



**City and County of San Francisco  
YOUTH COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**Monday, December 4, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

**IN-PERSON MEETING  
City Hall, Room 416  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,  
San Francisco, CA 94102**

**IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS via Webex**

**Members:** Ewan Barker Plummer (Chair, Mayoral), Gabbie Listana (Vice Chair, D6), Téa Lonné Amir (Comms & Outreach Officer, Mayoral), Kelly Wu (Comms & Outreach Officer, D3), Allister Adair (Legislative Affairs Officer, D2), Jason Fong (Legislative Affairs Officer, D7), Chloe Wong (D1), Linda Ye (D4), Helen Cisneros (D5), Galicia Stack Lozano (D8), Skylar Dang (D9), Adrianna Faagau-Noa (D10), Imaan Ansari (D11), Valentina Alioto-Pier (Mayoral), Isabella T. Perez (Mayoral), Aryelle Lampkins (Mayoral), Joselyn Marroquin (Mayoral).

**Present:** Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabbie Listana, Téa Lonné Amir, Kelly Wu, Allister Adair, Jason Fong, Chloe Wong, Linda Ye, Helen Cisneros, Galicia Stack Lozano, Skylar Dang, Adrianna Faagau-Noa, Imaan Ansari, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Isabella T. Perez, Aryelle Lampkins, Joselyn Marroquin.

**Absent:** None.

**Tardy:** None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access on December 4, 2023, with Chair Barker Plummer presiding.

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

Chair Barker Plummer called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.

On the call of the roll:



Roll Call Attendance: 17 present.

Chloe Wong present  
Allister Adair present  
Kelly Wu present  
Linda Ye present  
Helen Cisneros present  
Gabbie Listana present  
Jason Fong present  
Galia Stack Lozano present  
Skylar Dang present  
Adrianna Faagau-Noa present  
Imaan Ansari present  
Valentina Alioto-Pier present  
Isabella T. Perez present  
Aryelle Lampkins present  
Joselyn Marroquin present  
Téa Lonné Amir present  
Ewan Barker Plummer present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

## **2. Communications**

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

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

Commissioner Ye, seconded by Officer Wu, motioned to approve the December 4, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Kelly Wu aye  
Linda Ye aye  
Helen Cisneros aye



Gabbie Listana aye  
Jason Fong aye  
Galia Stack Lozano aye  
Skylar Dang aye  
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye  
Imaan Ansari aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier aye  
Isabella T. Perez aye  
Aryelle Lampkins aye  
Joselyn Marroquin aye  
Téa Lonné Amir aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

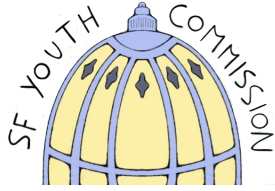
Action: Agenda Approved.

- 4. Approval of Minutes** (Action Item)  
a. November 20, 2023 (Packet Materials)

Officer Fong, seconded by Officer Lonné Amir, motioned to approve the November 20, 2023 Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Kelly Wu aye  
Linda Ye aye  
Helen Cisneros aye  
Gabbie Listana aye  
Jason Fong aye  
Galia Stack Lozano aye  
Skylar Dang aye  
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye  
Imaan Ansari aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier aye  
Isabella T. Perez aye  
Aryelle Lampkins aye  
Joselyn Marroquin aye  
Téa Lonné Amir aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye



Action: Minutes Approved.

**5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda** (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

**6. Presentations** (discussion and action item)

- a. Light Show Concerns at SF Botanical Gardens
  - i. Presenter: Kathy Howard & Linda Shaffer, San Franciscans for Urban Nature

Katherine Howard and Linda Shaffer presented their information regarding their concerns regarding the nighttime light show events that are planned to be installed in late 2024 through early 2025, with the potential to be renewed in the future. Howard discussed their concerns regarding the effects on park wildlife of artificial lighting that will be on after the hours of the SF Botanical Gardens, in addition to the amplified sound that is included in the RFP.

