

**CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND RECREATION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING**

Monday, February 1, 8:00 P.M.

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AGENDA

The Commission may discuss any item listed on the agenda, but may take action only on items identified as Action.

Preliminary Matters

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Chair)
2. **ROLL CALL** (Secretary)
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Chair)
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** from 1-25-21*
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (Chair)
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Chair)
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Discussion Items

8. **SUMMER PROGRAM OFFERINGS/BUDGETING CONCERNS** (Ferris)

Action Items

9. **APPROVE FY21 CYRC WORK PLAN*** (Chair)

Information Items

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission shall be an advisory board and shall seek to achieve equity in policies, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding associated with youth, families, early childhood education, recreation, and other related City-sponsored activities. The Commission shall advise the City Council on these matters.

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Mayor -	Vacant	District 3 -	Vacant	District 6 -	Laurie Capitelli
District 1 -	Madhu Marchesini	District 4 -	Robel Kelkile	District 7 -	Kate Richards
District 2 -	Stephanie Pelley	District 5 -	Vacant	District 8 -	Elisa Batista

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2021 Commission Meeting Dates

Name of Commission: Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission (CYRC)
Commission Secretary: Steph Chu

Month	Day, Date (2021)	Time
January	4 th Monday – January 25 th	7:00pm
February	4 th Monday – February 22 nd	7:00pm
March	4 th Monday – March 22 nd	7:00pm
April	4 th Monday – April 26 th	7:00pm
May	4 th Monday – May 24 th	7:00pm
June	4 th Monday – June 28 th	7:00pm
July	<i>* No Meeting *</i>	
August	4 th Monday – August 23 rd	7:00pm
September	4 th Monday – September 27 th	7:00pm
October	4 th Monday – October 25 th	7:00pm
November	4 th Monday – November 29 th	7:00pm
December	<i>* No Meeting *</i>	

AGENDA ITEM 4

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 25, 7:00 P.M.

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DRAFT MINUTES

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Preliminary Matters

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Chair): 7:04pm
2. **ROLL CALL** (Secretary) Present: Batista, Capitelli, Kelkile, Marchesini, Pelley, Richards. Absent: None. Staff Present: Brown, Chu.
3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Chair)
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** from 12-14-20* M/S/C: (Capitelli/Kelkile): Ayes: Batista, Capitelli, Kelkile, Marchesini, Pelley, Richards. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** (Chair)
6. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Chair)
7. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Action Items

8. **APPROVE FY21 CYRC WORK PLAN**** (Chair)
No Action Taken.

Information Items

9. **RECENT COUNCIL REPORTS***
10. **UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS**
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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AGENDA ITEM 9

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL WORK PLAN FY21 (Draft for Approval on February 1, 2021)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission shall be an advisory board and shall seek to achieve equity in policies, programs, planning efforts, activities, and funding associated with youth, families, early childhood education, recreation, and other related City-sponsored activities.

BACKGROUND

Upon City Council's receipt of this plan for fiscal year 2021, Berkeley's youth will have lived a year through an unprecedented, deadly pandemic. A generation of our kids have had their lives turned upside down, and at great costs to their learning and education. They not only have lost months of schooling due to school closures and delays setting up virtual classrooms, but also the 2020 summer break, in which many camps were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, our youth have suffered through unprecedented social, mental, and emotional distress due to the isolation of being homebound all of this time with inadequate academic stimulation or socialization with peers. Our most vulnerable students--the homeless, those living in crowded housing conditions, undocumented or those living in low-income immigrant households, Black, Indigenous, and students of color, and those students who self-identify as LGBTQ+--are even more isolated and disconnected from reaching their potential, and academic and personal goals. It is crucial that we as a community come together to support our youth during a devastatingly difficult time, and bridge the academic achievement gap that already existed before the pandemic, and is now further exacerbated as BUSD adjusts with the realities that not all of our students had adequate access to housing, technology, food, and healthcare prior to the pandemic. (Superintendent Brent Stephens sent a letter to all BUSD families at the start of shelter-in-place orders in March 2020, outlining all of these challenges.)

Considering these challenges and exacerbated learning gap, the Children, Youth, and Recreation Commission respectfully submits the following FY 2021 recommendations and work plan to Berkeley City Council:

- 1. Acknowledge that the existing inequities that our youth face have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic**, including shelter-in-place orders, school, day care, and camp closures, and delayed virtual schooling. In the event of future pandemics and/or other emergencies that require students to shelter in place, we urge Council, BUSD, and other relevant entities to make permanent access to Internet and technology for all students.
- 2. Help schools, camps, afterschool programs, day care centers, and recreational programs open safely.**
 - a. Ensure that every child has access to a mask and that schools have hand sanitizer and other protective equipment needed to operate safely.

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- b. Ensure that there are adequate counselors and mental health programs to support students.
- 3. Create and implement Community Agency Grant evaluation process.**
 - a. Develop a process to work closely with 2020 Vision staff to evaluate the progress of grantees as to their projected outcomes.
 - b. Receive regular updates on grantees from 2020 Vision staff noting particular impacts of COVID-19 pandemic.
 - c. Make recommendations to City Council on grantees who are not able to adjust to the pandemic and provide services to families.
- 4. Collaborate with other commissions to mitigate mental health impacts**
 - a. Reach out to the Youth Commission to see how we can better support our youth during an isolating time.
 - b. Reach out to the Mental Health Commission to see how we can better support our youth during an isolating time.
- 5. Encourage housing development projects that set aside units for low and middle-income families with children.** According to data by Lucille Packard Foundation for Children's Health, about a quarter of children in Alameda County live in crowded housing conditions, which is not conducive to learning and could spread the virus when essential workers return to crowded homes. In addition to studio apartments and one-bedroom apartments for individual renters, we should incentivize through the zoning ordinance the creation of three-to-four-bedroom homes for families with children.
- 6. Help BUSD families that lack Internet and a computer at home, permanently obtain the laptops and any related technology that they received on loan during the pandemic.** Making this investment now could help curb further delays in virtual schooling due to the physical closures of school facilities.
 - a. Support low-cost access to broadband and ensure that all children and families have continued access to up-to-date equipment post-pandemic. One way is to negotiate community benefits in the city's contract with Comcast and other broadband providers.