

MEETING MINUTES

Marin County Civic Center, Room 401

Tuesday, March 27th, 2018

In Attendance: Ethan, Abby, Vaughan, Diego, Nick, Alex, DJ, Josh, Marlowe, Lola, Ruby, Kenya, Elise, Henry, Micherice, Rohan, Talia, Julia, Gabe, Kat

Absent: Daniel, Emma, Brooke

<p>6:30pm – Meeting Called to Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call to order/Roll call; Approval of Agenda ● Time for public expression (3 minute limit p/p) ● Commissioner Reports 	<p>Call to order/Roll call; Approval of Agenda & Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Called to order at 6:30 ● Lola motions to approve last meetings minutes, gabe seconds. Motion passed ● Talia motions to approve agenda, Emma seconds. Motion passed <p>Time for public expression (3-minute limit per person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Emma - Props to whoever got snacks. <p>Commissioner Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Josh - ATOD had a presentation in front of YFJ. They were not as engaged as we thought they would be but we will use their partner organization ● Ethan - On the front page of the IJ there was an article about vaping. ● Lola - I was on the radio yesterday and they had an hour long segment about student activists around gun control. The podcast is online at City Visions. ● Diego - I was also interviewed about gun control. ● Ethan - One of my friends created a instagram post and there was a comment about how there is more activism because white kids are getting killed. It kinda went viral at MA. ● Lola - I emailed the Women’s March and one of their youth coordinators. They told may they didn’t have resources to bring police brutality into the gun control debate.
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<p>6:40pm – 6:55pm –Welcome/Opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Introductions ● Icebreaker ● Review ● Agreements 	<p>Introductions</p> <p>Icebreaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ruby - We are going to separate into partners and talk about whether we've had any involvement in the gun control debate. <p>Review Agreement</p>
<p>6:55pm – 7:00pm – Old Business</p>	<p>Plead yo Case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ruby - Explain why you were absent and then we will make a decision. ● Kenya - I was sick in the first two that I missed. I was also on a school trip for the third one. I always communicate with my committee when I know that I'm not going to be there. ● Lola - Kenya does such a good job as chair of the SJLC. She has barely missed any subcommittee meetings. ● Daniel - She participates a lot and is very enthusiastic. I think since she talked to wendy beforehand, she deserves our sympathy. ● Ruby - Kenya thinks about what we do before the meeting and always has an agenda and makes sure everything is doable. ● Lola - She prepares far in advance. ● Julia - She is the best and aside from that, health and school is the most understandable reasons. ● Vaughan - Are we going to have any restorative measure in place. ● Emma - As long as she keeps doing what she's doing... ● Ruby motions to keep Kenya on MCYC and that she continues doing what she is doing. Lola seconds. Motion passes. ● Ruby - Hey so we decided that you add a lot to the commission and your reasons are valid. Continue doing what you're doing.

**7:00pm – 8:10pm –
New Business**

Conversation About Gun Violence

- Lola - The cabinet wanted to have a conversation and educate ourselves about gun violence and then decide what we want to do about that.
- We watch an informational video with statistics about the correlation between gun ownership and gun death.
- Vaughan - One thing that they didn't talk about what was the number of the mortality rate of each event over time.
- Emma - I think it was powerful about how they said that we have gun problems.
- Kenya - I know Wendy said it was from 2016 but do y'all think that there has been any change in the general ideas.
- Wendy - I think it is the same conversation except that now there is a higher volume of events.
- Julia - We've seen the youth led movement to ban mass shootings. I didn't know about the extent of the issue but it is an interesting question about why we don't address these different sectors.
- Lola - I think that some of the common sense laws address some of these issues.
- Ruby - We are going to look through the issue of gun violence through an environmental prevention lense. Basically what is it is looking at the environment that people live in and in what ways can we change the environment so that we can change people's actions. We can look at media, access, policies, and social norms to look at environmental prevention. Questions?
- Wendy - We can expand our view beyond gun control now. Gun control is not the only solution. Look beyond the EP framework and think about safety. What makes a school safe?
- Lola - Gun control doesn't mean one policy.
- Ruby - We're going to break up into 4 groups that look through the 4 aspects of environmental prevention. We have resources and y'all can talk about what ways that you can look at the issue.
- Ethan - What context are we thinking about this issue in?
- Lola - We want to think about whether we want to get involved. Whatever lense you want to look at it with is fine.
- Micherice - We weighed the pros and cons between adding more gun regulation laws. We looked at the correlation between background checks and lessened gun deaths.
- Daniel - One of the cons that we saw was the second amendment how it says that people should have the right to bare arms and the right to have a militia.

- Josh - On one pro side, we have looked at the medical cost of the treatment of the victims of gun violence.
- DJ - Another con is that background checks are an invasion of privacy.
- Lola - Recently a federal district court said that the ban of assault weapons would be unconstitutional.
- Josh - A lot of people support these “common sense measures.”
- Micherice - Others believe that gun deaths are only experienced by a minority of deaths.
- Josh - The CDC is barred by congress from doing extensive research on gun violence.
- Kenya - We talked about social norms and how hunting and BB guns make guns seem fun or cool and how that along with media has created a desensitization towards guns unless it is a big mass shooting. The media also always presents minority communities being affected by gun violence.
- Rohan - There is also the idea of patriotism around holding a gun.
- Kenya - There are types of guns that are deemed acceptable and not acceptable.
- Julia - I have to go y’all and I learned a lot about gun problems.
- Lola - A lot of ours went along with social norms and I think that means that there is a connections. People in the media are influenced by social norms. It is also interesting about how the media makes a distinction between terrorism and mental illness. The media also influenced biases. The news also creates the “mean world agenda.” Researchers have disproved the connection between violence and video games but it does make you believe that there is much more danger in the world then there is. Along with that, NRATV creates race-based fear mongering. There is also rarely enough time to have a nuanced discussion and it is a business based on money. Toxic masculinity also plays into the issue because they are found to have felt the need to express this hyper-masculinity through violence because they cannot fulfill it otherwise. I think that the media is sometimes so afraid of being called biased that they won’t say what the truth is. I know it when I see it but I can’t think of an example.
- Emma - What we began with an article by a student who talked about raising the requirement to buy a firearm. We also talked about access to illegal guns or guns during gun shows. Another type of access that we talked about was access to the different types of guns that you have.
- Vaughan - We also talked about mental health and background checks and locations that you are allowed to have guns.
- Ethan - Emma brought up a good point where she said access to mental health institutions

also ties into this. Gun laws also vary between states but it is easy to go to a state with less strict gun laws.

- Lola - A lack of access to basic needs can also create gun violence.
- Vaughan - We also talked about how access can relate to policy.

So Now What are We Going to Do?

- Josh - I'm interested.
- Ruby - Some of the things that we were talking about were:
- Lola - There are some local organizing groups, there is an opportunity to go to Sacramento on April 19. We have to give final numbers by Friday and this would be on a Thursday and we would take buses up there. We've been organizing it in terms of school but I'm sure that we could go as well. We are still working out in what element you can talk to your representatives.
- Ethan, Gabe, Ruby, Marlowe, Vaughan, Kenya, Talia, Abby, Dj, and Alex are interested
- Marlowe - We are planning a community-focused march in Novato.
- Wendy - What are we asking for as a community that already does okay on gun control?
- Lola - Yes our representatives in general are pretty good but gun violence is not just guns but it also is police brutality. I think it goes beyond banning stuff but also establishing that all policemen are supposed to wear body cameras and that the footage should be publically available. We could also say that officers should give a warning before using deadly force. There is a lot more that the state and the country could be doing.
- Ethan - I think that there are so many things that should be done but as we are nearing this stage in MCYC, it is important to consider capacity. I want to make sure that MCYC still has commissioners who are dedicated to the projects that we are already doing.
- Vaughan - I think the commission should look at action that we can take outside of the commission.
- Greet Wendy with your favorite outdoor activity.
- Lola - We were bringing this to you as a person outside of the commission. I was also thinking about the County Nuclear Code that prohibits them from doing business with companies that do nuclear stuff and I think that the language can be adapted to things outside of the commission.
- Ethan - Maybe we can take it back to the cabinet for further discussion.

8:10pm – 8:15pm – Announcements	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We are going to begin putting together the immigration resolution subcommittee.• The next MCYC meeting is on April 10th.• The next cabinet meeting is on April 3rd.
8:15pm – 8:20pm – Clean Up	
8:20pm – 8:30pm Closing and Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting adjourns at 8:31. Gabe motions, Vaughan seconds.
Additional Notes:	TO DO:

