



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, November 18th, 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)

Commissioner Cureton called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to excuse the absences of Commissioner Arana and Jones, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Hylton, motioned to approve the agenda. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. November 4, 2019

[\(Document A\)](#)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to approve of November 4th, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

Monica Flores, DCYF, youth empowerment coordinator, spoke in public comment to promote Youth Advocacy Day. They hope to host the 10th year of Youth Advocacy Day (YAD) for 2020, still recruiting for youth leaders and come back for a presentation to have official support of YAD on Dec 2nd, 2019.



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

A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 191072 [Administrative Code - Budget Approval Process]; Sponsors: Fewer; Mar

Presenter: Chelsea Boilard, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Fewer
(Document B)

Chelsea Boilard (CB) & BOS Supervisor Fewer came out of Coleman Advocates, came to run the city budget campaigns. They organized for young people and families to influence the budget process for childcare and programming.

CB: How big is the city budget?

Commissioner Versace: 12.2 Billion

CB: Young people and families don't often have their voices heard in the budget process. In the last year, we've hoped to build consensus on the priorities in the process and having the structure that is accountable to the community. When I started in 2007 our budget was 6 billion and the first budget cut was 25% because of the recession. The process for approving the city budget is very simple: December (mayor releases budget instructions based on the economy every year 1-3% cut), Jan - Feb (dpt propose budget and submit to mayor), March - May (mayor review), June (mayor submits to BOS), June - July (BOS review and add backs), Aug (mayor signs)

CB: examples of the city departments?

Commissioner Ty: dph

Commissioner Quick: hsh

Commissioner Cureton: dcyf

CB: We are hoping this legislation can create accessibility for the way in and how the public can make their voices heard in this process. There are depts. exempt from public hearings are elected official or no oversight body taken place for community review. All depts. will hold a public hearing through advisory body and oversight process if there's a commission. for good governance we want public presentation and feedback from all of them

CB: Mayor's process -- hoping to recruit process and budget before april 1st. to submit budget priorities. when dpts submit budget should go to the mayor and bos, this is important because the bos only gets to touch budget on june 1st. the month of june BLA takes analysis on as much as they can, so that analysts can get budget sooner to have more opportunity to make changes as they want.



Commissioner Cureton: is willing to extend the ppt by 2 more minutes as information is important.

CB: what is currently cool in the process, the original intention was income - not thinking about long term and five year plan, to force board more intentional about revenue side of things, but it's redundant because budget name might change in committee, will recognize budget chair will talk about timeline and structure (for full transparency to weigh in on process) missing out on the process. we are proposing to set up february. asking controller to have relevant documents (calendar) for posting so public can navigate process and doing better.

Questions

Commissioner Asfaw: language is inaccessible to youth with what's going on, will legislation address that?

CB: what we are mandating for the budget documents to include, having ppts. and we do need to have a budget process more accessible, budget workshops and city needs to fund that to break down the process in a more accessible way to translate - but it does say presentations should be on webpage

Commissioner Asfaw: public hearing, will city departments on youth - will it happen afterschool

- cb: not specific in legislation, dcyf (oac) is after school,

Commissioner Cureton: we can make a motion to support and add as a recommendation to this

Commissioner Hirji: mayor is to hold open public meetings about budget, will it happen at the same time as dpt hold open process? what will the mayor's meetings have that dpts won't have?

CB : mayor is entire city budget, dpt is specific to their own. we said april 1st because we didn't want it to be too prescriptive so that the budget will be in mayor's shop to digest and then ask the public for input - but they can occur at any point and leave it open dpd on process whether or not the budget will have a budget on that process.

Comment:

Commissioner quick: omnibus process, it is true that some dpts have open process about budget, dpts such as hsh have no commission it was difficult to acquire information and get meetings to people that matter that youth need - great opportunity for yc to do this,

There was no discussion.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Nassiri motioned to support with recommendation on including language on accessible diction. Commissioner Quick amended the motion to support with added language require dpt interacting with youth and to have their public meetings on youth accessible hours, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.



B. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 191158 [World Children's Day - November 20, 2019 - Affirming San Francisco's Commitment to the United Nations Convention of the Rights of Children]; Sponsor: Yee

Presenter: Jen Low, D7 Legislative Aide to Supervisor Yee and Serena Unger, Urban, Rural, Regional Strategies - Planning Consultant
(Document C)

Jen Low: in honor of world children's day wed nov 20th, came to our attention as parents were looking at international movement that urban cities can be designed with children and families in mind. beyond services and programs - we wanted to figure out the environment. what does it look like for future and current generations? open spaces? safer streets? youth to feel a sense of belonging. to start a conversation and expand that. world's Children's Day came about UN - rights of children - what is alarming to us is that the US has not ratified the convention and speaks a lot to how we value young people. 1) is to commemorate this day given injustices to youth and 2) urban movement to design a city for young people. 11 cosponsors in BOS and amazing conversations in mayor for what this looks like in sf and how we can create meaningful and participatory processes as part of feedback and not in silos and implement it in our decision making. would love to turn it into a parent - advocate for serena to talk about child friendly city looks world - wide.

Serena: long time city resident, 7 year old sfusd parent, advocate of child friendly cities. quote: "children are indicator species". goal of presentation for a system change framework to spark ideas on how we can transform sf where youth can thrive and part of cultural pride. how can we build a successful city?

international treaty - rights of child: participation/survival and healthy development, emerging child friendly city movement that looks at ways design can meet the needs of its citizens

- gaps that sf has in shaping the fabric of our city
 - safe streets
 - public realm
 - reclaim for empathy and connection
 - housing designed
 - children and families as a priority in our housing supply
 - child participation and equity
 - closing racial and social inequity gaps

Glimpse of metrics:

- lowest population of children
- large population of child bearing population
- housing supply is up but not building it for families in mind
- routes to schools are not safe

- young children are not healthy (food access, safe streets)



where and how can we implement strategies in alignment

- safe streets
 - sfmta, vision zero, transit first

bos - will name intent to support UN rights, we have a long way to go

Commissioner Cureton: extend presentation by 1 min

questions:

- Commissioner Santos: US is the only country that has not ratified it and what does it look like?
 - su: 180 UN members, out of those have ratified treaty and it looks different around the world dpd on resources, natural disasters and varies from developed and undeveloped countries
- Commissioner Santos: have you had a discussion on marginalized children, as citizens is loaded because not all are citizens? equitable resources and displacement of nature for poc and why folks don't have access that - my question is what's being done to uplift marginalized children for example usage of citizen?
 - su: nature as access to open space, safe streets, - we want to acknowledge that there are folks that don't have access to those spaces first to address as a priority
 - jl: citizen is not in resolution - because so much of our resolution and in our foremind is about immigration crisis, that the federal gov't locks children in cages, and thanks for bringing it up and will double check it's not indicated in the legislation and being mindful of speech we use. in terms of equity, if sf is to embark on this initiative, we need equity lens to acknowledge we don't start at the same space and make it safe for communities, and denser neighborhoods might need different things and will acknowledge as part of equity lens
- Commissioner Asfaw: goals for san francisco, wanted to clarify what safe routes through sfmta
 - su: program under mta to look at ways that children and families can have safe routes to schools,
- Commissioner Cureton: why hasn't board not brought it up before as this was in the 80s?
 - jl: only on board with yee for 6-7 years, may have honored it - Children's Day in June, we may have alluded to this with a sup., we've always passed rights on children and youth this might be the first, given what's happening nationally and locally, this needs to be done
- Commissioner Quick: page 5 ocof: community assessment?
 - jl: council has to sign into it, director is supportive and talking internally, missing piece is youth in the equation and making sure youth and children at the table, there is interest
- Commissioner Asfaw: resolution passes - what are the next steps?
 - immediate asks: child / youth friendly city and using the framework - hoping this or next week make announcement with counterparts in dpts to work on
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- something collaboratively - great to hear about it today and meant a lot to sign on and pass own resolution to this regard
- Commissioner Cureton: 2040 goals isn't in the legislation
 - jl: develop own goals by yourself
- mindful of language not using citizen and identify needs of black and brown children first
- resolved clause on pg 5 line 15 -16, great focused needs to make sure child friendly and speaking to the issue of equity
- Commissioner Santos - black and brown - most effectively better beneficial to support and naming impact

