

MEETING MINUTES

Marin County Civic Center, Room 401

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017

In Attendance: Kat, Ethan, Elise, Henry, Nick, Talia, Lola, Emma, Rohan, Julia, Ruby, Abby, Gabe, Marlowe, Josh, Daniel, DJ, Vaughan

Absent: Brooke, Alex

<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 6:37 • Josh motions to approve agenda, Gabe seconds, motion passed • Kenya motions to approve minutes, Vaughan seconds, passed <p>Time for public expression (3-minute limit per person)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Josh’s Birthday! Commission sings happy birthday. • Ethan: A girl at MA organized a drive at school to deliver supplies to shelters. • Daniel: At Sonoma Academy, school has been stopped for a week. He is in the Red Cross club and they are contacting the local red cross community to see if they can help. <p>Commissioner Reports</p>
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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"> ● 30 second elevator pitches that summarize who you are and what you want for MCYC. ● Josh: We should mention our relationship to the BOD. ● Emma: A specific request. ● Julia: Mention that all of our perspectives are from youth. ● Kat: Make it personal. ● Diego: Speak about your community. ● Vaughan: Mention the 4 subcommittees. ● Ruby: Don't use acronyms ● Ethan: Can we say our official purpose? ● Kenya: Our role is to advise the BOS and we empower youth voices. <p>Review Agreement</p>
<p>6:55pm – 7:00pm – Old Business</p>	

**7:00pm – 8:10pm –
New Business**

**BOS Meeting
Preparation.**

- Ruby: Hopefully y'all have filled out the doodle poll about your BOS meetings.
- Vaughan: We need to build professional relationships and advise them.
- Emma: We pitch our issue as something that has value.
- Julia: This makes allies.
- Ethan: We decide who is and who isn't our allies.
- Talia: We are giving them our perspectives.
- Ethan: The BOS can advocate for you give you contacts.
- Kenya: They can validate what you are doing and give you some status.
- Julia: Sometimes having that support from someone you admire and looks up to can be a boost.
- Lola: They are the policy makers and if you have an issue, they can make specific policy.
- Marlowe: They have a lot of experience.
- Ruby: It is a good way to hold them accountable. It is hard to say no to kids face to face.

- Lola: That was a good warmup and we are going to break up into subcommittees to help nail what each subcommittee does.
- Ruby: Make a pitch that each commissioner member can know in case that there isn't a member from each committee in each meeting.
- Ethan: Affordable Housing is a crisis in marin. This subcommittee is in the research phase and are looking to partner with different community partners. We are looking at CLAMS and Ambassadors for Hope. We are looking to create a goal for the year and then make a project. This is our first year as a subcommittee.
- Elise: It was good that you named specific organizations so if the supervisors knows someone there, they could bring it up. Put a human face on what you are bringing up.
- Ethan: When I talk to adults, we recognize it as a youth issue.
- Lola: There are foster youth in our community and when they age out, they end up homeless.
- Josh: The ATOD subcommittee works on preventing you from using controlled substances. Marin has a high rate of alcohol use. We would like you to thank you for your support on the SHO. We are looking at sweetened alcoholic beverages and e-cigs. If you have any contacts, please share them with us.
- Lola: I like how you had a specific ask.
- Kenya: The social justice literacy committee came about when looking at issues in our schools and we realized that a lot of this came from ignorance. We are still talking with our

schools and we are thinking about making a curriculum for middle and high school students about social justice literacy. It can be a jumping off point to teach kids on how to have discussions and we want it to be tailored to different school's needs.

- Josh: Were the specific hate crimes the things that inspired you or is something you want to address.
- Lola: We are trying to address the underlying cause of it. It did kind of both. We don't really know what our ask is.
- Wendy: That is fine but ask about connections or something like that.
- Rohan: Education Equity is a problem that is overlooked in Marin but I have noticed it in my high school. We are trying to make education a common standard. We have surveyed kids in the past and found that many are not aware of college admission standards. We also found that mental health is another problem that impacts students. We also want you support to help every student have the chance to attain college.
- Vaughan: That was a good example of preparation. It felt natural and I wanted to listen to you.
- Emma: You distinguished it by saying it was overlooked.
- Wendy: It's good that you shared last year's data points.

- Ruby: There are some challenges in meeting with elected officials.
- Henry: They can dominate the conversation.
- Vaughan: There is a level of nerves that comes with meeting.
- Marlowe: Working around questions that you don't know.
- Ruby: We are going to learn some strategies that will help us learn how to navigate these issues. Can I have a volunteer that's met with their supervisor before and two that haven't? Act out a short interaction with you supervisor.
- Kenya: He is steering the conversation in another direction.
- Vaughan: I got tries to get the youth to do what he wants.
- Ethan: Maybe mention a specific community partner and make it less open.
- Elise: I was going to start talking about the actual focus of affordable housing and politely cut him off.
- Gabe: "Actually just to clarify, we are here to talk about..."
- Ethan: If we leave it open ended, they may give us something that we won't need, but if we give them a specific ask, they can't interfere.
- Elise: "If we have time left in the meeting, we'd love to get back to it."

- Ruby: Another problem is when adults are patronizing.
- Vaughan: I call my supervisor by his first name, and he is more willing to have a conversation with me.
- Lola: Be careful about that because it may come across as improper.
- Wendy: People also have to work for their titles.
- Lola: It is important in how you represent yourself. Dress in business casual. Act like you are confident and that you know what you are talking about.
- Ruby: Some supervisors like to cut you off and if they do that, try to keep on talking. Don't be rude about it though.
- Wendy: Elected officials don't like to have to stay longer than they have to.
- Natalie: "To finish that thought..."
- Ethan: A lot of these strategies are bold but stay within your comfort zone. Practice all you want for the meeting.
- Wendy: You also have to consider who you are(Male, female, etc)
- Julia: To preface the discussion mention that you have a full hour.

- Ruby: I'm passing out a sheet that gives some survival tips for meeting with you elected representatives.
- Lola: What are some specific things that we could ask for?
- Ruby: Is there something specific that we want as a commission?
- Wendy: The application for the Youth Commission Convention has been submitted.
- Josh: It is a chance for commissions to exchange ideas and things like that.
- Ethan: We plan that.
- Wendy: We apply to the BOS to fund that. Some of them are pet projects that a supervisor may be really passionate about. Last year we had an ally, but he has transitioned out and he was the only one to vote for the YCC.
- Ethan: An ask could be talking about ways that MCRYC could be better recognized in the community and a lot of that is our relationship with them.
- Ruby: We could thank them for having space at the Civic Center. It wasn't always like this and it helps a lot. Mention that our meeting are on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 and that we'd love their presence.
- Wendy: We also have a presentation at the library that we'd love for them to come to.
- Lola: This about steps that you need to make for this to be a successful meeting for your districts and solidify your asks.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruby: Create a group chat with your district.
<p>8:10pm – 8:15pm – Announcements</p>	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have 7 tickets for the bioneers conference and we are going to create a doodle survey to figure out what dates that y'all can go. • Greet Wendy with your favorite ice cream flavor. • We are looking at telegram to have a commission wide communication service. It can be downloaded onto laptops and is very secure. If y'all have any other suggestions, please contact us. • Marlowe: Remind 101 is a helpful app. • Micherice: Slack is also a good app. • Our next meeting is on October 24th. • The cabinet meeting on on October 15th.
<p>8:15pm – 8:20pm – Clean Up</p>	
<p>8:20pm – 8:30pm Closing and Adjourn</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick motions to adjourn, Talia motions, Motion passed.
<p>Additional Notes:</p>	<p>TO DO:</p>