



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday April 22, 2024

5:00 PM

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting officially begins at 5:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order at 5:05pm
- II. Roll Call Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS: Sarah Turley (D1), Calupe Kaefusi (D2), Quincy Russell (D3) Anokhi Meta (D4), Katie Liang (D5), Amber Johnson (D6) Brian Ibarra Morales (D7), At-Large Commissioners: Mia Hatfield, Sophia Hesseltine, Bryce Hunt, Areli Chavez, Nathan YuHeng Li, Ana Xu li, Steve Nguyen, Michelle Wong, Haniel Kedebe, Olivia Richardson Feldman

Absent: Nathan YuHeng Li, Amber Johnson, Brian Ibarra Morales

Half Absent (left early): Calupe Kaefusi, Areli Chavez
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 4/8/24
Minutes approved 13-0
- IV. Public Comment/Open Forum
No public comment given
- V. Check-In
- VI. Item 1: Guest Presentation: Becky Frank & Laurel Seers, Vision 980, Caltrans
Becky Frank and Laurel Sears from Caltrans came to present on Vision 980, along with Randolph Belle from a community consulting group, on a new urban planning project that will engage the community to reimagine and possibly redesign the 980 freeway. Due to the problematic history in which 980 was created, it resulted in the destruction and forced removal of over 500 West Oakland residents (mostly black) and many businesses. This new project is just entering Phase 1 which will engage the community, specifically West Oakland residents, in an attempt to address and heal past harms created and hear what residents are wanting in that space. Some possibilities are to eliminate the freeway all together, fill it in with housing, greenspace, cap the freeway, make improvements to the freeway, turn it into a Boulevard, etc. Phase 2 will assess the feasibility to different recommendations. The project is set to take over 2 years, and many more to complete, and is an exciting opportunity to reimagine possible futures for the city of Oakland and West Oakland specifically.
- VII. Item 2: Attendance Authorizations
 - A. Areli Chavez - 2/26, 3/18, 4/8, and 4/22 (half) - 8 total
 1. Approved by vote of 11-0
 - B. Olivia Richardson Feldman - 4/8 and 5/6 - 5.5 total
 1. Approved by vote 11-0
 - C. Quincy Russell - 4/8 - 4 total
 1. Approved by vote 11-0
 - D. Anokhi Meta - 4/8 - 4 total

1. Approved by vote 11-0

- VIII. Item 3: Report Back from Recent OYC Actions and Events
- A. Sacramento Action for Digital Equity - Commissioners reflected on highlights from the day including speaking with lawmakers, seeing a bill get passed in committee and the process to get the votes to pass (and the politicking!)
 - B. Youth Vote Coalition - We are starting to revise the youth vote curriculum, Sara started a focus group of Oakland teachers who are testing it in their schools, and youth will be reviewing it this friday
 - C. ReCast- Reviewed applications for mini-grants this past week, will do another round of review before deciding. Noticed that youth need more support in writing the grants proposals.
- IX. Item 4: Guest Presentation from Noel Ananya, Cultural Strategist
- A. Cancelled
- X. Item 5: Summer and End of Term Planning
- A. Term officially ends June 30 so we will still be active in June with YPAR data analysis, interviewing new commissioners, writing our annual report, and taking advantage of any other opportunities we want. Youth commissioners completed a survey about their dates for availability for end of the year activities.
- XI. Announcements
- Review meetings and calendar*
 - Youth Listening Summit - Tabling this Sunday 11:30-6*
 - Recruitment - Classroom presentations - sign up*
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm