



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

**YOUTH COMMISSION
CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2026
6:30 PM**

**LIBRARY PARKS & RECREATION, YOUNG ADULT LIBRARY
901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco, CA**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Julia Tsuei called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

ROLL CALL

Julia Tsuei, present
Alejandra Ramirez, present
Nataly Quinteros, present
Sania Gulati, present
Jon Liangco, present
Lorraine Yin, present
Yunn Lee, present
Saoirse Price, present
Kunal Gulati, present

Ally Tunque, absent
Nika Mariano, absent

Valerie Sommer, Library Director
Robert Leiva, Youth Librarian
Gaby Rodriguez, Office Specialist

AGENDA REVIEW

- 5. Discussion of Social Media Policy for Youth Commission (Adam Elsholz)**
 - Moved to the April 6th meeting.
- 6. Discussion of Status of Letters to Commissioners Regarding Absences (Adam Elsholz)**
 - Moved to the April 6th meeting.
- 16. Discussion of National League of Cities Conference Update (Commissioner Liango)**
 - Moved to April 6th meeting.
- 17. Youth Page in Library Newsletter Update from Ad hoc Subcommittee**
 - Moved to the April 6th meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM STAFF

1. Welcome to Ysabella Tolentino

Valerie Sommer introduced and welcomed new commissioner Ysabella Tolentino.

2. Discussion of Teen Poetry Slam on April 30th in Celebration of National Poetry Month (Robert Leiva)

Robert Leiva announced the new Youth-Poet-in-Residence, Nathan Nand. Nathan will conduct his first poetry performance at the library's Teen Poetry Slam on April 30th.

3. Event Calendar Updates and Collaboration Opportunities

Robert Leiva shared several key events the library is planning to host in the upcoming months and invites Youth Commission to collaborate.

4. Discussion of Opportunity to Apply for APAICS Youth Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C.

Valerie Sommer invited commissioners interested in this opportunity to contact Adam Elsholz to support in their application process.

7. Discussion of e-Bike Safety Initiatives

The City of South San Francisco is planning its own ordinance to address e-bike Safety, in addition to the county-wide ordinance. The Youth Commission agreed to promote e-Bike safety by posting on Instagram, and asked that the SSF Police Department share additional information to the Youth Commission email.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

8. Attendance Report

Commissioners reviewed the Youth Commission attendance report for this calendar year so far.

9. Review and Approval of Draft Minutes from the February 2nd, 2026 Youth Commission Meeting

Commissioner Lee motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Commissioner Ramirez seconded this motion. All present were in favor, and the motion passed.

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

10. Discussion of PHS Fundraiser

Commissioner Ramirez provided a recap of the Peninsula Humane Society fundraiser event held at the Main Library in January.

11. Discussion of Donuts for Democracy Recap

Commissioner Yin shared a recap of the Donuts for Democracy event held at Serramone Mall in collaboration with the League of Women Voters. Commissioner Yin confirmed with the League of Women Voters that they could host a repeat of this event on April 24th at El Camino High School to help high-schoolers pre-register to vote.

12. Discussion of Voter Registration Drive Project Update

Update to this project addressed in previous agenda item.

13. Discussion of Draft Recommendation Letter to School District/City Council to Adopt ICE-Free Zone Ordinance

Commissioner Yin shared a draft letter addressed to the SSF School Board, requesting that they reaffirm schools as a safe space for students of all immigration statuses. Valerie Sommer relayed a response from the city attorney stating that the letter drafted by the Youth Commission in its current format is not consistent with Youth Commission's mission as an advisory body to SSF City Council. The Youth Commission will keep the draft letter prepared, in the case that the SSF School Board solicits the opinion of the Youth Commission. It was also suggested that a commissioner present this letter to a SSF School Liaison Committee meeting or City Council meeting on behalf of the Youth Commission. Valerie will look into if the letter can be sent to City Council so that they may share it with the school board, or if City Council can direct Youth Commission to reach out to the school board directly. The Youth Commission was reminded that they may amend their by-laws.

14. Discussion of Revision to Resolution with City Attorney's Feedback (Commissioner Yin)

Valerie Sommer confirmed that the city attorney reviewed the revised version of this resolution, and it is ready to be transmitted to City Council. Commissioner Yin motioned to approve Resolution 26-01. Commissioner Lee seconded this motion. All those present were in favor, and the motion carried.

15. Discussion of Homework Hub (Commissioner Lee)

Commissioner Lee shared updates regarding the pilot Homework Hub program, which will start with a soft-launch on March 4th. Commissioner Lee invited other commissioners to volunteer to support the program.

18. Discussion of Instagram Intro Post for Youth Commissioners

The Social Media Subcommittee will gather photos and biographies of the current commissioners to post on the Youth Commission Instagram page.

19. Roundtable Discussion of New Project Ideas

Commissioner Yin shared a potential Clean Up Day project for Earth Day on April 26th, in collaboration with the SSF Scavenger. The Youth Commission was also invited to table at the SSF Scavenger's Open House for International Compost Week on May 3rd.

20. Subcommittee Updates

Civic Engagement: Commissioner Yin shared an idea to create a teen civic engagement pamphlet to post at the library.

Community Engagement: No further updates.

Social Media: The subcommittee will create and post an introductory Instagram post by next meeting.

21. Agenda building

In addition to the items tabled from this meeting, the following items were requested to be added to the April agenda:

- Recap of the first Homework Hub session
- Donuts for Democracy event on April 24th
- Clean Up Day on April 26th

- First edition of Youth Page in library newsletter on April 6th (to be combined with item #17 from this meeting's agenda)

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Commissioner Tsuei adjourned the Youth Commission meeting at 7:08pm.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Gaby Rodriguez
Office Specialist

Julia Tsuei
Chair

Approved by the Youth Commission: _____ / _____ / _____