



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, April 19th, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm

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 to order at 5:06 PM. Quorum is met.

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, absent
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, present
Erika Morris, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, present
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, present

Commissioner Santos will be absent and has given advanced notice. Commissioner Veiga is absent due to health needs with no advanced notice.



There is no public comment. Commissioner Ginsburg motions to excuse Commissioner Santos and Veiga’s absences, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call vote - Commissioner Santos and Veiga excused absence:

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, absent
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The 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, absent
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. April 5th, 2021



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There is no public comment. Commissioner Listana motions to approve of the April 5th, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. The 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, absent
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Erika Morris, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, absent
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

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

There is no public comment.

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

- A. [Inform + Decision] SF Planning Department - Child & Youth Engagement Strategy & General Updates
Presenters: Reanna Tong and Celina Chan, SF Planning Department Staff
(Document B)

SF Planning Department - presenting on public resources, neighborhood feel

Child & Youth Engagement Strategy:

- involving children and youth in authentic opportunities to learn about, contribute to, and influence their community, and city
- young people 5 -11, youth 12 -17, BIPOC
- strategy developed of branch of racial and social action plan worked with OCOF, SFUSD, DCYF
- Goals:
 - Community - listening and empowering perspectives in the next gen., creating an equitable pipeline of planners, reaching parents and others connect with children and youth
 - Internal - building planning department capacity, transparency and reporting
- Action Items to meet goals
- General Plan Updates:



- General Plan - environmental justice framework (req for city, state sets timeline)
- blueprint - comprehensive vision, objectives and policies
 - develop and update gen plan with extensive engagement process to ensure community values
 - components for general plan
 - housing (being updated)
 - urban design
 - land use
 - transportation (being updated)
 - safety and resilience (being updated)
 - air quality
 - environmental justice (new)
 - Environmental justice
 - equitable distribution of environmental benefits and elim of environmental burdens to promote healthy communities
 - gov't can foster environmental justice through processes that amend past injustices while enabling proactive, community-led solutions
 - ej communities map
 - add local data to show lower income, exposed to pollution and other health challenges
 - aligns more with maps by MTC, SFDPH, Rec and Park that highlight inequities
 - broadly - clean health environments, climate resilience, racial equity and empowered neighborhoods, physical activity, healthy food access
 - community engagement
 - youth engagement (Malcolm X Academy in Bayview, yplan) - virtual exhibit, Balboa High School ej legislation project
 - provide stipends when possible
 - general plan survey: surveymonkey.com/r/SFGeneralPlan
 - housing element, transportation element, safety and resilience climate
 - Asks:
 - Do you have feedback on how we can continue to incorporate and elevate youth voices?
 - Would you like to be more involved in upcoming engagement activities? If so, how would you like to be involved?
 - Can our team have another opportunity to present at a future meeting to dive deeper into the Child and Youth Engagement Strategy?
 - Do you have questions for us?

Questions:

Chair Hylton: Balboa, future legislative work, any plans or topics covered? any plans to engage students from survey -> legislative work (is it done more by adult)

Celina Chan: highschool seniors in Balboa, interviews and survey and using findings to write a bill

Commissioner Jones: What are you gonna do for the youth data and feedback?



Celina Chan: we plan to host and share it publicly on our website, and will ask balboa folks for feedback in their work

Commissioner Cheung: Working directly from Balboa is super cool. Are you looking to work with other public school students especially in impacted areas?

Celina Chan: for spring we were just balboa, still solidify sites in fall - especially working with communities most impacted by health challenges, we need to build relationships with schools and youth organizations

Reanna Tong: environmental injustices - part of larger children and youth strategy, internal capacity building is relationships with schools and youth serving community organizations, some solid relationships with balboa - recent with presidio, aptos - takes time to work with teachers and principals - and want to act upon that

Commissioner Quick: Thank you for coming and presenting to us. A lot of this work looks very developed for a non youth serving dept, glad to see you have this strategy. As part of the current general plan updates, policy projects the agency is working on, do you have more specific plans to reach COBs for the meetings that are happening soon and making sure they are accessible to youth at friendly hours and make accommodations to make sure everyone's voice is being heard.