Shaffer said it was super exciting to see all of the youth commissioners involved. Shaffer brought up the concerns around the difficulty of public input with PPPs, also known as public-private partnerships, since the Gardens of Golden Gate Park (GGGP) is a private non-profit and doesn't require their meetings to be public.

Commissioner Ye asked about further information regarding the concerns of the lights being projected at night, since it's important to bring small businesses and attraction visitors into the Westside, to which Howard recalled the concerns and reasoning for why the artificial lights can cause harm towards the park's wildlife. Shaffer added that they don't know if the Recreation and Parks Department knows answers, since those aren't public.

Officer Fong said that the City is currently in a fiscal budget crisis and it's super important to have events like these to help increase city revenues and he asked if the city is charging the event planners fees, to which Howard said that they're in a place where they have to decide to support nature and the environment. Howard said that they can always find ways to increase city funding, but they shouldn't sacrifice the protection of Golden Gate Park. Officer Fong asked if the city has participated in an economic study to determine its broader economic effects, to which Howard said that they don't know because this process hasn't



been public and that if it were a public process, that many of the concerns could be heard and resolved.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier asked about the event specifically, how the effects of these lights at night are any different from the artificial light coming from the rest of the city, and she also asked about the other events that currently take place in Golden Gate Park. Howard said that those are great questions for a public process as well, and responded that cumulative impacts continue to build onto the effects on wildlife.

Officer Wu, seconded by Commissioner Wong, motioned to approve the [Motion to Support Efforts - San Franciscans for Urban Nature (SFUN) advocacy to urge Gardens of Golden Gate Park to not hold light shows], and urges the Gardens of Golden Gate Park to rescind their Request for Proposals (RFP) for holding lights shows in either the San Francisco Botanical Garden, the Japanese Tea Garden, or the Conservatory of Flowers.

Commissioner Ye said that she would've liked to see more research put into the motion itself, and is unsure about moving this motion forward. Vice Chair Listana agreed with Commissioner Ye and said that these light shows might not have a huge effect.

Officer Fong agreed as well in terms of wanting to see more research in the document, and said that he would like to see more clarity in a future motion. Commissioner Alioto-Pier said that they should remember that they live in a major city and that the wildlife here is more adjusted to city light pollution, and she wants to see events like these to help our city's budget.

Commissioner Wong said that she will support this motion because it's important to focus on addressing the environmental harms being done in favor of economic incentives.

Public Comment:

- (a) Josh from Mission Verde: he focuses on environmental justice and they spoke on the fact that these types of events are antithetical to the natural surroundings; they co-founded an organization to focus on what nature has to teach youth and the public; they said these types of events should be in more urban settings, not in a park.



The motion failed by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 7 ayes, 10 nays.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair nay  
Kelly Wu aye  
Linda Ye nay  
Helen Cisneros aye  
Gabbie Listana nay  
Jason Fong nay  
Galicia Stack Lozano aye  
Skylar Dang nay  
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye  
Imaan Ansari aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier nay  
Isabella T. Perez nay  
Aryelle Lampkins aye  
Joselyn Marroquin nay  
Téa Lonné Amir nay  
Ewan Barker Plummer nay

Action: Motion to Support Efforts - San Franciscans for Urban Nature (SFUN) advocacy to urge Gardens of Golden Gate Park to not hold light shows fails, with Commissioners Adair, Ye, Listana, Fong, Dang, Alioto-Pier, Perez, Marroquin, Lonné Amir, and Barker Plummer in dissent.

b. Youth Commission History

i. Presenter: Ken Khounsombath, Former Youth Commissioner

Ken Khounsombath presented on the beginning history of the first year of the San Francisco Youth Commission, and recalled his ideas and experiences when he served on the first cohort of Youth Commissioners. He talked about a story of when there was a youth conference put together by Mayor Willie Brown, but the youth ended up walking out of the conference because it was not organized or centered by youth, and Mayor Brown called him and other YC leaders into the Mayor's Office to discuss why. Those commissioners brought up their biggest concerns, and ended up planning up a youth-led/youth-organized conference that was attended by 1300 youth.



