



San Francisco Youth Commission

Draft ~ Minutes

Monday, December 7th, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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There will be public comment on each item.

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen “Rocky” Versace

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**

Chair Hylton calls the meeting at 5:05 pm. All are present, quorum is met. Staff Estrada and Hosmon are present.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Lillian Tang, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Gracie Veiga, present
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, present
Erika Morris, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, present
Amara Santos, present
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, present

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



No public comment. Commissioner Tanaka motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier. Motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. November 30th, 2020
[\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment. Commissioner Sawanamalik-Murphy, seconded by Commissioner Zhang, motioned to approve the minutes. By a roll call vote, the motion passes.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

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. [Decision] [Second Reading] Resolution 2021-AL-04 [Potrero Yard Modernization Project - Youth Transportation Benefits and Youth Supportive Housing]
Sponsor: Commissioners Quick, Tang, Suwanamalik-Murphy, Tanaka, and Morris
Presenter: Commissioner Suwanamalik-Murphy
(Document B)

This is the second time the item has been placed on the agenda and there are no substantive changes as stated by Commissioner Quick. If there are no changes this second time or have questions/comments then this can be called to a vote.

Commissioner Cheung, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg, motioned to approve this resolution. A roll call vote was called, motion passes.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

- B. [Inform + ~~Decision~~] Proposed 2020-2021 Youth Commission Bylaw Amendment Regarding Formalizing a Land Acknowledgment at the Beginning of Youth Commission Meetings
Sponsor: Commissioners Santos, Asfaw
Presenter: Commissioner Asfaw
(Document C)

There will be no action on this item due to revisions that need to be made. Commissioners Santos and Asfaw give context to the item.

Supervisor Ronen has worked with Native American community leaders to have a land acknowledgement be stated at the beginning of full Board meetings. Commissioner Arana



brought this to the attention of the Commission and hence why Commissioners want to follow suit on movements on racial equity.

It is important to uplift indigenous voices and government, in particular, has had a horrendous impact with this particular community. No vote today because Commissioner Santos and Itzel met with community leaders who worked with D9 office and they want to incorporate the feedback to their first draft. Difference between intent vs. impact and being mindful of the labor it takes for the community to give feedback and trying to give draft information first.

Feedback:

- some of the language in the draft was specific to saying indigenous and to say Native American or American Indian and indigenous is a general category that is not specific but more broad.
- truly amplify why this is important and to give homage to the work that is already being done by American Indian youth and community
- they asked us to make a distinction between the Ramaytush and other names of the tribe specifically within the Bay Area. Deep history lesson on colonization and how migration has been impacted and to have it recognized in the draft. There is no Ohlone nation so to be as specific as possible when naming/articulating communities/tribes/culture
- They see this is groundbreaking and that it could be used by other Commissions and so want to have it be a solid statement. They were impressed and had very specific feedback so we want them to review and approve before the YC takes an action on it

Commissioner Asfaw named making sure we don't bring harm to a community that is already harmed and be mindful of power dynamics of non native people of color to amplify resilience and not romanticize perseverance of genocide.

Commissioner Santos: why is this important to you?

Commissioner Quick- appreciates the work of Commissioner Santos, Asfaw, and Arana for this work. Being intentional with wording and how we relate this to our mission of uplifting the unmet needs of youth in SF; be specific with intentions. He works in linguistics and land acknowledgements is something that comes up a lot in this field as the extraction of knowledge of native american peoples is present. Being intentional of not doing it for the sake of doing it (performance) but grounding it so we center ourselves also on our mission and the institutional power we hold and that we also hold on this land.

Commissioner Morris-if we say this, then putting the pronunciation also in there so we don't butcher in when sharing and then also showing disrespect from mispronunciation.

Commissioner Hylton-thanks to the sponsors (and Itzel) for creating this. As youth advocates we represent youth in City Hall but there have been people who have lived here for centuries and the reason why we're here is because of colonialism. So even if we feel "authority" of this land/place it's always important to recognize those who originally came before us on this land.

6. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

a. LAO

i. Only a week since last one of these but there are updates:

1. Good news on two pieces of legislation that the YC took positions on. Guaranteed Income Advisory Group legislation-passed unanimously today in Rules with two of the Youth Commissions



suggestions: there will be a TAY seat so one seat for up to age of 24 and incorporated the language we suggested that the advisory group study the impacts of GIP of children and youth in SF. Altho not in the leg, Supervisor Haney stated the intention to work with treasurer and tax collector to not overlook how this would work out for undocumented folks. So this is in their radar even though it's not written into the legislation. What we didn't get was the compensation recommendation so seats will not receive compensation. Goes to full BOS tomorrow and for a second vote next Tuesday

2. Fossil Fuel Free Future by Supervisor Mar and passed unanimously today in Land Use Committee with ALL Youth Commission recommendations included
- ii. For Legislation Introduced:
 1. Supervisor Haney introduced legislation re: SIP hotels to prohibit the city from removing people out of hotels before FEMA gives a termination of the funding that the city is relying on. Believes this is going to committee on Wednesday. It's an emergency ordinance so it's moving quickly.
 2. Resolution by Supervisor Ronen to prioritize educators for COVID-19 vaccine access for these front line workers
- iii. 30RightNow Campaign (Jordan Davis + leg referred) so tenants don't pay more than 30% of their rent-this goes to committee on Wednesday 12/9 @ 2:30pm as well. There is a script document you can use in public comment. Commissioner Quick will be calling in and wants to know if other YCers can call in:
 1. Calling: Commissioners Tanaka, Sawanamalik-Murphy, Quick, Cheung, Hylton, Tang (maybe),
 2. Written: Commissioners Zhang, Veiga, Arana, Jones, Morris, Asfaw, Ginsburg, Hylton, Versace, Listana
 3. Talking points:
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pAmDox-1Qr42YRoMt-DvEVq68-nzTpdU-CuNCqa-lcl/edit>
 - a. Commissioners can speak as a Youth Commission representative because the YC has taken a position on legislation relating to this issue as well as the YC supporting the 30RightNow campaign as a whole
- b. Comms
 - i. Buddy system with pairs. Stabilized next few weeks for social media takeover.
 - ii. Reaching out to a few people to redesign the Youth Commissioner logo
 - iii. Possible Alumni Speaker series that would speak to specific issues
- c. General Committee Updates
- B. Civic Engagement
 - a. Nothing to report due to no meeting
- C. Housing and Land Use
 - a. Nothing to report due to no meeting
- D. Transformative Justice
 - a. Police Commission meeting got cancelled and they were supposed to present. Nothing else to report
- E. OCOF



- a. Nothing to report

7. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- ☐ December 21st meeting or cancel?
 - ☐ Consensus to cancel unless high level priority legislation is referred
- ☐ New supervisors will be inaugurated on January 8th and staff will help set up meetings with new Supervisors. We will also want to attend so we can build relationships with them as well
- ☐ Save the date (TBD) in January Virtual Mid Year Retreat
 - ☐ HOLD: Week of January 18th, all nights for 2 hours
 - ☐ Starting on Tuesday on 19th with three dates that week
 - ☐ Budget advocacy, break out rooms
- ☐ HOLD: Virtual Holiday Celebration (optional)
 - ☐ Friday, December 18th, 4-5pm
 - ☐ Details to be shared in committee
- ☐ State's Regional Stay at Home order in effect, possibly through January 4th
- ☐ Certificate of Honor from Board of Supes for Vote16SF/Prop G campaign
 - ☐ Staff read it into the record

8. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- Commissioner Quickt re: MTA and the Great Highway and they want feedback on the future of its continued closure or what it could look like in the future.
- For English: Text "Great Highway" to 415-358-0017

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59pm.