Celina Chan: each project team is planning their engagement activities - ex: housing (focus groups with 15 community orgs in summer and paying them for time and participation and language assistance),

B. [Inform + Decision] SF Bicycle Coalition Presentation
Presenters: Kristen Leckie, Senior Community Organizer

Here to talk about Car-Free JFK Space in GGP, previously connected with Commissioner Quick, staff for 3.5 years now, pronouns they/them, I work on bike/pedestrian project and uplift the voices of the community so projects are what folks want in their neighborhoods.

JFK car - free space pre-covid

- a lot of compromises for car free area on sat/sundays

car - free space with covid - there's slow streets and jfk drive closed to vehicles

timeline:

- march 2020 sip begins
- april 28th - jfk drive open to bike and peds / car free drive
- sept - western path is open in ggp
- nov - ggp sustainability study begins outreach
- now - public outreach begins

transportation authority sfcta study - community driven process to id issues and priorities based on working group -> sfcta report -> community engagement

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - environmental review

this summer is #1 to get as many community voices and solid feedback, great plan for accessible for everyone -> this fall approval



sf rec and park and mta joint hearing, bos approval

sf bike goal: equitable, accessible and car free for bipoc communities

what's at stake: closure will take away 300 of over 3500 parking spots

what has the space meant during covid -> glimpse of learning to bike for a first time, safai and walton had great criticism esp because southeast and bipoc folks haven't been in the conversation and let's talk about race and car -free jfk

shortcomings of car free jfk:

- any closures in the park are not planned with access for those with disability in mind
- what can we do - community action plan and prioritizing bipoc, southeast and people with disability access

Asks:

- if YC would like to support car free
 - if YC would like to sign on - having name on their webpage
 - work together to get more youth on the spotlight
 - make sure youth know how to fill out the survey
 - overall open to anything (^ these were some examples), they want to get the conversation started about youth involvement

Questions:

- Commissioner Asfaw: thank you for presenting. Want to ask about the hesitations Sup. Walton brought up. Have you all responded? How will you respond? How will you ensure that it isn't inaccessible?
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- Kristen: It's a pretty big presentation and it hasn't started. Personally I see it as important criticism
- Kristen: and pushed internally is important criticism not the first project that's left off marginalized voices we can ignore it or just keep at it and that's the route we going to keep having this conversation to make the park accessible
 - would need reliable transportation (not just an hour ride), parking garage is expensive,
- Commissioner Tanaka: what's the communication between your org and current D1 Supervisor Chan?
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- Kristen: It's been great, her office is easy to communicate with. They are aligned with this vision and are also worrying about seniors and people with disabilities. Supervisor Chan has been at the forefront of asking questions about equity.
- Kristen - I do recognize I do a lot - and open to table it and just keep y'all involved throughout the process and know how we can keep engaging.
- Commissioner Asfaw: i want more youth voices on the spotlight, survey out, with youth involvement comes with paying youth - some of our own problem not getting paid, i would prefer not to take a position as i need more discussion and planning on how jfk drive is more accessible for someone
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- kristen: thank you, appreciate the note about paying youth! I agree and would be happy to push City folks to pay youth for any engagement!
- Commissioner Quick: i would be in favor of supporting car free jfk and we can also do our part to continue our advocacy in City Hall for accessible alternatives for folks with disabilities and youth in the southeast.

public comment:

- Hayden Miller, d1, youth in highschool, sf bike at least names what's going wrong and yes there's a lot of work to be done to make youth voices to be heard

Commissioner Asfaw: calling out southeast commissioners to get their input in.

Commissioner Hylton: how about districts that have the most challenges. D10 and D11 are southeast, you were right!

Commissioner Cheung: please include folks that don't live directly in ggp and further away, rely on public transportation, if we just close it off to bikes and who are we leaving out in that process - conflicted whether to take a position of support or not because it does leave out a lot of people.

Commissioner Quick: car free jfk is not just for cyclists, pedestrians, 29, 43 - yes to invest and improve but provide direct access from southeast to the park - a car is more heavy investment than a bike.

Kristen: bike program - pushes for bikes but other forms of transportation too (ex: transit). bike it forward, refurbish, programming in Chinatown, SOMA, TL, working with cbos

Commissioner Cheung: A little bit on the fence because I don't have a set in stone plan for people with disabilities or elderly people. Going to the park without assistance can be difficult for this population

Kristen: holding separate meetings with the disability council - there's a rough draft of what we can do, the city has done some improvements. Can share with you all about what some of the conversations have been like.

Commissioner Sarah Ginsburg: what lines are most important, how can we fund them - especially when getting cut - sfmta

Kristen: multiple people in the working group mention all those lines - why are they getting stuck, where are they getting stuck. They will be the agency who will do the public outreach. Hoping that they've listened and it seems like they are, but we'll have to make sure as the process continues.

Commissioner Jones: thinks closing streets are very hard, but a good idea would be a direct shuttle into the streets, getting out before covid

Kristen: hear and agree with it before the closure, the park wasn't accessible. interested to working together, used to be one



Commissioner Jones - spaces where we can cultivate those relationships, i think that's a place where we can get together and facilitate and get people to pick up and drop off points - to homes safely,

Kristen: totally, programming side of bike coalition (bike it forward,) the bike coalition does classes with BMAGIC, YMCA, and other cbos. I can work with my staff to continue reaching out and figure this out.

Commissioner Jones: you all give bikes for free?

Kristen: yes, we work with community based organizations for classes, get a bike, class, lock, helmet, ride in bayview - will send it forward

Commissioner Hylton: personally I agree with car free JFK - i think the shuttle idea is awesome - but i also don't want it to be car free and then have them come back. There needs to be more access. HLU do you have more info?

Commissioner Quick: yes we did have a presentation from D1, the timeline & priorities. I think we have been talking about an idea for writing a resolution on this.

Motions:

Commissioner Quick motion to support the JFK closure in concept, continuing with the provision that there be a robust community outreach effort and with focus on the equity and access concerns for folks in the Southeast, increase youth voices in this project, and supporting improved transit to GGP and direct shuttles, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka.

Roll Call Vote:

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

- C. [Inform + Decision] Compassionate Alternative Response Team (CART)
Presenter: Vinny Eng and Stella Kunkat, CART Organizers
(Document C)



Vinny - coalition of community organizations who came together in a year-long process to a different approach to a problem that's visible to all of us.

problem - police as a response to homelessness

- sfpd was dispatch to over 65000 homeless related calls in 2019
- policing is a costly ineffective and punitive response to homelessness
- unhoused individuals have repeatedly fallen victim to police violence

jan 24, 2019 youth homeless count and survey

- in last homeless count in 2019 - they separated out on youth homelessness and juxtapose with where highest burden of environmental justice

solution - a compassionate street

- radical imagination of taking care of community members, grounded in community resilience and services rooted in community with lived experienced
- cart program will create a future of care not criminalization out of sf
- goals and outcomes
 - elim police as first and primary responders to unhoused people
 - increasing safety for unhoused people and reducing the harm and trauma inflicted
 - building community resilience by empowering housed san franciscans to more compassionately respond to their unhoused neighbors
- cart - program design
 - response working in teams of 2 responding to situations involving unhoused individuals
 - respond to calls through a direct CART hotline and to transferred calls going into 911 that involve on unhoused individual
 - cart est. annual budget at \$6.825 mill would be paid for by funds diverted from sfpd
- 2 prong approach
 - persons in crisis response services
 - deescal intervention, interpersonal conflict resolution
 - street counseling and mental wellness referrals and resources
 - first aid / street emd
 - substance use/ referral
 - acute transportation services
 - suicide prevention
 - community strengthening
 - id, network and build neighborhood based
 - offer trainings to compassionate responders to further educate on systemic causes of homelessness

Acknowledge:

- this doesn't represent all voices, so open to all feedback
- acknowledge that lots of people lives have been lost

how to get involved:

- join the campaign listserve email cart@cohsf.org
- endorse and support - > [endorsement form](#)
- follow cart on social media: [twitter](#) (@CART_SF)
- [facebook](#) (@Compassionate.Alternative.Response.Team)



Mayor has convened an alternative of policing group and writing a letter in full support for cart in their recommendation to the mayor, and consider endorsing to BOS - haney is working in support of proposal as well a resolution

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick: set 2 million to community response to fully funding

Vinny: divested from SF Police Department budget, using former reserve for alt to policing response.