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Quick motioned to input Commissioner Santos' recommendations, seconded by Commissioner Chan. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. [Inform + Decision] Close Juvenile Hall – Youth Town Hall

Presenter: Tenaya Jones, Young Women's Freedom Center, Community Organizer

KI from young women freedom center - they them - lead organizer
storm green - she / her - socio determination

ask for cosponsorship in december

The Youth City Situation Townhall is a gathering that is centering San Francisco youth in their power, voice, and in solidarity by bringing awareness of the Closing Juvenile Hall in SF. The goal of this townhall is to gather information from youth on what and how they vision better care for youth and their families by building with and for the community.

San Francisco accomplished a huge win with three of the District Supervisors Shawman Walton, Hilary Ronen, and Matt Haney who champion the shutdown legislation for Juvenile Hall by December 2021 with Community-Based Organizations, and longtime residents who are still here living in SF. This is the first step towards Reimagining Justice for youth and families in San Francisco.

Young Women's Freedom Center is asking for community partners to support with co-sponsorship of the Youth City Situation Townhall that is on December 14, 2019, 12:30 pm break bread and 1 pm - 3 pm Townhall starts. The location is TBA. We asked that the SF Youth Commission can support us with a reservation on a neutral space for this townhall.

- **What comes with co-sponsorship:**



- A commitment to spreading the word (Outreach)
- If an adult attends we need for each adult to bring 5 youth/TAY
- CBO's - bring 10 people mixture of youth/TAY/families/staff & reach out to your networks/partners

We like to add your logos from Community Based Organization for outreach materials

- Come through and strategize on solutions for youth and families in SF!

flyer to be finalized tmr - 11.19

Commissioner Cureton: what cosponsor is?

- youth neutral space
- outreach
- logo
- turn out 10 people
- publicize

Commissioner Alameri:

- places to outreach to?
- mission high, to create a safe environment for young people

Commissioner Ty:

- women's building
- we trust y'all too and be cool to have

Commissioner Hylton: thank you for coming out and you've supported us on a lot of things before, and in the past we are passionate about this issue and closing juvenile hall

Commissioner Cureton: who can commit dec 14th

- hylton, asfaw, cureton
- maybe:
- rocky, hirji, quick, alameri, alioto
- ginsburg,
- chan
- santos versace
- cheung

it is heads up - trying to get done this friday. every tuesday we reimagine youth justice meeting at 5:30 - 7:30pm - to help plan. main gathering tomorrow is cancelled and other site is having gathering.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Hylton motioned to consponsor, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.



- B. [Inform + Decision] Co-sponsorship Request for Civics Day
Presenter: Lauren Hurlbutt, Program Director, Generation Citizen
(Document D)

lh: work with us through vote 16, becoming holding of campaign given conflict of interest with board, vote16 usa initiative is guided by youth advisory board, to combine program and policy arm by cosponsorship

Generation Citizen (GC) works to ensure that every student In the United States receives an effective action civics education by providing them with the knowledge and skills necessary to participate in our democracy as active citizens.

Civics Day is GC's end-of-semester showcase. Like a science fair for civics, students from schools across the Bay Area present their action civics projects to a range of community members, like you! Having attended 4 previous Civics Day's, I can say this is always an inspiring event and we'd love to have you there to help support our students and mission as a guest judge.

What is Civics Day?

Civics Day is a capstone event that showcases work from Bay Area middle and high school GC students who are working to improve their communities. This unforgettable event also includes a networking lunch for Judges, a keynote speaker, and a ceremony to honor and highlight students, teachers, and volunteers who are going above and beyond in their commitment to youth voice.

What is a Guest Judge?

Groups from GC classrooms present their chosen civic action projects to small groups of guest judges. Judges have the opportunity to provide feedback, ask questions, and overall be awed by the students' passion :) A judge orientation and a networking lunch will be provided.

Logistics

Thursday, Dec 12th, 10am-1pm

California State Building

455 Golden Gate Avenue

San Francisco, CA, 94102

Proposal:

- cosponsorship
 - including name & logo
- panel of yc members, discussing work, vote16 campaign, youth voice in sf
 - 10 - 10:30 am
- tabling through the event

questions:

- Commissioner Cureton : location?
 - california state building



- Presenter: time: 10 - 10:30
- Commissioner Nassiri: thanks for coming out, is there a possibility that we can do voter preregistration? just given demographic of students it's mostly 8th grader and can bring voter cards
 - I can commit
- Commissioner Santos: 8th graders are going and intention behind civics day -
 - our program serves 7 - 8th grade, curriculum is accessible and adaptable to teachers
- Commissioner Cureton: what schools are turning out and sfusd or private or afterschool
 - Hoover middle and creative arts charter as long term
 - spring- lincoln
 - previously at lick
- Commissioner Cureton: ideal number?
 - 2- 4 people
 - sensitive to timing
 - definite commitment - quick, aliotio - versace, nassiri
 - maybes: ginsburg, cureton
- Commissioner Asfaw: timing - why is it at 10am
 - lh: because school based program, students come as part of class and it's a field trip
- Staff Hosmon: panel anybody can talk about committee work
 - lh: supportive of youth in local gov't and can tailor those questions
- Staff Hosmon: is willing to write letter
- Commissioner Versace: tough time, and important event and aligns with what cec is doing and appreciate if we get people to go

There was no public comment. Commissioner Nassiri motioned to cosponsor, second by Commissioner Ginsburg. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

- A. Motion No. 1920-AL-05 [Motion to Support SB 201: Medical Procedures Re: Treatment or Intervention: Sex Characteristics of a Minor]
Sponsor: Commissioner Ty
(Document E)

Commissioner Jojo gives background, intersex definition of umbrella that one or more characteristics that fall outside of male and female bodies interact, national advocates of intersex youth, differences in sexual definition inside or outside of body that don't line up. some find out later in life or never find out. reads motion to the record. since it's an active bill, good time to practice motion of support



Commissioner Quick: status of bill in sacramento - in state capitol bills take a year to approve. introduced earlier this year. 2 houses assembly and senate - need to go in committee and full vote, come back up in January or February of next year

Commissioner Cureton: motion - to adopt on first reading, and initiate things

Commissioner Hylton: technical - substantive amendment, sentence - to rephrase mental health, trauma

Commissioner Cureton : consistency to call it san francisco youth commission

Commissioner Quick: the first one san francisco then youth commission in general

no public comment.

Commissioner Alameri motion to adopt with amended changes of trauma and San Francisco Youth Commission in first paragraph, second by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Staff Hosmon: don't inundate about state or federal law, but not every yc meeting, local helps not part of charter duties, when you make motion - we have precedent, Staff needs an updated version by EOD tomorrow.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

a. EXEC

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- i. recruiting for DCYF OAC youth seat
- ii. large say on what budget and values goes on for dcyf does
- iii. share to social network and know any youth activist 19 and under apply by next tuesday
- iv. will review youth application in exec next meeting
- v. when we cosponsor meetings, attendance needs to happen
 1. notify staff and help out on this
 2. connect with everyone to confirm attendance
 3. yc sending out invites to people who sign up to events

b. LAO

- i. no report

c. Comms

- i. Commissioner Chan: proceeding with interviews for commissioner highlights,
- ii. Commissioner Santos: community self care google form - weekly internal, monthly check in and to support and
- iii. Commissioner Ginsburg - interview, questions
 1. create a backdrop and picture you send in

b. Civic Engagement



- a. mission statement finalized
- b. developed talking points and planned for stakeholder meeting 12/9
- c. Housing and Land Use
 - a. 29 sfmta meeting, and crystal - find out why somethings can't be and what we can focus for the 29
 - b. connect sf at mission highschool at 5p in cafeteria on 11/21
 - i. Commissioner Asfaw will attend and maybe Commissioners Cureton and Chan
 - c. Staff Estrada took notes and Commissioner Quick can send notes to those interested in receiving updates, please let me know to update sfmta and presentation, shoot Commissioner Hirji an email if you would like the ppt presentation.
 - i. Commissioners Ginsburg, Cureton, Cheung, and Staff Hosmon would like to review ppt.
- d. Transformative Justice
 - a. yulanda williams spoke to us about SRO programs in sfusd, role is vague and stipulated by the school itself,
 - b. sfusd - sfpd mou, Commissioner Alameri stayed for the BOE meeting, but went until 12:45am.
- e. Police Commission
 - a. kyr - youth focus group, juvenile probation commission chair left
- f. OCOF
 - a. next meeting in january

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

ccsf - class cuts, impacted by budget decision,
- make a motion or resolution to make an ask

holiday schedule -
- quorum:
- TJ and cec 11/25 cancelled
- dec 16th - holiday party to be planned with ec

dec 9 - yc mixer please RSVP

exec & hlu to meet after

kiely: conversation about discussion on training & staff role

Being in "The Grey"

- Acknowledge that the Executive Committee was having a juicy conversation about bureaucracy, accessibility, youth engagement, and youth community
- Staff wants to chime in and create a larger conversation with the rest of the Commissioners, albeit coming from a staff perspective...hence why in Staff Report



- We fully understand that we are in a very unique position having to uphold laws such as the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance AND best practices regarding youth development and youth leadership. These do not naturally go hand in hand and staff is the holder of bridging both of them
- Because of this, we are in “The Grey”. Some people thrive in grey areas. Some people do not. They could be mild to incredibly uncomfortable being in the grey because all they know and feel solid in is black or white.
- We heard that some folks were uncomfortable with the boundary workshop being during the full YC meeting. We also heard that people really appreciated the conversation and were more comfortable. We come back to this unique entity of being a chartered commission that must follow certain laws and regulations, and the same time of also serving and providing resources that are accessible to young people
- From the Youth Commission staff, perspective-we are aware and merging these conflicting worlds. We ask that you trust the staff that we aren’t trying to “do you dirty” and will hold both as well as we possibly can.
- It is very rare that the YC has gotten feedback on how we run our meetings and has only happened 1-2 times that we got feedback on law/regulation side. We were receptive to the information and we changed it. Nothing bad happened, nothing blew up, and no negative repercussions were anywhere in sight.
- My, and the team’s, interpreting the rules and regulations from youth development and leadership lens, means that the Youth Commission staff can best support young people (you!) in your leadership development and continue to ATTEMPT to make government accessible
- To give some insight and transparency to what my role is, my job description literally states:
 - “Tracks, interprets and ensures compliance with legislation, such as the Brown Act, Sunshine Ordinance, and other legal requirements”
 - AND
 - “Develops and leads a comprehensive training program for commissioners in their roles as appointed public officials”
- So I am trying to fulfill my own job duties by holding both of these as well. Itzel's position is even more specific with what she is to provide for y'all.
- What staff is asking is this:
 - Be open to discomfort and to be in the grey. We are all figuring this out together.
 - Trust the Youth Commission staff. We are constantly checking in with each other and with y'all so we can best support you. At the end of the day, we are going to fulfill the legal requirements as well as the best ways to support you in your leadership, which means mini workshops or trainings during your full YC meetings.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Asfaw: legal requirements for boundary setting, official publish bare minimum, will the minutes from that still be accessible - one that’s for public and one for yc?



- Staff Hosmon: that can be something for us to figure out, boundary is raw and didn't want to write down that and not necessary

Staff Hosmon: content and curriculum can give as extra packets and address what we can talk about

- Commissioner Quick: main concerns in exec about last workshop while yes training was boundary implicated how youth commissioners say yes or no to other communities, this is what youth commission as body can interact does affect people outside,
 - kh: something to strongly be in minutes, just say it and put it in there
- Staff Estrada: trust us
- Staff Truong: community care, and making sense of where we can be flexible, and making sure it's a dynamic isn't us vs. them
- Commissioner ty: it helps to be transparent to do the best work for us in our communities

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

Commissioner Cheung: d1 nominations and d11 youth fellow program - youth council but more action based for highschoolers 1x a week, 500 stipend, and interested, deadline extended to this friday, flyer in email & social media

- be connected to d1

11. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Cureton adjourned the meeting at 7:02 pm.