



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Transformative Justice Committee**

~DRAFT MINUTES~

Monday, June 14th, 2021

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Public Comment Call-in:

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Conference ID: 146 686 1562##

There will be public comment on each item.

Members: Rome Jones (Chair), Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair), Arsema Asfaw, Nora Hylton, Gabbie Listana, Amara Santos,

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Jones calls the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Quorum is met. All are present and on time.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Asfaw motions to approve the agenda, Commissioner Santos seconds. The motion passes by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. May 10th, 2021

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There is no public comment. Commissioner Veiga motions to approve the May 10th, 2021 minutes, second by Commissioner Santos. The motion passes by acclamation.

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

There is no public comment.

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

A. Check In [Discussion Only]

Led by Rome Jones and Gracie Veiga

Members referred from here on: Rome Jones (Chair) - RJ, Gracie Veiga (Vice Chair) - GV,



Arsema Asfaw - AA, Nora Hylton - NH, Gabbie Listana - GL, Amara Santos - AS, Staff Austin Truong - AT

GV: today's check in question is: any moment you are looking forward to or anything that is bringing you joy at the moment?

GV - graduated on friday and no more hs assignments

AA: Our school librarian allowed me to take home a bunch of books over break and ordered books I wanted to read! first one to take them home. summer~~ no more zoom all the time

NH: moving away but lots of family time. aunt and i have weekly phone calls and beading store shopping!

AS: last week i ate a churro! <3 underrated dessert. i've been reading a lot of books.

RJ: not feeling much joy atm, just the opportunity to live and create new joy

GL: finishing school, having free time and i finished a book in a day!!

AT: just creating joy is nice.

B. Presentation: Community Alternatives to Traffic Enforcement in District 6 [Discussion & Possible Action]

Led by Mary Claire Amable, Community Organizer, SF Bike Coalition

Commissioner Jones table item 5b till the next available meeting because the presenter is not present. Commissioner Listana will follow up.

C. Presentation: Expanding Mental Health Support for LGBTQ Youth [Discussion & Possible Action]

Led by LJ Johnson, DPHMustDivest Coalition

Presenter LJ Johnson is unavailable to comment on this item.

Commissioner Veiga briefs the committee on the ask for expansion of mental health support services and staff for LGBTQ Youth.

Discussion:

Commissioners Asfaw, Listana, Santos and Veiga note the amount of "white" staff at Dimensions clinic and if we are to support an expansion of mental health support - they must also be culturally and linguistically competent.

Commissioner Asfaw would like to know more about the outreach efforts DPH has and if there's a database to really pinpoint how many services are eligible. To her knowledge, Huckleberry Youth serves LGBTQ youth and their website is more comprehensive.

Commissioner Asfaw and Hylton would want to know more about policies that uplift youth rights as they access care, especially for black/brown/poc and undocumented youth.



Commissioner Veiga would like to have more discussion about this before a formal support.

Commissioner Hylton, notes that expansion of mental health should also cover specialists for substance use support. And their FAQ page could cover a bit more about insurance options, or what background check or documents are needed.

Commissioner Santos acknowledges the medical health complex and wants to hope that we are supporting youth needs - but it needs to be a holistic charge.

Commissioners end discussion with a request for more research in the city's current mental health services for LGBTQ youth first, or assessment of any mental health needs of youth aside from the Our Health In Our Hands campaign from chinese progressive association.

D. Local Report Back [Discussion Only & Possible Action]

a. Community Updates

- Commissioner Jones: groundbreaking in d10, india basin park
- dphmustdivest (Commissioner Veiga): broke out into different workgroups (legislation/policy, community, admin), make health commission declare public health and policing is a health care crisis, hope to support with legislation in terms of writing a resolution, Commissioner Hylton will support
- nnsfjc bac 6/17 public comment request, TJ will sign on to letter asking divestment of sheriff's budget for community needs.

b. Workgroup Updates

- nothing from rome and arsema

c. Action Steps Updates

- public comment day 6/25
- budget season don't forget
- budget justice coalition rally 6/24 and cart action 11:30 - 2pm with art build

E. Work Time: TJ Forward and Visioning

a. Timeline

- staff transition by the end of the month. please wrap up any supports for legislation. and transitioning and understanding each other's capacity while making use of our time left together.
- moving forward, unless staff is available to clerk, the cmte meetings will be cancelled and commissioners will focus on remaining commitments.

b. Priorities

- gracie - police commission reports, dphmustdivest workgroup, end poverty tows resolution with arsema/gabbie/amara
- nora - supporting role for legislation, attending dphmustdivest group
- rome - tj matters, implicit bias keep up, follow up with d10 juve hall and reparations committee
- gabbie will be lead for bicycle coalition

6. Staff Report

Staff transitioning out by the end of the month - please plan accordingly.



7. Appreciations

Let's set a time for a summer celebration 7/3 Brunch in the Mission and pick a book:

<https://www.haymarketbooks.org/blogs/80-abolition-now-haymarket-books-against-policing-and-mass-incarceration>

8. Adjournment

Chair Jones adjourns the meeting at 6:25 pm.