



San Francisco Youth Commission
Mid-Year Retreat Agenda ~ *Special Off-Site*
Minutes ~ Draft
Saturday, January 18th, 2020
9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Chinese for Affirmative Action
17 Walter U Lum Pl, San Francisco, CA 94108
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 10:10am. Commissioner Ty is recovering from surgery and Commissioner Nassiri is enduring some medical issues. There is no public comment.

Commissioner Hylton, seconded by Commissioner Hirji, motioned to excuse the absences of Commissioner Ty and Nassiri. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Versace, seconded by Commissioner Hirji, motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. January 6th, 2020
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There is no public comment. Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Quick, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There was no public comment.

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



A. [Input + Decision] YC File No.1920-AL-02 [Omnibus Resolution 2020]

Presenter: Calvin

Quick (Document B)

Commissioner Quick read the Omnibus resolved clauses (recommendations) into the record. Commissioner Quick clarified that this would be a second reading, and a third reading would be needed on Sunday, January 19th due to some outlying substantial edits that were left out of the current draft.

On page 1, line 8 it needs to include Public Defender's Office as one of the departments being advised.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier requested that on page 3, line 21 that "lower" be changed to "expand".

Commissioner Santos requested that LGBTQ+ be included in the request of page 5, line 7 to read "gender-specific and LGBTQ+ inclusive programming..."

Commissioner Quick noted there is an extra "s" on page 7 line 8 to read budget and not "budgets".

Transformative Justice Committee has requested an additional resolved clause to focus on the Public Defender's Office and their budget on specific issues focused on immigration relief and incarceration. To be included on page 5, line 22.

The Housing and Land Use Committee has requested an additional resolved clause focused on the SFMTA to increase their budget for the 29-Sunset Improvements Project with the view of developing a rapid bus service along the aforementioned line. To be included on page 7, line 18.

Commissioner Hylton clarified that we don't need to add in every little thing because when the YC writes their BPPs their can be other things included.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to adopt the above amendments and as stated on the record.



Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw, motioned to continue this item to the Sunday, January 19th agenda.

B. [Discussion + Decision] OAC Youth Seat Recommendation

Presenter: Executive Committee

The Executive Committee reviewed and vetted applications for the DYCF Oversight and Advisory Committee. It is written into the OAC policy that the Youth Commission make a recommendation to either the Mayor or BOS, depending on the open seat.

EC recommended, to the full YC, that Ellie Lerner was the most qualified applicant. Reasonings were: she showed involvement in her community, her capacity to work with others, has diverse and adaptable skills, more activism experience, community focused, and is a junior in high school which helps to fill the role of a 3 year seat. EC noted that the vote was not unanimous with it being 4 to 1. Commissioner Jones asked why the one vote was against. Commissioner Amara shared her reasonings that experience comes in all forms. Commissioners asked to see the resume and it was viewed by some of them.

No public comment. Commissioner Quick, seconded by Hylton, motioned to recommend Ellie Lerner to the open OAC seat. A roll call vote was requested:

Commissioners Cheung, Alioto-Pier, Dong, Cureton, Quick, Alameri, Chan, Arana, Ginsburg, Hirji, Versace voted yes. Commissioners Jones, Santos, Asfaw, and Hylton voted no.

Commissioner Jones trusts executive committee but it's hard to recommend someone when there is no comparison of the other applicants. Although respects that EC is trying to keep full YC agendas lighter and to do most of the leg work of reviewing.

Commissioner Asfaw noted that experience is not always important and that some may not have the opportunities to gain experience but have the willingness to learn and participate.

Commissioners engaged in a dialogue regarding transparency and wanting to have more advanced notice regarding this process, especially if the recommendation is being received by the Mayor and/or BOS.

Staff identified that in years past, EC has traditionally taken on the vetting process to save time at the full YC meetings and there hasn't been any requests for change until now. Appreciate the feedback and desire for transparency and can make changes accordingly.

Commissioner Hylton recommended that EC send out all applicant information to the full YC



and if anyone wants to, they can send EC an email with their feedback and opinion. Staff notes that discussion can't happen about the applicants and it is merely a way to submit their responses. EC and staff encourage others to attend meetings and to pay attention to committee reports and what is on the agenda as that is a way to also be involved.

Commissioners have requested that Ellie come to the next full YC meeting to meet her.

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

A. Youth Commission Budget and Policy Review Part 1

Presenters: Youth Commission

Staff

Staff led Commissioners in a day long retreat that focused on budget and legislative advocacy. There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42 PM.