

# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, June 22, 2020

3:00 PM

Special Meeting

Electronic/Zoom

## 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*

*The Fresno Youth Commission welcomes you to the Fresno Youth Commission meeting.*

*The City of Fresno's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects.*

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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 special session on Monday, June 22, 2020 through video teleconference. Chair Guzman called the meeting to order at 3:17 P.M.*

## **2. Roll Call (\* indicates a Voting Seat)**

*Present: 9 – Chair Luis Guzman (CD 4), 1st Vice Chair Gabriela Martinez, 2nd Vice Chair Daniel Galvan\* (CD 3), Sergeant of Arms Jesus Lopez (Mayor's Office), Commissioner McKay Duran\* (Mayor's Office), Commissioner J'Ryana Horne\* (CD 1), Commissioner Evelyn Gamble\* (CD 2), Commissioner Dylan Keosakdy\* (CD 7), and Commissioner Janette Vergara (CD 7)*

*Absent: 0 – None*

*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 Gamble was absent for roll call and joined the meeting at 3:47 P.M. Commissioner Keosakdy was absent for roll call and joined the meeting at 4:04 P.M. Commissioner Vergara was absent for roll call and joined the meeting at 4:31 P.M.*

## **3. Approve Agenda**

*On motion of Commissioner Gamble, seconded by Chair Guzman, that the agenda for June 22, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:*

*Ayes - 5: Duran, Galvan, Guzman, Horne, and Martinez*

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 2: Gamble and Keosakdy

## **7. Presentations / Workshops / Action Items**

[ID](#) Updates, discussion and actions pertaining to the COVID-19  
[20-00862](#) Pandemic in relation to matters concerning youth issues, including: budget proposals to City Council, meetings with City officials, and other related matters

*Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Program Coordinator Jose Espinoza recapped the work done to formulate a budget proposal for CARES funding allocation for COVID-19 relief, including the meetings Sgt. of Arms Lopez and Commissioner Keosakdy had with Boys and Men of Color (BMOC); and the meeting Commissioners Duran and Horne had with Councilmember Soria.*

*Sgt. of Arms Lopez stated COVID-19 relief funding can be used to create non-clinical youth internships at community based organizations. The internships will be youth-led positions with an allocation of 15 to 30 hours per week.*

*Program Coordinator Espinoza spoke regarding the remaining \$80 million, non-allocated COVID-19 relief funds and the ways in which the city could and could not use the funds.*

*BMOC Youth Leaders Josh Cruzat and Yosef Aklilu provided internship program information. Internships will be enriching and provide skill-building. Mental health organizations receiving CARES funding will benefit during the economic crisis, and programs will be city-wide in all council districts. In response to questions about research from Program Coordinator Espinoza, BMOC Program Coordinator Kato Prado stated that 18 organizations had been contacted and four organizations expressed interest in participating in the internship program.*

*BMOC Program Manager Sher Moua presented two internship program budget proposals to fund one organization per council district. Proposal one: 2080 yearly hours per organization at 40 hours per week, \$50,000 per organization, for a total of \$350,000. Proposal two: 1,560 yearly hours per*

organization at 30 hours per week, \$40,000 per organization, for a total of \$280,000. Program Coordinator Espinoza and Program Manager Moua clarified that hours can be divided by each organization as they see fit, with a minimum of 10 weekly hours per intern.

Chair Guzman called for public comment.

Community Wellness Advocate Joseph Velasco of Fresno Barrios Unidos (FBU) urged the commissioners to change the hourly wage from \$13 to \$15 per hour. FBU Youth Advocacy and Leadership Department Manager Marisa Moraza requested the proposal include funding for support services, such as transportation and capacity building.

Commissioner Horne left the meeting at 4:10 P.M. due to other obligations and did not return to the meeting.

There was further discussion led by BMOC Program Manager Sher Moua in regards to wages, benefits and full time versus part time positions, which resulted in revised proposals.

Program Coordinator Espinoza recapped the new revised proposals incorporating the recommendations. Proposal one: \$50,000 per organization, with a wage of \$13 per hour, for a total of \$350,000. Proposal two: \$65,000 per organization with a wage of \$15 per hour for at total of \$455,000. Proposal three: \$75,000 per organization, with a wage of \$15 per hour, capacity building training, and incidentals for a total of \$525,000.

Commissioners discussed all three proposals at length, with Commissioners Duran and Gamble supporting proposal two. 1st Vice Chair Martinez expressed support for additional internship program funding, but cited concerns that councilmembers may reject a proposal for \$525,000. In response to Youth Leader Cruzat's comments about increased costs of tertiary care from lack of initial funding, she requested future mental health savings be noted in the adopted proposal.

Chair Guzman initially expressed support for revised proposal one. Sgt. of Arms Lopez and Commissioner Vergara concurred, with Lopez noting room

*for negotiations in the future. However, support for the proposals shifted as commissioners discussed the merits and benefits of the proposals.*

*2nd Vice Chair Galvan left the meeting at 4:45 P.M. and returned at 5:25 P.M. Commissioner Keosakdy left the meeting at 5 P.M and returned at 5:30 P.M.*

*Commissioner Duran expressed interest in moving forward with a proposal and made a motion to adopt the \$455,000 proposal, with a wage of \$15 per hour, and excluding the remaining recommendations.*

*On motion of Commissioner Duran, seconded by commissioner Gamble, that the \$455,000 proposal be adopted and sent to City Council and the Mayor. Motion failed by the following roll-call vote:*

*Ayes - 2: Duran and Gamble*

*Noes - 3: Guzman, Martinez and Vergara*

*Absent - 2: Horne and Galvan*

*Chair Guzman motioned to approve the \$525,000 proposal, with a wage of \$15 per hour, including the capacity building and incidentals.*

*On motion of Chair Guzman, seconded by 1st Vice Chair Martinez, that the \$525,000 proposal be adopted and sent to City Council and the Mayor. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:*

*Ayes - 3: Guzman, Martinez, and Vergara*

*Noes - 0: None*

*Abstain - 2: Duran and Gamble*

*Absent - 2: Horne and Galvan*

*2nd Vice Chair Galvan returned to the meeting at 5:25 P.M. Commissioner Keosakdy returned to the meeting at 5:30 P.M.*

*Program Coordinator Espinoza discussed creating a video presentation with BMOC and a PowerPoint to include in the proposal. He recapped the*

*approved proposal and requested commissioners to volunteer for the video proposal. Chair Guzman volunteered to be part of the video proposal.*

*Commissioner Gamble thanked BMOC and left the meeting at 5:38 P.M. due to other obligations.*

*Youth Advocacy and Leadership Department Manager Morasco, Community Wellness Advocate Velasco of Barrios Unidos and Youth Leader Cruzat of BMOC requested the commissioners support two additional budget proposals and for the Youth Commission to request that City Council take the two proposals as budget motions.*

*One proposal is to re-allocate \$1 million from the Police Department budget to fund skills-building and trauma informed youth jobs. The other proposal is to allocate \$1 million for transportation subsidies for students.*

*The commissioners discussed the proposals. Commissioner Duran recommended waiting for the committee studying police reform to publish its findings before making the request. Chair Guzman and Sgt. of Arms Lopez volunteered to meet with FBU to prepare the proposal.*

*Program Manager Moua spoke of the deep cuts undertaken before and during the 2008 recession. He reviewed the findings of research indicating the need for better and more frequent bus services to meet youth needs.*

*Commissioner Keosakdy motioned to provide Youth Commission support for the proposals, with Chair Guzman and Sgt. of Arms Lopez assigned to prepare and submit the proposals to City Council.*

*On motion of Commissioner Keosakdy, seconded by Chair Guzman, that the Fresno Youth Commission support and submit the proposals submitted by BMOC. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:*

*Ayes - 4: Galvan, Guzman, Keosakdy, and Martinez*

*Noes - 1: Duran*

*Absent - 2: Gamble and Horne*

*No further actions were taken on this item.*

## **10. Public Comments**

*Program Coordinator Espinoza, commissioners, and the various stakeholders from the participating non-profits provided congratulatory comments.*

## **11. Adjournment**

*Chair Guzman adjourned the meeting at 6:06 P.M.*