

City of Fresno Youth Commission – Minutes - Draft

Date: Friday, March 8, 2019

Location: Fresno City Hall – Room 2165A

1. 5:10 P.M. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 – Chair Antonio Jauregui* (Mayor's Office), 2nd Vice Chair Citlali Palma* (CD 6), Sergeant of Arms Kyra Vang (CD 5), Secretary Gabriela Martinez (CD 6), Commissioner Daniel Galvan* (CD 3), Commissioner Alyssa Villegas* (CD 4), Commissioner Luis Guzman (CD 4), and Commissioner Adriana Reyes* (CD 5).

Absent: 2 – 1st Vice Chair Marco Sanchez (Mayor's Office), Commissioner Ciweya Tennison (CD 3)

Vacancies: 6 – Voting seats and alternate seats for CD 1, CD 2, and CD 7; alternate seat for CD 3.

Commissioner Galvan was present during roll call via phone and left the remainder of the meeting at 5:36 P.M. Commissioner Villegas was not present for roll call, but joined the meeting via phone at 5:44 P.M. Youth Leadership Institute (“YLI”) Program Coordinator Jose Espinoza reminded the commissioners that they can miss up to three (excused) meetings per year before being removed from the commission. He announced that this was Commissioner Tennison’s fourth absence in year (since being sworn-in) and that she would therefore be removed from the commission.

Commissioner Guzman exercised voting rights for CD 4 in the absence of his counterpart, Commissioner Villegas.

CD = Council District

3. Review & Approve Agenda

Chair Jauregui called for the approval of the agenda. On motion of Chair Jauregui, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that the agenda for 3/8/19 be approved. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Guzman, Jauregui, Palma, Reyes

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

4. Ice Breaker / Team Builder

Due to time constraints, Chair Jauregui stated that this item would not be discussed.

5. Commissioners’ Reports and Comments

Due to time constraints, Chair Jauregui stated that this item would not be discussed.

6. Review & Approve Minutes

Chair Jauregui called for review and approval of the minutes. On motion of Chair Jauregui, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that the minutes for 2/22/19 be approved. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Guzman, Jauregui, Palma, Reyes

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

Following the approval of the minutes, Chair Jauregui called for a break so that commissioners could get food. The commission recessed from 5:18 P.M. to 5:21 P.M.

7. Presentations / Workshops / Action Items

Chair Jauregui called for the next item.

a. Capacity Building Trainings

YLI Program Coordinator Truong “Rich” Nguyen led the commission on a capacity building exercise. He asked the commissioners to estimate what percentage of people in the room preferred pizza versus hamburgers. He then asked the commissioners to discuss what words came to mind when they thought about the phrase “Youth Action Research.” Responses included: Palma: outreach; Jauregui: community; Vang: involvement, change; Martinez: qualitative versus quantitative; and Galvan: intelligence. The commission as a whole read and discussed the PowerPoint presentation regarding data collection and analysis. Coordinator Nguyen concluded exercise by conducting a poll on the preference of pizza versus hamburgers. He went on to discuss perception (guessing) versus hard data (polling), and the importance of obtaining data to back-up claims. Coordinator Espinoza gave a recap summary of the previous meeting’s capacity building training and concluded that the point of the exercise was to problem-solve in order to create long-lasting change.

b. Identifying Current Youth Issues

Coordinator Espinoza recapped the exercise conducted at the previous meeting (what assets do you want to keep/what do you want to change about your community). He asked the commissioners to present the findings from the surveys they conducted and compared it to the list the commissioners had previously created.

Key survey findings for assets include: Reyes: diversity; proximity to big cities and national parks; Vang: shopping centers, and Woodward Park; Guzman: youth empowerment; Palma: artwork downtown, the zoo, and local family businesses; Martinez: ArtHop; entertainment; Galvan: Boys & Girls Club, and WIC; and Villegas: cleanliness, curb appeal and safe environment.

Commissioner Guzman gave his survey results for changes (reflected below) and left the meeting. Coordinator Marco Martinez of the City Clerk’s Office advised that the commission had lost quorum at 5:36 P.M. and a discussion ensued on how to continue. Commissioner Villegas was contacted in order to regain quorum at 5:42 P.M.

Commissioner Villegas joined the meeting, and she gave her survey findings (incorporated).

Key survey findings for changes include: Palma: reduce homelessness, increase public events, and improve air quality; Vang: improve streets/roads; Reyes: minimize disparity of wealth, increase school funding, hold fair more than once per year, and change the attitude about Fresno and downtown; Martinez: improve street lighting, increase youth jobs; Guzman: increase police patrols (safer communities) and improve parks; Jauregui: better police conduct; and Villegas: improve neighborhood clean-up.

Coordinator Espinoza went over the results to identify similarities in responses from the surveys and from the exercise the commission had conducted at the previous meeting. Key similarities include: streets/crosswalks, pollution, violence, youth jobs, and parks. Given that the commission had previously worked on youth jobs, the topic was removed by consensus from the discussion. In order to narrow down the topic the commission would work on, Coordinator Espinoza asked the commissioners to choose a topic, create a four question survey and conduct the survey with at least five young people (ages 15-21) in their district. Commissioners were instructed to disregard making a hypothesis and to conduct secondary research relevant to their chosen topic. The commissioners chose or were assigned topics as follows: streets/crosswalks: Reyes and Martinez; pollution: Vang and Palma; violence: Guzman and Galvan; and parks: Jauregui, Villegas, and Sanchez. Commissioners were to present the survey results at the next meeting.

Due to time constraints, Chair Jauregui requested to table the remaining items and adjourn the meeting. On motion of Chair Jauregui, seconded by Commissioner Palma, that the remaining items be tabled and the meeting adjourned. Passed 4-0.

Ayes - 4: Jauregui, Palma, Reyes, Villegas

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: Galvan

The commission meeting was adjourned at 6:17 P.M.