Officer Wu said since they've done so much, how did they go through all of the pushback and any advice he has for the Youth Commission in their advocacy. Khounsombath said they need to stop recommending and start demanding what they want from their city leaders. He would love to support and speak at the next Youth Commission retreat more in-depth on the history of the commission and how to organize.

Commissioner Fong left the meeting at 6:07pm, and returned at 6:09pm.

**7. Legislation Referred** (discussion and action item)

- a. BOS File 230446 - [Planning Code, Zoning Map - Housing Production] Ordinance amending the Planning Code to encourage housing production
  - i. Presenter: Aaron Starr, San Francisco Planning

Aaron Starr presented his information regarding the proposed legislation, and the changes that have taken place at the SF Board of Supervisors level in today's meeting.

Chair Barker Plummer asked for some clarification around the duplicates, to which Starr said that the most recent update was in regards to Supervisor Mandelman's amendment to monster homes and replaced it with a cap on very large homes, and there's still additional amendments in the Land Use and Transit Committee. The remaining duplicates will be voted on and likely combined at the SF Board of Supervisors tomorrow.

Commissioner Alioto-Pier for clarifications about the removal for neighborhood notices for expansion, to which Starr said that was regarding the expansion of units rather than just simple renovations of a property that doesn't increase density. Alioto-Pier asked another question regarding double density, to which Starr said because certain housing for vulnerable residents is so critical, the double density formula helps expand the feasibility for those units to be built. Alioto-Pier asked if there's anything stopping people from demolishing a house that isn't rent controlled or doesn't fit the character of the neighborhood, to which Starr said yes and no because housing projects with less than 10 units doesn't require affordable inclusionary housing requirements.

Officer Adair asked how long it would take currently and when this legislation is potentially enacted and implemented to build housing, to which Starr said that the current process can take about 6-9 months and that the new process could be expedited to be approved within 30-60 days of its proposal. Starr added that



discretionary review allows for the Planning Department to approve, modify, or deny any project that violates the laws and codes the City has in place.

Officer Fong asked how close this proposed legislation will bring the City to San Francisco's Housing Element goal of permitting 10,000 units/year, to which Starr said that it will definitely accelerate the housing permit approval process, but that there's many things that have to happen to accelerate the actual construction of housing and get to that number.

Commissioner Perez asked how the allowance of homeless shelters and dense housing in low-density neighborhoods will be blended together, to which Starr said the legislation ensures that there aren't any exclusionary zones in the City that keep unhoused and low-income people away from specific neighborhoods.

Chair Barker Plummer said that this is the type of legislation the City needs to be able to have housing for their generation, and that this is just one piece of a bigger puzzle that will be necessary to expand housing production. He added that high-resourced neighborhoods were doing their part in supporting more housing.

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Adair, motioned to approve BOS File 230446 [Planning Code, Zoning Map - Housing Production].

Officer Adair said he's in support of this legislation, and he's flabbergasted at what has been needed to be done to pass this bill. He feels that the state has been forcing the hand of the City to get this done, regardless

Commissioner Alioto-Pier said that as great as some parts of this bill are good, there's just some parts that aren't acceptable. She emphasized that the character of the city needs to be protected, and that wealthier and conservative people in San Francisco may not want homeless shelters in their neighborhood, and that they bring a lot of money to the City.

Commissioner Wong said she is strongly in support of this legislation, and that encouraging housing production can stimulate the local economy and create jobs for residents. She encourages others to support as well.

Officer Fong said he supports the legislation and believes strongly in making it easier to build housing.





Commissioner Dang said that she supports this legislation and is glad this legislation also prioritizes affordable housing and protects marginalized communities, since that will help allow them to stay in San Francisco.

