



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION
Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee**

MINUTES

**Monday, February 9, 2026
5:00pm**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 270
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Committee Membership includes:

Harper Fortgang (Chair, D8), Ava Oram (Vice Chair, MYR), Aayna Shah (Member, D3),
Azzam Alameri (Member, D5), Natalie Liu (Member, D11), Ayan Azad (Member, MYR).

Present: Ava Oram, Aanya Shah, Azzam Ansari, Natalie Liu, Ayan Azad.

Absent: None.

Tardy: Harper Fortgang (excused).

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee met in-person with remote viewing, on February 9, 2026, with Vice Chair Oram presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fortgang called the meeting to order at 5:04pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 5 present, 1 absent.

Aayna Shah (D3) - present
Azzam Alameri (D5) - present
Natalie Liu (D11) - present

Ava Oram (MYR) - present
Ayan Azad (MYR) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - absent

A quorum of the Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee membership was present.

Commissioner Shah, seconded by Commissioner Azad, motioned to excuse the tardy of Chair Fortgang for today's meeting. No discussion. No public comment. The motion passed by a voice vote:

Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Aayna Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - absent

Action: Agenda Approved.

2. Communications (Informational)

Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action)

Commissioner Azad, seconded by Commissioner Shah, motioned to approve the February 9, 2026 Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Aayna Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - absent

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action)

- a. January 26, 2026 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Shah, seconded by Commissioner Liu, motioned to approve the January 26, 2026 Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 5 ayes, 1 absent.

Aayna Shah (D3) - aye
Azzam Alameri (D5) - aye
Natalie Liu (D11) - aye
Ava Oram (MYR) - aye
Ayan Azad (MYR) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - absent

Action: Minutes Approved.

5. General Public Comment

No public comment.

6. Committee Business (Discussion/Action)

- a. Icebreaker

Vice Chair Oram asked what everyone's burrito order was, as well as what their favorite place to get a burrito. Staff and Commissioners answered.

- b. HRT 2025/26 Budget and Policy Priorities (First Reading)
 - i. Free Muni for All Youth
 - ii. Recreation Spaces
 - iii. Street and Traffic Safety
 - iv. Housing
 - v. Climate and Environment (cross-committee)

Vice Chair Oram broke up the committee into groups to review two of the BPPs, until Chair Fortgang arrives at 5:30pm to do peer review. Vice Chair Oram handed the gavel to Chair Fortgang when she entered the meeting at 5:57pm, and Chair Fortgang led the committee through a peer review of the BPP language. She emphasized on completing any remaining BPP language before Wednesday's Executive Committee meeting.

c. HRT-related Updates

Specialist Ochoa asked if anyone's interested in representing the YC during the Youth Transit Roundtable meetings happening throughout the next month, in collaboration with the SFMTA's Youth Transportation Advisory Board (YTAB). Commissioners Shah, Alameri, and Trujillo expressed their interest.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee adjourned at 6:36pm.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SAN FRANCISCO-WIDE PICK-UP SOCCER DAY

WHEREAS, physical activity and recreation are essential to the health, well-being, and development of young people; and

WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of young people in the Bay Area are not engaged in physical activity more than four times a week, contributing to concerning health and wellness disparities; and

WHEREAS, significant participation gaps exist in youth sports, with children from households earning under \$25,000 participating in sports at half the rate of those from households earning \$100,000 or more; and

WHEREAS, parents consistently identify cost as a primary barrier to sports participation, and youth—particularly girls—cite lack of convenient locations and times and the desire to play with friends as obstacles to engagement; and

WHEREAS, San Francisco currently faces high demand for youth programming that exceeds available capacity, with waitlists for programs like youth basketball reflecting limited resources and post-pandemic recovery challenges; and

WHEREAS, youth service providers have identified a critical need for low-barrier programming for disconnected teens and improved safe navigation in neighborhoods like the Tenderloin; and

WHEREAS, soccer is one of the most accessible and inclusive sports, requiring minimal equipment and accommodating players of all skill levels, backgrounds, and abilities; and

WHEREAS, a city-wide Pick-Up Soccer Day would address multiple barriers simultaneously by providing free, geographically distributed, low-barrier opportunities for physical activity and social connection; and

WHEREAS, unstructured, inclusive play promotes not only physical health but also teamwork, leadership, social cohesion, and community building across diverse neighborhoods, schools, and socioeconomic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, establishing an annual Pick-Up Soccer Day would create a sustainable tradition that promotes health equity, recreation access, and civic engagement for generations of San Francisco youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that [GOVERNING BODY/ORGANIZATION NAME] supports the establishment of an annual San Francisco-wide Pick-Up Soccer Day as a strategy to increase youth physical activity, reduce participation barriers, and strengthen cross-sector community connections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this initiative should prioritize:

- **Economic accessibility:** Completely free participation with no registration fees, equipment costs, or other financial barriers;
- **Geographic equity:** Events hosted simultaneously across all San Francisco neighborhoods and districts, with particular attention to underserved communities and areas identified as having safety and access challenges;
- **Inclusive scheduling:** Multiple time slots throughout the day to accommodate families with varying schedules and commitments;
- **Gender equity:** Intentional outreach and programming designed to encourage participation by girls and young women, including opportunities to play with friends and peer groups;
- **Low-barrier participation:** No tryouts, no skill requirements, and welcoming environments for youth who are disconnected from traditional sports programs;
- **Safety and support:** Adequate supervision, safe travel routes, and partnerships with community organizations already trusted by families in neighborhoods like the Tenderloin;
- **Cross-sector collaboration:** Partnerships among public schools, private schools, recreation departments, youth-serving organizations, community-based organizations, and neighborhood groups;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Pick-Up Soccer Day should serve as a model for addressing the city's youth programming capacity challenges by:

- Utilizing existing public park and recreational infrastructure that may be underutilized;
- Mobilizing community volunteers, coaches, and mentors to expand programming without requiring significant new facility investments;
- Demonstrating demand for ongoing free, accessible youth sports opportunities that could inform future city budget and policy decisions;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that [GOVERNING BODY/ORGANIZATION NAME] encourages the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department, San Francisco Unified School District, community-based organizations serving youth, and relevant city agencies to collaborate in planning and implementing this city-wide initiative with attention to the documented barriers facing San Francisco's young people; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the success of this initiative should be measured not only by total participation numbers but also by:

- Participation rates from households across income levels;
- Geographic distribution of participants across neighborhoods;
- Engagement of youth who do not currently participate in organized sports;
- Feedback from families regarding accessibility, safety, and desire for ongoing programming;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of San Francisco, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Commission,

the San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education, and relevant community organizations working with youth in San Francisco.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.