

City of Fresno Youth Commission – Minutes - Draft

Date: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Location: Youth Leadership Institute

**1. 5:52 P.M. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

- Antonio Jauregui (Mayor's District) - Absent
- Marco Sanchez (Mayor's District) - Present
- Diana Gallardo (1) - Absent
- Chance Lau (1) - Present
- Nina Narahari (2) - Absent
- Chandler Baladjanian (2) - Present
- Jovan Mendez (3) - Present
- Jaylin White (3) - Present
- Lady Abangan(4) - Absent
- Alyssa Villegas (4) - Present
- Yvette Flores (5)- Absent – Correction: This position is currently vacated.
- Adriana Reyes(5) - Present
- Citlali Palma (6) -Present
- Gabriel Murillo (7) - Absent
- Miranda Lara(7) – Present

Current vacated positions: CD 5 Alternate, and CD 6 Alternate

In the absence of voting members Jauregui (Mayor's Office), Gallardo (CD1), Narahari (CD2), Abangan (CD4), and Murillo (CD7); alternate members Sanchez (Mayor's Office), Lau (CD1), Baladjanian (CD2), Villegas (CD4), and Lara (CD7) exercised voting rights for this meeting.

Marco Martinez of the City Clerk's office clarified that for this meeting there were no officers to conduct the meeting. At the previous meeting when the Commission held officer elections, there had been no nominations for Secretary or 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair, and the occupants of those offices were absent, so their consent to maintain their de-facto roles in those positions could not be obtained.

Commissioners Baladjanian and Mendez were present at this meeting and they expressed interest in continuing their elected positions. Marco Martinez clarified that the positions could be maintained in effect to round out and complete a second consecutive term, with retroactive credit given for previous time served in their elected positions (similar to the re-appointment of Commissioner Murillo to the position of Sgt. of Arms at the previous meeting), as long as there was no opposition from other commissioners in regards to nominating someone else to those positions. But that such action should take place when the item is scheduled on the agenda. The terms for these positions, if kept by Commissioners Baladjanian, Mendez (and Murillo) would be until the end of their second term in April

28, 2018. Note: Credit for time served for a second term would be from 4/28/17 to 4/28/18 for these three positions.

In effect, there were no elected officers to run this meeting; therefore, there was a call for volunteers to run the meeting. Commissioner Palma volunteered and chaired the meeting.

Ice Breaker: How was your Winter break and what are your plans/goals for the new year?

Commissioners and staff discussed their Winter breaks and their plans for the new year.

3. **Review & Approve Agenda.** Youth Commission coordinator Jose Espinoza mentioned that Commissioner Flores had previously resigned from the Commission and should not be on agenda. Marco Martinez said that it was noted that Commissioner Flores would be removed from the agenda future meetings. Motion by Commissioner Lau, seconded by Commissioner Lara to approve agenda with correction and with removal of Social Media and T-shirt Committee items, since there were no updates from those committees. Passed 8-0.  
Ayes: Baladjanian, Lau, Lara, Palma, Reyes, Sanchez, Villegas, and White  
Noes: None
4. **Review and Approve Minutes.** Commissioner Mendez mentioned that the meeting dates for the first half of 2016 were not “probable,” but had in fact been set. Motion by Commissioner Mendez, seconded by Commissioner Lara to approve minutes of 12/5/17 with correction. Passed 8-0.  
Ayes: Baladjanian, Lau, Lara, Palma, Reyes, Sanchez, Villegas, and White  
Noes: None
5. **Youth Jobs Presentation.** Commissioners Mendez and Sanchez presented this item and they spoke about the research they had conducted in regards to youth jobs (see attached PowerPoint). There was also discussion about possible coordination with the County Board of Supervisors, in particular with Supervisor Pacheco in order to make a stronger case to City Council.
6. **Workshops.**  
**Youth Commission Input on Taskforce Resolution.** Commissioners discussed how to create a resolution to present to City Council. The Commission would recommend that City Council approve the resolution in order to create a Taskforce that would bring recommendations on improving job opportunities for Youth in Fresno.

Marco Martinez informed the commission about the different parts of a resolution and Youth Leadership Institute Coordinator Cynthia Sapien spoke about the types of material and language that the commissioners should incorporate in order to present a strong resolution. The commissioners and staff discussed which organizations should possibly have members on the task force, including: Civic Engagement Task Force, Fresno Unified CTE, Central Unified, Clovis

Unified, Amazon, Ulta, hospitals (Community, Kaiser, Valley Children's), Fresno Police Department, United Way, Proteus, CA for Justice, and Boys and Girls Clubs. An exhaustive list of possible partners was kept by Coordinator Jose Espinoza.

Coordinator Cynthia Sapien asked the Commissioners to discuss the make-up of the task force (number of members, age, term limits). Commissioner Mendez suggested 12 members between the ages of 16 and 21. Commissioner Baladjanian suggested 15 seats with at least 5 of those seats occupied by youth. Commissioners also discussed the length of time the task force should exist, with three years being a reasonable amount of time. Term limits were also discussed, but no limit was selected.

No official action was taken on this item.

**Action Planning (Youth Jobs).** Coordinator Cynthia Sapien said that this workshop would take a long time and seeing as the Commission was pressed for time working on the task force resolution, that it that she would present the workshop at another meeting date. There was no objection from the Commission in regards to having this workshop at another meeting date.

## **7. Committee Reports**

**Civic Engagement Task Force.** No updates.

**District 5 Youth Commissioners.** No updates.

**Social Media Committee.** This item was removed from the agenda.

**T-Shirt Committee.** This item was removed from the agenda.

**Other Committee Reports.** None

## **8. Calendar Items**

Youth Coordinator Espinoza reminded the commissioners about the deadline to reapply for the Youth Commission.

## **9. Public Comments**

None

## **10. Adjournment**

On motion of Commissioner Baladjanian, seconded by Commissioner Lau, the January 16, 2018 meeting of the Fresno Youth Commission was adjourned at 7:30 P.M. Passed 8-0.

Ayes: Baladjanian, Lau, Lara, Palma, Reyes, Sanchez, Villegas, and White

Noes: None