Officer Wu said that she supports this legislation and that the SF Planning Department has staff who focus on protecting historical buildings and the character of the city.

Commissioner Dang asked what is considered affordable, to which Starr said that there's different levels but that it tends to be 80-120% of AMI.

Chair Barker Plummer said that although the character of a neighborhood is important, that the lack of adequate housing is a bigger issue.

No public comment.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 16 ayes, 1 nay.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Kelly Wu aye  
Linda Ye aye  
Helen Cisneros aye  
Gabbie Listana aye  
Jason Fong aye  
Galia Stack Lozano aye  
Skylar Dang aye  
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye  
Imaan Ansari aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier nay  
Isabella T. Perez aye  
Aryelle Lampkins aye  
Joselyn Marroquin aye  
Téa Lonné Amir aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File 230446 - [Planning Code, Zoning Map - Housing Production] approved in support, with Commissioner Alioto-Pier in dissent.



- b. BOS File 231140 - [Urging the Mayor and DHR to Initiate Emergency Hiring Plan to Fill Behavioral Health Workforce Vacancies] Resolution urging the Mayor and Department of Human Resources (DHR) to initiate an emergency hiring plan with recruitment and retention incentives for behavioral healthcare workers to fill city employee vacancies and vacancies at city-contracted providers
  - i. Presenter: YC Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Adair spoke on the importance of this legislation, and Officer Fong added that these positions need to be filled quickly to ensure that city employees can address the needs of San Francisco residents. They recommend voting in support of this legislation.

Commissioner Ye asked if there's measures to increase mental health services to reduce employee burnout, to which Officer Adair said that filling vacancies is just the first step, and that there's all of the other important resources and adequate pay for city employees to be supported.

Chair Barker Plummer asked if the Mayor stating that she intends to leave some vacant positions unfilled to cut government spending in light of the budget woes in the coming years, to which Office Fong said that the resolution does not include

Commissioner Ye, seconded by Officer Wu, motioned to support BOS File 231140 [Urging the Mayor and DHR to Initiate Emergency Hiring Plan to Fill Behavioral Health Workforce Vacancies]. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Kelly Wu aye  
Linda Ye aye  
Helen Cisneros aye  
Gabbie Listana aye  
Jason Fong aye  
G Galicia Stack Lozano aye  
Skylar Dang aye  
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye  
Imaan Ansari aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier aye  
Isabella T. Perez aye  
Aryelle Lampkins aye  
Joselyn Marroquin aye  
Téa Lonné Amir aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: BOS File 231140 [Urging the Mayor and DHR to Initiate Emergency Hiring Plan to Fill Behavioral Health Workforce Vacancies] approved in support.

Chair Barker Plummer called for a 10-minute recess at 7:05pm, and returned at 7:17pm.

**8. Legislation** (discussion and action item)

- a. Resolution - Urging SFMTA to install curbside protected bike lanes or pedestrianize Valencia St., between 15th and Cesar Chavez St. to reduce traffic fatalities and increase public safety
  - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Ansari, Fong, and Wong

Commissioners Ansari, Fong, and Wong read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Ye said that given the amount of public comment given on this issue and her personal experience on the current bike plan, she commends the resolution and supports it. Chair Barker Plummer said that the current bike plan is a pilot project, when they will have any results of how effective the plan is compared to past plans, and said it's worth looking into what SFMTA intends to do next after the pilot is over. Specialist Ochoa said it was a pilot program, but that the public safety data update was postponed later in 2024 instead of the end of 2023.

- b. Resolution - Urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) Board of Directors to take immediate action on a No Turn On Red (NTOR) citywide policy in light of recent traffic incidents and ongoing safety concerns
  - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Fong and Wong

Commissioners Fong and Wong read the resolution into the record. Chair Barker Plummer said he was skeptical of the legislation at first, but is glad to now fully support and appreciates all of the data included in the resolution.



