

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

5:30 PM

Regular Meeting

Zoom Video Conference

Fresno Youth Commission

Chair Luis Guzman (CD 4), 1st Vice Chair Gabriela Martinez (CD 6),
2nd Vice Chair Daniel Galvan* (CD 3), Sergeant of Arms Jesus Lopez
(Mayor's Office), Commissioners: McKay Duran* (Mayor's Office),
J'Ryana Horne* (CD 1), Evelyn Gamble* (CD 2), Dylan Keosakdy* (CD
7), and Janette Vergara (CD 7). Vacant: CD 4*, CD5*, CD 1 Alternate, CD
2 Alternate, CD 3 Alternate, CD 5 Alternate, and CD 6 Alternate*

Coordinators:

Jose Espinoza - Youth Leadership Institute

Marco Martinez - Office of the City Clerk

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5. The City of Fresno thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading the COVID-19 virus.

1. Call to Order

The Fresno Youth Commission met in regular session on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 through video teleconference. Chair Guzman called the meeting to

order at 5:57 P.M.

2. Roll Call (* indicates a Voting Seat)

Present: 7 – Chair Luis Guzman (CD 4), 1st Vice Chair Gabriela Martinez (CD 6), 2nd Vice Chair Daniel Galvan* (CD 3), Sergeant of Arms Jesus Lopez (Mayor's Office), Commissioner McKay Duran* (Mayor's Office), Commissioner Evelyn Gamble* (CD 2), and Commissioner Janette Vergara (CD 7)*

Absent: 2 – Commissioner J'Ryana Horne (CD 1) and Commissioner Dylan Keosakdy* (CD 7)*

Vacancies: 7 – voting seats for CD 4 and CD 5; and alternate seats for CD 1, CD 2, CD 3, CD 5, and CD 6

If a voting member is absent, the alternate counterpart exercises motion and voting rights during that period of absence.

CD = Council District.

Commissioner Vergara was absent for roll call and joined the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

3. Approve Agenda

On motion of Commissioner Gamble, seconded by Commissioner Duran, that the agenda for June 17, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes - 5: Duran, Gamble, Galvan, Guzman, and Martinez

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 2: Horne and Keosakdy

4. Ice Breaker / Team Builder / Capacity Building Training

Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Program Coordinator Jose Espinoza asked the commissioners trivia questions. Sgt. of Arms Lopez answered the most questions correctly.

5. Commissioners / Staff - Reports and Comments

Program Coordinator Espinoza requested the commissioners provide their

schedules for upcoming Youth Commission meetings.

6. Approve Minutes

[ID](#) Minutes for May 20, 2020 and June 9, 2020
[20-00815](#)

On motion of Commissioner Duran, seconded by Commissioner Gamble, that the minutes for May 20, 2020 and June 9, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes - 5: Duran, Gamble, Galvan, Guzman, and Martinez

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 2: Horne and Keosakdy

7. Presentations / Workshops / Action Items

[ID](#) Updates, discussion and actions pertaining to George Floyd, law
[20-00812](#) enforcement actions, racial issues and other related matters

Program Coordinator Espinoza presented the draft letter created by the Police Statement Ad Hoc Committee. 1st Vice Chair Martinez and Gamble read the letter to the commission.

Program Coordinator Jennifer Rojas of Fresno Barrios Unidos (FBU) provided comment. She requested the commission add specific language clarifying there should be no space for racism, police brutality and white nationalism. Community Wellness Advocate Joseph Velasco of FBU provided comment. He requested the commission request the reallocation of police funding toward homelessness and education.

1st Vice Chair Martinez and Commissioner Duran concurred with the comments.

Commissioner Gamble left the meeting at 6:28 P.M and did not return. Commissioner Vergara joined the meeting at 6:30 P.M.

Upon the recommendations of Program Coordinator Espinoza, the commissioners discussed and agreed to make 1st Vice Chair Martinez a member of the Police Statement Ad Hoc Committee, and directed the ad

hoc committee to incorporate the comments received, and finalize the letter for distribution to city officials.

On motion of Commissioner Duran, seconded by Chair Guzman, that 1st Vice Chair Martinez be added to the Police Statement Ad Hoc Committee and for said committee finalize the George Floyd letter with the public comments and that the letter be forwarded to city officials. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:

Ayes - 5: Duran, Galvan, Guzman, Martinez, and Vergara

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 2: Gamble and Horne

[ID](#) Updates, discussion and actions pertaining to the COVID-19
[20-00813](#) Pandemic in relation to matters concerning youth issues, including: budget proposals to City Council, meetings with City officials, and other related matters

Youth Leader Josh Cruzat of Boys and Men of Color (BMOC); Program Coordinator Jennifer Rojas of FBU; and Community Wellness Advocate Joseph Velasco of FBU presented regarding COVID-19 youth issues and police funding. They requested the Fresno Youth Commission to join FBU in proposing to a budget recommendation to City Council.

Youth Leader Cruzat provided FBU background and spoke of youth demands collated through various surveys taken by youth in FBU programs.

Wellness Advocate Velasco presented the survey results. Survey respondents cited the following as important youth issues: the lack housing and increase in homelessness as a result of the pandemic; the lack of parks and poor conditions of current parks south of Shields Avenue; and the lack of adequate public transportation infrastructure throughout the city.

Program Coordinator Rojas spoke about police funding divestment and advocated for the termination of school resource officer and school neighborhood resource officer contracts at all schools, with divested funds used to provide more counselors and tutors. She also advocated for youth city internship salaries to be paid at \$15 per hour.

Commissioner Duran thanked BMOC and FBU for the presentation. Program Coordinator Espinoza asked FBU to clarify the commission's role in the proposal. The commissioners discussed forming an ad hoc committee to work on a budget proposal recommendation to City Council. The commission lost quorum when Commissioner Vergara left the meeting at 7:13 P.M. due to work obligations. Program Coordinator Espinoza tried to regain quorum until 7:25 P.M., but was unsuccessful.

[ID](#) Discuss and approve the Fresno Youth Commission meeting
[20-00814](#) schedule

This item was not discussed due to lack of quorum.

8. Committee Reports and Actions

This item was not discussed due to lack of quorum.

9. Calendar Items

This item was not discussed due to lack of quorum.

10. Public Comments

This item was not discussed due to lack of quorum.

11. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:13 P.M. due to lack of quorum.