



# San Francisco Youth Commission Minutes

Monday, May 7, 2018

5:15 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.*

Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristen Tam, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet, Owen Hoyt

## **1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 5:16 PM. Commissioners absent: Desgarenes, Gregory, Vigil, Mao, and Hoyt.

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

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motioned to approve the agenda, and Commissioner Andam seconded. Approved by vote of acclamation.

## **3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

A. April 16, 2018  
([Document A](#))

Commissioner Amable motioned to approve the minutes and Commissioner Yu seconded. Approved by acclamation.

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

A member of the public, Harper, who lives in district 4, gave public comment on the topic of motorized scooters. The constituent expressed support for them as a mode of transportation, and recommended the decrease in number of them as they appear throughout the City.

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

No legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors.

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

A. Presentation on Open Space and Pedestrian Safety in District 6  
Presenters: Alexa Drapiza, Youth Organizer; PJ Eugenio, Youth Coordinator, South of Market Community Action Network's (SOMCAN) Youth Organizing Home and Neighborhood Action (YOHANA)  
(Document B)



The presenters discussed their pedestrian and high safety campaign. Please refer to document B in the full packet for the presentation. There were no questions from commissioners.

B. Presentation on Middle School Q Groups for LGBTQ Youth  
Presenter: Jodi Schwartz, Executive Director of LYRIC  
(Document C)

This presentation expressed the need for Middle School QQ groups: support groups for trans and queer identified middle schoolers of color. They would like the support of the Youth Commission in calling on the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to fund this initiative. They are asking for money to continue the groups in the five middle schools they are currently operating in, and also expand to three more schools. Further, the money will help pay one of the staff members, as the other staff member is paid for through the LYRIC fellowship money. The program currently serves 34 youth, some of whom only go to school to participate in this support group. The population of young people who this group supports, may experience a high rate of housing instability and truancy. Therefore, the group provides education on self-care, health relationships, and gender affirming resources. They differ from Gay Straight Alliances (GSAs) insofar as that GSAs bring community through events and celebrations, the Middle School QQ groups are a confidential support group that serve all students of color.

- Commission Marshall-Fricker asked if LYRIC has tried to secure private funding. Jodi Schwartz from LYRIC responded that they have exhausted all avenues for funding.
- Commissioner Andam asked about why these groups are needed, and how these groups differ from GSAs.
- Again, the presenters reiterated that these are support groups instead of social groups that engage in event planning. The middle school QQ group also assesses the needs of the young people they service, which may not be an explicit objective for GSAs.
- Commissioner Tam asked if LYRIC has worked with the San Francisco Unified School District to secure funding, and asked for clarification as to why DCYF did not fund this program.
- The presenters reported having spoken with SFUSD, and that their limited amount funding supports other programs. Also, that DCYF does support this program, and refers to the letter of support written by Maria Su, Director of DCYF. That department decided to fund BEACON programs and has funded all other components of LYRICs ask.
- Commissioner Amable asked if they had considered where the money would come from.
- The presenters responded that they did not have a definitive source.
- Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motioned to support this item, seconded by Commissioner Yu. Approved by a vote of acclamation with Commissioner Andam in the dissent.

C. Presentation on Rank Choice Voting from Fair Vote California  
Presenter: Sean Dugar, Consultant

This presentation was cancelled due to the presenter not showing up.

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



There was no youth commission business to discuss.

## **8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

- A. Executive Committee – The meeting was standard, approved the agenda for this meeting, and expressed the need for accountability from commissioners through the end of the term.
- B. Housing, Environment and City Services Committee – The meeting was cancelled.
- C. Justice and Employment Committee – did not have a formal meeting, but did meet with the Police Chief. They are hopeful for next steps on improving youth-police relations.
- D. Civic Engagement and Immigration Committee – worked on their Budget and Policy Priorities.
- E. Our Children Our Family Council – None.

## **9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

- YVOTE phonebanking opportunity at Excelsior Works to reach TAY voters of color. Commissioner Nassiri and Franet expressed interest.
- SF Prevention Coalition has invited the Youth Commission to attend a celebration in recognition of the alcohol density work.
- Human Rights in the Phillipines demonstration and teach in this Wednesday in front of the Federal Building.
- Angela Calvillo sends her congratulations on the presentation by the Youth Commission to the Budget and Finance Committee.
- Accountability as the end of the term (August 2018) approaches.

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

- YOHANA is hosting a San Francisco Youth Conference this May 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> , and would like to invite the Youth Commission to attend.

## **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23PM.