  - Cq - omnibus and priority to get this funded this fiscal year reduction of rent to 30% across the board
- Tang - regarding the shelter in place hotels, not sure what to do, for example, Mayor is hesitant with continuing the program, can we push and Encourage her to continue funding to keep up the program and a lot of the funding since federal funding
  - CQ - we haven't had a formal position on SIP hotel closure, as part of chartered duties - write a resolution on what's happening on sip hotels, want to see what happens with legislation at the board - to force the program - larkin advocating against the closure
    - Bos + dhsh Plans are different - listening to fema and their definition
    - Take more people in sip hotels - hsh does not agree with that b/c good idea
    - What does it mean to be covid sip hotels
  - commissioners agree to keep watch and put this on their radar for a future resolution
- PM - hlu wanted to support a community program that supports homeless youth and have that focus more and divert funds into that program and gather more funds
  - Updates on host homes - support tay homeless youth (bpp) (HSA or Hsh)
    - To fund 30 - 60



- Pm, Contact coordinate - potentially support and fund program - to assess their current situation and tax data, where are they getting funding, how much would it cost to expand the program, - no opposition
- Powermapping MTA - Jonathan Rewers budget person (maybe CFO?)
  - Sasha present and costs of financial impacts and youth fare when youth are not riding and going forth and receptive to discontinuing youth fare and option back in april - limit on contingent on financial success
  - CQ presentation / discussion, not just contingent they had money, as a way to balance because of the adult fare change
  - Murphy - Fine with timing, em neutral, lt - yes, jt - yes, cq - yes
    - staff will work to schedule in January

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

##### i) Issue Area Work Time

##### (1) Omnibus Policy Priorities

(a) pm - when are we suppose to finalize timeline?

(i) Cq - jan/ ideal myr - pains me end of jan

(b) cq - our only standing item for discussion is the Mta ytab staff funding

(i) Cq - high priority? Currently dormant, staff lay off, ask for 1 staff as a way to pitch to work on this dedicated, keep this resolved clause in there - b/c jsut one person - why not do it as is - knowing we don't know if it will pass and be accepted

(ii) Jt - hesitant b/c unsure

(iii) Pm - having exp with youth is important, but is this something we should settle for without youth development and just get a staff person?

(iv) Hirji - reality of implementation and staff structure that might work with that - implementing the board, to my knowledge hr freeze only for mission critical - hiring a staff member with youth to clerk is not mission critical, emphasize it this cmte pos

(v) Lillian - keep it even if we won't act on it just cause we know what we want and pushing for

(vi) Em - keep

##### (2) Grand Challenge Updates

(a) none aside what was addressed before

#### E. Appreciations (5 mins)

- i) Commissioners shared appreciations to each other for their listening, learning and growing journey. temporary clerk truong appreciates the welcome and itzel for taking time to ask for help.

### 6) Staff Report (Discussion Only)

All can attend - with Morris as 60% possibly for virtual celebration.

### 7) Announcements

Morris offers everyone luck on finals and prayers.

### 8) Adjournment



Chair Murphy adjourns the meeting at 6:20 PM.