



**San Francisco Youth
Commission
Transformative Justice
Committee
Draft Minutes
Monday, January 11th, 2021
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Public Comment Call-in:
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There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Rome Jones (Chair), Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), Arsema Asfaw, Nora Hylton, Gabbie Listana, Amara Santos,

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Veiga calls the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. There was no public comment. Commissioner Asfaw gave early notice that there is a conflicting mandatory school event that conflicts with this committee meeting. Commissioner Santos motions to approve of Commissioner Asfaw's excused absence, seconded by Commissioner Jones. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, absent
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Santos motions to approve of the agenda with a technical amendment to change the year to 2021, seconded by Commissioner Listana. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, absent
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye



3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. December 14, 2020

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There was no public comment. Commissioner Jones motions to approve of the December 14th, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Listana. The motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, absent
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye

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

There was no public comment.

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

A. Relationship Building Activity (Discussion Only) led by Commissioner Gabbie Listana

Commissioner Listana inquires about “if you got put on a deserted island and could only bring three things what would you bring and why?” as the check in question.

Gabbie - knife, wifi, boat
Gracie - netflix, music, dad, firestarter
Nora - boyfriend, netflix, boat
Rome - boat, playstation, tv
Austin - knife, electricity, music
Amara - my chemical romance vinyl, living thing (morph all forms of dog into super dog), knitting?
Claire - machete, fleetwood mac, tent (4 seasons)
Don - water filter, 10 year subscription to door dash, satellite netflix

B. Presentation: Community Alternatives to Police for Traffic Enforcement in District 6 (Discussion and Possible Action) presented by Claire Amable, SF Bicycle Coalition

Check in Question: if you could bring back any fashion trend from any decade what would it be?

wide leg jeans, gv - male crop tops, nh - rococo giant skirts and ruffles dress marie antoinette, gl - victorian but not down for corsets, as - paris hilton moral law 2004 fashion, rome jones - adidas era sweatsuits season, don tie dye and bellbottoms, at - fashion

Purpose

- Pilot a community-based, non-policing approach to improving transportation safety in the neighborhood & Successfully advocate for a transformative increase in Slow Streets and car-free space throughout the Tenderloin

Why the TL



- The Tenderloin has been ground-zero of traffic violence for decades. Every street in the Tenderloin falls under Vision Zero's High Injury Network (13% of streets that attribute to 70% of fatal traffic collisions. There have been twelve fatal collisions in the last five years in the Tenderloin. In March 2018, three of these fatal collisions happened in the span of one month.
- The Tenderloin community has historically been excluded from processes that have attributed to the disinvestment of city resources to the neighborhood. Conditions are especially made worse under the COVID pandemic.
- 70% of the neighborhood identify as non-white
- The median annual income is \$31,000 which is less than half of citywide average of \$78,000
- The average neighborhood's park space is 36 times that of the Tenderloin
- 95% of the neighborhood is made of 3+ one way lanes
- At the height of the first lockdown, 700 tents were counted occupying TL streets and sidewalks

Where do police come in:

- Vision Zero is made up of three pillars: education, engineering, and enforcement. We rely heavily on police to enforce traffic laws, traffic safety and bike theft.
- But we know how harmful police are and have been to black and brown people and communities. In July, at the height of civil unrest following George Floyd's murder, we the SF Bicycle Coalition renounced all ties with SFPD. As talks about defunding and abolishing the SF Police Department (SFPD) continue, we need to talk about how to shift towards alternatives to policing in traffic enforcement. So, we began this campaign jointly with TL Community Benefit District to explore community alternatives to policing for traffic enforcement.

