



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday December 2, 2024

6:00 PM

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting officially begins at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call Commissioners
Haniel Kebede (D1), Kayson Naik (D2), Quincy Russell (D3) Mevoh Ajayi (D4), Katie Liang (D5), Amber Johnson (D6) Ella Killingsworth (D7), At-Large Commissioners: Mia Hatfield, Bryce Hunt, Calupe Kaufusi, Nathan YuHeng Li, Ana Xu li, Steve Nguyen, Michelle Wong, Olivia Richardson Feldman, Tengis Temur, Ashley Tchanyoum, Sofia Castro, Diego Garcia

Absent: Ana Xu Li, Ashley Tchanyoum, Olivia Richardson Feldman, Calupe Kaufusi
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 11/18
 - A. Minutes were approved by a vote of 15-0
- IV. Public Comment/Open Forum
- V. Check-In
- VI. Item 1: Department of Transportation Presentation, Ruth Meza and Celina Chan

Ruth Meza and Celina Chan from the Department of Transportation came to present to the youth commission about Undercrossing improvements in the City of Oakland. Undercrossings in Oakland are dark, loud, and can be unsafe. This project aims to improve them and make them suitable for walking and biking. This project is based on the "Walk this Way" design toolkit. Improvements will include lighting, wayfinding, and placemaking, community engagements activities. Dept of Transportation has already evaluated previous planning/engagement and kicked off the project, they are now working on the engagement and design portion. People can give input on design for under crossings in their area or other areas of Oakland. The presentation was interactive and one group analyzed pictures of the 4 selected underpasses and wrote feedback/suggestions on sticky notes, while the other group looked at pictures of potential renovations and gave our preferences with stickers.

VII. Item 2: Election Results

OYC Staff Sara Tiras reviewed the election results locally, and at the state and federal levels. Local results including the new city councilmember seats: Ken Houston (D7) , Zac Unger (D1), undetermined (D2) and the recall of the Mayor and next steps to fill the position. All three local ballot measures passed to fund Wildfire prevention, violence prevention, and ethics investigations. In CA prop 6 (ban slavery in prison) was rejected and prop 36 (increase penalty for drug crimes) was approved. We discussed Trump's presidential election and Kamala's loss brought up powerful conversations about how Black women have to go above and beyond just to gain basic respect. You shared that they are starting to feel desensitized to elections because we don't see significant changes happening around us.

VIII. Social Media Planning

We will be continuing with "District of the Month" to feature each district. We will start with District 7 and feature Ella. We will also film a Reel for Instagram explaining the Recall of the Mayor to youth.

IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:04pm