- c. Resolution - Urging the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA) to prioritize and allocate permanent funding for the Free Muni For All Youth (FMFAY) program, recognizing its vital role in fostering equitable access to transportation and supporting the educational and social development of San Francisco's youth
  - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Wong, Ansari, and Fong

Commissioners Wong, Ansari, and Fong read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Ye is excited to support. Chair Barker Plummer said he agrees with everything others have said about the FMFAY program, and that he is very dedicated to making sure it's included in the upcoming city budget.

- d. Motion - Condemning recent reports of hate speech and violent incidents fueled by hate, and approving a statement from the Youth Commission entitled "Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks"
  - i. Authors: Commissioner(s) Barker Plummer, Lonné Amir, Ansari; Stack Lozano, Lampkins, Adair, Alioto-Pier, Wong, Listana, and Marroquin

Commissioners Barker Plummer, Lonné Amir, and Ansari read the motion and the attached statement into the record. Officer Lonné Amir said that as an Israeli Jewish person, she is appalled by the hateful rhetoric being leveraged towards Palestinians, Jews, and Muslims. Commissioner Ansari said she fully agrees with what Officer Lonné Amir said, and that as a Muslim, she fully condemns any hate speech being used against anyone. Chair Barker Plummer read a statement and called upon schools to enact change to help support students through these difficult times.

Commissioner Dang, seconded by Commissioner Faagau-Noa, motioned to approve the Motion - Condemning recent reports of hate speech and violent incidents fueled by hate, and approving a statement from the Youth Commission entitled "Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks". No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 17 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Kelly Wu aye  
Linda Ye aye  
Helen Cisneros aye  
Gabbie Listana aye



Jason Fong aye  
Galicia Stack Lozano aye  
Skylar Dang aye  
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye  
Imaan Ansari aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier aye  
Isabella T. Perez aye  
Aryelle Lampkins aye  
Joselyn Marroquin aye  
Téa Lonné Amir aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Motion - Condemning recent reports of hate speech and violent incidents fueled by hate, and approving a statement from the Youth Commission entitled “Statement on Recent Hate-Speech Incidents and Violent Attacks” approved.

**9. Committee Reports** (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Adair said they were glad to get the two legislations on today’s agenda passed, and said that they’ll be on the lookout for any upcoming legislation. Officer Fong said that there will also be legislation regarding habitability on the next full Youth Commission agenda.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Wu said that the outreach video is almost done and looks great. Officer Lonné Amir said the introduction posts will be going out soon, and that there are still a few people left who haven’t filled out the form to do so. She said that this month’s Monday Funday was great, and thanked everyone who came for turning out.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Listana said that they met last week to meet to pass today’s full Youth Commission meeting agenda, and that was it.

1. Youth Commission Attendance



Director Garcia said that everyone's doing great, and that they should keep up the good work being present.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Alioto-Pier said that they have started working on conversations around the Budget and Policy Priorities at their last meeting.

c. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Officer Fong said that they were able to work on and pass the three resolutions that were heard today, and that staff did a resolution training.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Dang said they weren't able to meet last week, but that Director Garcia and Commissioner Ye were able to check-in regarding some community organizations that would be willing to present to their committee. Chair Barker Plummer asked why they weren't able to meet

**10. Staff Report** (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia said that this full Youth Commission meeting will be the last one for this calendar year, she announced that the Youth Commission mid-year retreat will be on January 13th and 14th, and that she will be sending out staff evaluation forms soon. Specialist Zhan has been scheduling meetings with community organizations regarding the Vote16 charter amendment, and will keep folks updated. Specialist Ochoa asked commissioners to fill out the Doodle Poll that was sent to them this afternoon regarding the upcoming Youth Leadership Mixer with YTAB/SAC and discussed some details, and the Vision Zero Task Force meeting this upcoming Thursday at 10am (in-person @ 49 South Van Ness).

**11. Announcements** (this includes Community Events)

No announcements.

**12. Adjournment**

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 7:56pm.