Campaign timeline

- Jan disperse survey and turn out focus groups, feb conduct focus groups analyze survey, present results, March - if pilot and lobby, April city hearings to approve - may pilot implementation
- Survey - Created a survey to hear from people who live and work in the neighborhood what their traffic experiences with SFPD have been like, what they've observed, and what researched alternatives they're most interested in.
- D6 youth focus group - A focus group specifically to hear from young people what their traffic safety experiences with SFPD have been like.
 - D6 traffic
 - Hoping for February
- Questions:
 - Veiga - what is role, and purpose:
 - ca (still defining structure, getting feedback, want it youth led)
 - nh - six focus groups be for young people in d6, live and work in d6, does it also apply for facilitation
 - you can facilitate and just prioritizing people who live in TL
 - at - hr still awaiting financial incentives
 - HR got back to me and unfortunately when we applied for the grant we requested the full amount to be able to do stipend translators and outreach but we did not receive the funding for those things. That being said, the best we can do is offer people free SFBC memberships that come with this [list of benefits.](#)
 - at - language access - still waiting FROM grant to translate survey to extend deadline
 - nh - virtual focus group, any ideas for how to work on access to computers, - we are planning for a zoom focus group, and paper on the ground survey distribution

No public comment. Commissioner Hylton motions to support Community



Alternatives to Police for Traffic Enforcement in District 6 Campaign, seconded by Commissioner Listana. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

- **Roll Call Vote:**
 - Rome Jones (Chair), aye
 - Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye
 - Arsema Asfaw, absent
 - Nora Hylton, aye
 - Gabbie Listana, aye
 - Amara Santos, aye

C. Presentation: Peer Court

presented by Josie Brenner and Austin Willis of Marin Peer Court and Don Carney

Rome did first visit last year, very youth centered, rehabilitative cycle

- Josie - urban school Sf - half year county court and restorative aspect,
- Austin - San Mateo Crystal springs- Marin peer court and chair of economic San Mateo county youth commission
- Don - founded youth court in Marin - ran under ymca until July 1 - yourh transforming justice
- Goal - to intervene in school to prison pipeline, provide yourh offenders with an alt space to take rehabilitation
- Benefits of restorative justice
 - Reduce crime, repairs harms effective leadership ship, return as jurors with empathy and learning expe- working with them
- Peer court in Marin/ judge jury advocate
- Process
 - Introduction- get to know people - eat restorative plan - what strengths and needs are
 - Jury includes - previous youth offenders as part of restorative plan
- Restorative plan
 - Letter of apology
 - Essay
 - Peer court
 - Community service
 - Engagement
 - Drug classes
 - Credit recovery
 - Tutoring
 - Counseling
 - Mandatory marijuana
 - Fresh lifelines
- Statistics
 - Completion plan / Marin and Santa Clara have 90% completion rate, recidivism rate less than 6-7%10%- impact is moving away
- Necessity of peer court
 - Advocated for closure of juvenile hall
 - Progressive values rehabilitative system
 - Similar rehabilitative approach - community based program.
 - Respondents are more self drive when authorities working with them
 - Outputs of funding - overseeing cases
- Location gap
 - San Mateo go an hour and half to San Jose
- Why now
 - Opp for collab - San Mateo county youth commission, juvenile justice, peer court, zoom is ideal platform no funding and



- Next steps
 - Training programs in feb for interested
 - Outreach for the training programs
 - Letter to bos for support
 - Report to sf juvenile justice commission liaison
 - Scheduling a meeting with them
 - Long term project
- Questions
 - Amara: how do people get trained into this, how does one ensure equity given Marin county population, how can one understand would commit survival crimes - what's the training to address lived experiences and community wants discussed
 - Josie: gets involved via family friend and research on restorative justice got connected with don, attended training sessions for grounding as juror,
 - Austin w- Santa Clara went to assemblies in school, head of outreach of admin for school district and asked them to get students involved in program, peer court in communities social ability while having jury experience, community oriented activities and involvement
 - is this a Paid opportunity - volunteer opp by choice
 - Don - Peer court (discussion haven't been through) We hold Youth Court on Zoom every Wednesday, 4:30 – 5:45 PM. please let us know if you wish to observe.
 - race class equity - 30% of poc, sheriff dpt polices the african community and more kids in probation than in restorative practices, latinx community diverted by san rafael police dpt - shuttered their program and invest in another police officer than youth - demographic shift in 9 months to 70% latinx, and 30% caucasian - grant funding to subsidize young people to support family systems and participating in youth court
 - more background why the most progressive city doesn't have a youth court (marin is 16 years), huckleberry recidivism rates are larger but same demographics for crime and release in case management but does not introduce young person to leadership opps to have them - and positive addition in youth court - want to partner with huckleberry in adding youth court component to support each other and agencies over ones life and civic engagement normally other propensity - to get them involved
 - - widest distance from white and poc demographic (lousiest in spreading resources around and this is something we really focus about and issues we are working with for equity opportunities for young people of color
 - RJ - relationship with youth court in sf in the 16 year history? no - made efforts, got partner at works with huckle but does not provide leadership opps to advise our agency, in san mateo same project but never est. but people have talk in different regions that are currently not there.
 - GV - curious about this ask - letter to bos, is this something already written, proposal to send to DA and waiting to send that once our training in february, and austin can elaborate
 - NH - question on how do you plan on or want to collab with huckleberry and add that to that menu, how has discussion with huckleberry looked like
 - there are other models that are working for sf - that don't have the youth leadership curriculum marin court offers
 - NH - how many folks have you served?
 - 13000 in marin , 3000 from suspension from school - political support? juvenile hall judge really helped greased the wheel,



one advantage half a dozen of judges that speak really highly of it, current and probation chief are on it, head of office of education was in documentary,

- Presentation and questions - flyer to be made / training on feb 20 - details tbd
- San Mateo Santa Clara county training office of ed

There was no public comment. Commissioner Hylton motions to continue this item till after February training pending Youth Commissioners observance, seconded Commissioner Jones. Motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, absent
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye

There was no public comment. Commissioner Jones motions to advertise the trainings on social media seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Rome Jones (Chair), aye
Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), aye
Arsema Asfaw, absent
Nora Hylton, aye
Gabbie Listana, aye
Amara Santos, aye

D. Local Report Back

- Community Updates
 - More Covid outbreaks at prison and this includes lack of communication (in person lack of medical care) San Quentin raided - armed with no means of communication
 - Writing a motion:urging cdcr to have higher standards
 - NH wants to collaborate on a motion to prioritize incarcerated folks with vaccines with similar statistics with GV.
- Workgroup Updates
 - Nothing to update from implicit bias still reviewing stuff no big updates
 - Jamaica Hampton charged by DA – huge community pressure to drop the charges especially given the injuries.

E. Police Commission Presentation Practice
presented by Rome Jones and Gracie Veiga

Commissioners Jones and Veiga received feedback and clarification on their presentation from their peers.

F. Action Planning

- Opportunities to plug in
 - DOPE training
 - Promote on IG and possible team training in March - but will request for a training during afterschool time
 - CCSF Collective March against DC



- Promote on social media but cannot attend due to MYR
- Calendar
 - Rome and Nora will present to the Safety and Justice Challenge (DA) on 1/19 12 - 2pm.

6. Staff Report

Staff Truong reminds folks to send a gif to the group on “**WHAT DOES CITY BUDGET MEAN TO YOU?**” for the Mid Year Retreat. Staff Truong will be out of office on Thursday - please reach out to other staff for any questions or concerns.

7. Appreciations

amara - rome for questions and arsema for not being here
gabbie - for sitting longer meeting and 2 presentations
gracie - austin and rome for putting work in the pc presentation
rome - asking pressing questions
nora - gracie leading meeting today and gracie and rome for sign up to police commission presentation
austin - shout out to everyone for taking the presentations as they were and for the upcoming presentations to be planned.

8. Adjournment

Vice Chair Veiga adjourns the meeting at 7:18 PM.