

City of Fresno

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Saturday, April 10, 2021

4:00 PM

Special Electronic Meeting

MAYOR'S TOWN HALL

Fresno Youth Commission

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

Coordinators:

*Jose Espinoza and Edith Martinez - Youth Leadership Institute
Marco Martinez - Office of the City Clerk*

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Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted as a video conference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspend certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public may not attend this meeting in person.

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a. Please state your name for the record.

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c. Residents may also email comments at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please include the agenda date and item number you wish to speak on in the subject line of your email. Email your comments to clerk@fresno.gov

d. All comments received will be distributed to commissioners prior and during the meeting and will be a part of the official record.

4. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the Council meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office, 559-621-7650 within 48 hours of the meeting.

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 Saturday, April 10, 2021 through video teleconference. Chair Gamble called the meeting to order at 4:07 P.M

2. Roll Call (* indicates a Voting Seat)

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

Absent: 0 – None

Vacancies: 10 – voting seats for CD 1, CD 4, CD 5 and CD 7; and alternate seats for CD 1, CD 2, CD 3, CD 4, 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

3. Approve Agenda

[ID 21-539](#) Notice of Special Meeting

City Clerk's Office Coordinator Marco Martinez announced that Commissioner Horne and Commissioner Keosakdy were no longer members of the Fresno Youth Commission and are removed from the agenda.

On motion of 2nd Vice Chair Martinez, seconded by 1st Vice Chair Duran, that the agenda for April 10, 2021 be approved as amended. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:

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

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

4. Presentations / Workshops / Action Items[ID 21-540](#)

Presentation, discussion, and actions pertaining to issues impacting youth in the City of Fresno

A. Introductions, purpose and format of Town Hall

B. Town Hall: breakout sessions, discussions, recommendations and other public comments

C. Fresno Youth Commission actions

D. Closing remarks

Chair Gamble, 1st Vice Chair Duran, and Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Program Manager Jose Espinoza welcomed the Mayor, administration and public to the Mayor's Town Hall. Chair Gamble requested a vote regarding the preparation of a report for the town hall in case of lost quorum.

On motion of 1st Vice Chair Duran, seconded by Sgt. of Arms Galvan, that the Fresno Youth Commission coordinators prepare a report summarizing the town hall findings along with any youth recommendations and deliver said report to the Mayor and City Council. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:

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

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

1st Vice Chair Duran recapped the issues youth discussed and prioritized from the previous Mayor's Town Hall held on March 6, 2021, including youth wellness, jobs, public safety, mental health issues, green spaces, governmental transparency, and the youth information hub.

Mayor Dyer thanked the commission and public. He introduced his staff and recapped his civic experience and the initiatives his administration is enacting, including the One Fresno Foundation non-profit, which will provide resources and opportunities for youth to become civic leaders.

Program Manager Espinoza explained the format of the town hall. Participants were divided and placed into digital rooms to discuss and share their ideas in relation to the presented questions. They convened back to the general session to share.

What has caused you to become involved locally? Or what captured your attention to actually attend an event in the city?

Members of the public provided comment, including: becoming more aware of news and local government due to staying more at home because of the pandemic, and engaging at networking events. Social media has also made it easier for youth to become aware of events in the City, as well as to attend them.

What are some current barriers that prevent youth from hearing about community events/opportunities and from getting involved?

Members of the public provided comment, including: inadequate outreach to schools and outreach to certain populations, including homeless youth. Recommendations to improve outreach include: not limiting youth outreach to social media, providing outreach through billboards, targeting specific geographical areas in the City, coordinating with schools for outreach campaigns, reaching out to local academies, and making advertisements creative and interesting in order to capture the attention of youth.

How can the city best promote the Youth informational hub so that youth are aware of it?

Members of the public provided comment, including: re-designing the City's social media platforms with good, eye-catching simple designs with less words, straight-to-the-point messaging, and bright colors. Youth members also recommended hiring local artists.

City of Fresno Chief Information Officer Bryon Horn thanked the public for providing feedback regarding how to improve the City's messaging to youth as well as the media platforms.

Mayor Dyer opened a general Q & A session. He provided information regarding Camp Fresno, which is open to youth for free. He also invited youth to attend the zoo's free days on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Mayor Dyer pledged support for a youth program to expose youth to professional City jobs. He also expressed interest in creating opportunities for youth to visit various colleges. The Mayor was asked to promote local youth culture so youth remained in Fresno.

Maggie Navarro from the Mayor's Office offered youth the opportunity to participate in focus groups for Camp Fresno.

Mayor Dyer thanked the youth and the Fresno Youth Commission. The commissioners and YLI staff thanked the Mayor and his team.

5. Adjournment

Chair Gamble adjourned the meeting at 6:03 P.M.