



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Advisory Commission General Meeting Agenda

Thursday, June 27, 2019

Meeting: 4:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Hearing Room #4

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call and Quorum
 - B. Agenda Review/Modifications
 - C. Approval of Minutes from 6/13/19 Meeting *Action Item*
 - Called to order at 4:38pm by Rachel D.
 - Ivan G. motioned to approve minutes.
 - Natalie D. seconded the motion.

- II. Welcome/Icebreaker
 - Staff, Carina Lieu, brought envelopes, sticky notes, and pens for Commissioners to decorate envelopes with Commissioner names. Commissioners wrote appreciation notes for one another to thank one another for the past year.

- III. Old Business
 - A. Updates & Announcements
 - i. OYAC Members
 - A. Jackie Palma: Homelessness Service Project
 - ii. Staff
 - B. Downtown Oakland Specific Plan Update

- Commissioners invited to provide public comment for the Downtown Specific Plan Update. Commissioners provided the following comments:
- Commissioner Stern stated that he enjoys going to Berkeley with friends because it has movie theatres, is pedestrian friendly, there are parks, and there is access to a college campus. He suggests making Lake Merritt a destination.
- Commissioner Larsen seconds Stern's comments. She adds that downtown Berkeley has cheaper food than downtown Berkeley.
- Commissioner R. Dharmapalan stated that as a student at OSA, downtown Oakland is marketed to older tech people.
- Commissioner N. Dharmapalan said that SoleSpace is a good place for youth.
- Commissioner Stern suggested making a connection to Jack London.
- Commissioner N. Dharmapalan and Larsen would like to see more parks.
- Commissioner Hernandez points out that Berkeley has valued small businesses in historic policies unlike in Oakland.
- Peer Advisor Barron points out that as a person over 21 years old, he has no problems with finding activities to do in downtown Oakland, underscoring the fact that the district is adult-friendly, not youth-friendly.
- Commissioner Hernandez points out that overinvestment in downtown Oakland produces geographic inequity. Staff points out that the public meeting she attended mentioned the pursuit of outside funds to be used for updating downtown and using downtown revenues for investment into other sections of the city. Commissioner Hernandez also points out that not taxing Kaiser produces a loss of revenue.

C. 2019-2020 OYAC Recruitment Updates

- Presently there are 10 applicants. But we would like more applications to reach a great group of a minimum of 13 people for the next cohort.

D. Complete Exit Surveys

IV. New Business

Year-End Activities

B. Escape Oakland

- Commission went to Escape Oakland to participate in two escape rooms.

C. Distribute Transportation Stipends

- Staff explained that five people's stipends were not ready yet because certain vendor numbers were de-activated. Various people in different departments need

to coordinate to re-activate them. Staff will contact Commissioners when their checks are ready.

D. Awards Ceremony

- Certificates of Recognition for Commissioners were passed out by staff.
- Trophies would arrive by July 5th. Staff member will inform Commissioners when they arrive.

V. Public Comment

VI. Announcements

A. Meeting Evaluation

VII. Adjourn

- Commissioner R. Dharmapalan adjourned the meeting.

AGENDA MEETING INSTRUCTIONS

Procedures for Public/Community Comment: The public may speak on any item appearing on the agenda for up to three minutes. To do so, you must raise your hand and be acknowledged by the chairperson.

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Open Forum: This agenda item is an opportunity for community members to comment on an item of interest that is relevant to Oakland's Youth Advisory Commission. If there are no

community members interested in speaking, Oakland Youth Advisory Commissioners will choose a youth issue to discuss.