Commissioner Quick: what's the scale of calls you think to respond to for budgeting

Vinny: proposing a response from a non-governmental organization, but funded by the city. Also important to note after submitting this proposal the Mayor will decide what agency this budget will come from. So this is an ongoing conversation and what we're presenting is an opening bid.

Commissioner Asfaw: Thank you for presenting. I understand this is an open bin, but wondering if housing or payment is available for these individuals?

Vinny: based on the cahoots model, they receive a professional salary. In the proposal we recommend almost 500 hours of training. They would be part of the response team and would require a high level of skill. In my wildest dreams, this position would pay as much as Police Officers, but that is up to the Mayor, BOS, and whatever City agency takes this on.

Motions:

Commissioner Quick motion to support CART framework and proposal, Commissioner Zhang second. Motion passes by a 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, missed vote

Gracie Veiga, absent

Ariana Arana, aye

Rome Jones, aye

Erika Morris, aye

Arsema Asfaw, aye

Sarah Cheung, aye

Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Nora Hylton, aye

Amara Santos, absent

Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

6. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee



- a. LAO
 - i. Two hearings were introduced last Thursday. One- an ordinance by Sup Chan for the summer together initiative. This is the program DCYF and Rec and Park to provide summer programming for youth this year. Second - a hearing to public safety and . I have requested and referred to us in an upcoming meeting.
 - b. Comms
 - i. Present to YFYI forYC podcast. Also, preparing for the info session this Friday, doing outreach for YC applications.
 1. Is there anyone who has capacity that can help with outreach or can repost what the YC ig has? Austin has shared a free repost app to download. Also you can share this info with your own connections or show up for info sessions and bring a friend.
 - c. General Committee Updates
 - i. Chairs are requesting that commissioners include them in their communications of absences.
- B. Civic Engagement
- a. brainstormed potential questions for a poll we're working with Generation Citizen on.
 - b. Presentation from Veronica Chew (Ocof) to talk about next steps with respect to Child Friendly Cities Initiative (community assessments for youth in community hubs) - what orgs to reach out to, how to get youth involved, etc.
 - c. Jennifer from League of Women's Voters about collaborating w YC on a resolution via youth voting and voter education
- C. Housing and Land Use
- a. Tanaka presented to D1 about closures of the great highway and jfk
 - b. also had worked time for 30rightnow campaign
 - c. and checked in with _ process
- D. Transformative Justice
- a. had a police commission report and Commissioner Cohen had a question for youth commissioners on solutions to address, response to sideshows and gun violence? how do we keep people engaged not in those activities
- E. OCOF
- a. No report.

7. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Cybersecurity Training due April 30th
 - shout out: Sarah G for completing! Erika and Gracie, too for asking for IT support.
 - If you need help signing on to your employee portal, let me know.
- YC Info Session - 1 rep from cmte for panel (5- 6pm fri 4/23, fri 4/30, wed 5/5)
 - sarah c - can support but will get back on specific day (yes to 4/30, maybe to 5/5)
- MyPath Panel on May 4th - MyPath's "Youth Financial Steps to Success" Virtual Community Meeting @ 4:30pm
- #30rightnowcoalition - spread the word to your homies
- Safe Streets for All - budget hearing
- Library Leadership Program Applications
- If you'd like paper copies of the YC applications (paper) to drop off in your district and schools
 - Arsema



- Adrianna
- Sarah G.
- if you want to be on the interview side (must not be returning) - please sign up now, b/c we have to arrange time for training
- Send in Committee Video OR Send in a quote
 - Thanks for the videos Rocky, Sarah C, Gabbie, Adrianna, Sarah G., Calvin, & Jayden

8. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- No announcements.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm