



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday May 6, 2024

5:00 PM

Please See the Agenda to Participate in the Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 5:13pm
- II. Roll Call Commissioners

Quincy Russell (D3) Anokhi Meta Sarah Turley (D1), Calupe Kaefusi (D2), (D4), Katie Liang (D5), 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: Steve Nguyen, Anokhi Meta, Areli Chavez
Sarah Turley (D1), Calupe Kaefusi (D2), Amber Johnson (D6)

Tardy: Olivia Richardson Feldman (last 30 min)
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 4/22/23
Minutes approved 11-0
- IV. Public Comment/Open Forum
No public comment given
- V. Check-In
- VI. Item 1: Presentation from Elliott Jones, MACRO

We Learned about the City's **MACRO** program. MACRO is a alternative to policing, alternative compassionate response to non violent incidents. Launched in the city in early April 2022. First 6 months they supported people who are "sleepers" to prevent calls to 911, learned they had to undo stress on fire department. Second 6 months they worked on dispatching, allowing for less calls on 911, gained more dispatchers later, with macro there was a big decrease for dispatchers due to Macro. They do work with youth sometimes, they most frequently get calls for youth in crisis at public libraries since that is a free and safe space young people know to go to if they need somewhere to be. MACRO could use support from youth commission on developing protocols on how to best support young people, and approach teens who may be reluctant to share what help they need. MACRO asked us for our thoughts on how to introduce this idea of compassionate response to children in school, and starting at what age is it appropriate? Youth commissioners shared their thoughts that young people are already being taught concepts of compassion in kindergarten, and know about Police and Fire from a young age, so this would be good and appropriate concepts to learn early. Elliott Jones offered to return to the Youth commission on an annual basis, and is open to further collaboration and input.
- VII. Item 2: Report-Backs on Recent OYC Actions and Projects

Youth Vote: Wrapped up core leadership committee (CLC) for summer break, curriculum focus group met and had great feedback, next week youth vote MOU will go to council to review, Thurs May 16 10:30-11:30am. Mia Hatfield may join staff to speak and advocate.

YPAR - We have collected 130 responses to our survey and are launching focus groups next week at Madison Park, McClymonds, O High, and Tech

CTE hub - Bryce Hunt spoke at the OUSD school board to advocate for the continued support of the Hub at a special meeting last week.

Tabled at Youth Listening Summit but it felt disorganized and didn't reach a lot of youth, there wasn't much focus on the tables, more on the conference.

VIII. Announcements

Closing celebration on June 9 at Lake Temescal

Recruitment is going well - received 30 applications so far, we will focus efforts at schools we lack representation- Castlemont, Fremont, Life, Skyline

IX. Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm