

City of Fresno Youth Commission – Minutes - Final

Date: Friday, February 15, 2019

Location: Fresno City Hall – Room 2165A

**1. 5:15 P.M. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

**Present: 8** – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Marco Sanchez (Mayor's Office), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Citlali Palma\* (CD 6), Sergeant of Arms Kyra Vang (CD 5), Secretary Alyssa Villegas\* (CD 4), Commissioner Daniel Galvan\* (CD 3), Commissioner Luis Guzman (CD 4), and Commissioner Adriana Reyes\* (CD 5)

**Absent: 2** – Chair Antonio Jauregui\* (Mayor's Office), Commissioner Ciweya Tennison (CD 3), and Commissioner Gabriela Martinez (CD 6)

**Vacancies: 6** – Voting seats and alternate seats for CD 1, CD 2, and CD 7

Secretary Villegas joined the meeting via conference call.

In the absence of Chair Jauregui, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Sanchez obtained voting rights and led the meeting.

CD = Council District

Asterisk (\*) = Voting Member

**3. Review & Approve Agenda**

Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Program Coordinator Jose Espinoza stated that the items for the Fresno Art Museum and for Accomplishments should be removed from the agenda. On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Palma, that the agenda for 1/25/19 be approved as amended. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Palma, Villegas, Reyes, Sanchez

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

**4. Ice Breaker / Team Builder**

Ice Breaker

YLI Coordinator Truong “Rich” Nguyen asked the commission to share if time was going by fast for them and how were they keeping up. Coordinator Espinoza said that time went by fast for him Monday through Friday, but was more relaxed on the weekends. City Clerk’s Office Coordinator Marco Martinez said time goes by faster as he got older. Commissioner Galvan said time goes by fast because he stayed busy with school. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Sanchez said time goes fast because of work, but that we can’t change time, so just embrace it. Sergeant of Arms Vang said time was going by really fast because of school and work and also recommended just embracing it. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Palma said time management had been

her New Year's resolution and that it was going by fast, but that she wanted it to go faster so her semester could end. Commissioner Guzman said time was going by fast, but that he likes being busy. Commissioner Reyes said time is going by fast and that her days are packed, which is good because she can't slow down. Coordinator Truong said that if there was a goal one wanted to accomplish, then feeling time go by faster might not be too bad. Secretary Villegas said that time was going both fast and slow for her because she's very busy, but her schedule is so packed that at times it feels like time is dragging.

Coordinator Espinoza finished the ice breaker and stated that it's important to rest, prioritize, and to say "no" at times in order to have good time management not become overwhelmed. He stated that there would be training on this, in the future.

#### Team Builder

Coordinator Espinoza led the commission on a team builder exercise in order to understand and resolve issues in a holistic manner. The first part of the exercise involved introducing the commissioners to holistic problem-solving by tackling a scenario where a dog ("Trixie") was infected with fleas. This involved trying to find a solution (getting rid of the fleas) by discussing the affected party/individual (Trixie), the agent/problem (fleas), and the environment (Trixie's home) as a whole.

The second part of the exercise involved breaking up into two groups and working out an issue affecting youth. Group 1 (Galvan, Guzman, Reyes, and Villegas) worked on the issue of youth jobs. They identified youth as the affected individuals, unemployment as the agent/problem, and the Fresno job market as the environment. Solutions presented included having more youth job workshops/fairs, getting more involved in seeking internships, and providing youth-targeted advertising. Group 2 (Palma, Sanchez, and Vang) worked on the issue of gun violence. They identified civilians/students as the affected individuals, guns as the agents/problem, and public spaces as the environment. Solutions presented included increased mental health services, implementing use of non-lethal ammunition, increased security in public areas, and education regarding guns and gun safety.

Coordinator Espinoza summarized the exercise and stated that within the environmental aspect of an issue that there are four pieces: media, access, policy and social norms. He went on to say that a lot of the work the Youth Commission would be dealing with includes these four pieces.

#### **5. Commissioners' Reports and Comments**

No reports or comments made.

#### **6. Review & Approve Minutes**

On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Galvan, that the minutes of 1/25/19 be approved. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Palma, Villegas, Reyes, Sanchez

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

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

### **a. Schedule Meeting Dates**

Coordinator Espinoza recommended scheduling at least two meetings per month. The commissioners discussed and set the following future meeting dates: 2/22/19, 3/8/19, 3/22/19, 4/5/19, 4/19/19, 5/3/19, 5/27/19, 5/31/19, 6/14/19, and 6/23/19.

On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by Commissioner Galvan, that the above meeting dates be approved. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Palma, Villegas, Reyes, Sanchez

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

## **8. Committee Reports**

- a. Civic Engagement Task Force – Coordinator Espinoza said that Chair Jauregui had attended the last meeting, but there were no major updates.
- b. Social Media Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Palma stated that there were no updates.
- c. Youth Jobs Task Force – Commissioner Guzman and Coordinator Espinoza gave an update. The task force is identifying funding streams and gaps in funding for youth job programs, including undocumented youth. He also stated that Councilmember Soria is studying the youth jobs program for the City of Los Angeles, which includes a certification program for youth. The task force will make a proposal to City Council before the end of this fiscal year.
- d. Other Committee Reports
  - i. T-Shirt Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Palma gave an update regarding the t-shirt and business card design. She passed the designs around for the commissioners to review. She asked if a city logo could be used on the business cards, for the amount of business cards the commission needed, and for a budget for making the purchases. Coordinator Espinoza replied that he would work with her on these issues.

There was a discussion about approving the designs at the meeting or to wait until the next meeting. Ultimately, the vote was deferred to the next meeting so that commissioners could make changes and then they will present their ideas at the next meeting. Commissioner Guzman asked about what occasions the shirt should be worn at. Coordinator Espinoza replied that it should be worn at official Youth Commission events, including the town hall.

Sergeant of Arms Vang reminded 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Sanchez that it was 7 PM.

## **9. Calendar Items**

Coordinator Espinoza spoke about YLI's "Spring Jam" event, which will serve to provide leadership training. He stated that commissioner Guzman would lead a workshop. He made a special invitation to Sergeant of Arms Vang and Commissioner Galvan (new youth commissioners) to attend. Coordinator Espinoza said the exact date for the Youth Jobs Task Force meeting is still to be determined. Coordinator Espinoza stated that he was waiting to hear back from councilmembers and the Mayor in regards to meetings, but that all the meetings with the exception of the meeting with Council District 5, would take place in March. The meeting with Council District 5 will take place sooner.

#### **10. Public Comments**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Sanchez called for public comments. None made.

#### **11. Adjournment**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Sanchez called for adjournment.

On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Palma, that the meeting be adjourned.  
Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Palma, Villegas, Reyes, Sanchez

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

The commission meeting was adjourned by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Sanchez at 7:09 P.M.