
Minutes

Seattle Youth Commission

Date and Time

Saturday, March 8, 2025

10:30 AM PST – 12:30 PM PST

In-Person Meeting Location

Seattle City Hall

600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA, 98104

Boards and Commissions Room

[Instructions for visiting Seattle City Hall \(bus access, parking, and building access\)](#)

Members Present

Bill Chen, Catherine Enriquez, Lila Fu, Caleb Goldberg, Mohini Kaplan, Daniel Le, Anya Peterson, Saniata Salva, Aicha Sinha-Khan, Harry Sumner, Sabi Yoon

Members Excused

Juliana Ariza, Penelope Harrington, Sienna Roggeveen, Max Tagsip

Meeting Guests

Cohort from the Seattle International Children's Friendship Festival (ICFF)

Items

Number	Topic	Time
1)	Welcoming Meeting started 15 minutes late.	2 min
2)	Introductions Commissioners and representatives from the ICFF spent time introducing one another.	4 min
3)	Approval of Minutes (Saturday, February 22, 2025) Approval of Agenda (Saturday, March 8, 2025)	1 min
4)	In-Person Public Comment No requests for public comment.	n/a



5) **ICFF Presentation** **26 min**

[Presentation Link](#)

Presentation introduced the International Children's Friendship Festival (ICFF), an annual cultural celebration organized in observance of a national holiday celebrated in the Republic of Türkiye, National Sovereignty and Children's Day. Since then, the festival has been expanded to include a diaspora of various heritages. More information can be [found here](#).

Presentation also introduced the 'Youth Voices' project, with the goal of taking the ideal of cultural inclusivity found in the ICFF past the two-day celebration.

Taken from the presentation:

'Focus: sustained cross-cultural learning and relationship-building spaces

Guiding Visions: Broaden the circle of who we feel responsible for and who we matter to; Practice the skills of active community and civic engagement

Youth Voices approach: Facilitate longer-term community projects that bring diverse youth together to learn from and create with each other's differences

3 subprojects were introduced under Youth Voices, to be completed by early April

1) Engaged Storytelling

a. Community members are interviewed by children and posted as videos

b. Ideas in the videos are translated into poems

c. **SYC areas of communication offered in the presentation**

'Is there a digital platform or newsletter that we could utilize to showcase all of these collected stories?

Could SYC support with outreach to more individuals and communities who would want to contribute?

Would SYC be interested in developing longer term cross-cultural storytelling nights, workshops, and events, to support the work of the education subcommittee, or others?'

SYC members later talked about the idea of video integration into an online presence

2) Arts Installation Project

a. Have art displays at various events right now, with the focus on an installation at the ICFF

b. SYC areas of communication offered in the presentation

‘Is there an “exhibition” place that you would recommend for our Arts Installation? How can we expand its reach to leaders and adults who need to hear its message?

Would SYC be interested in us repeating this process around the work you do for your subcommittees? (For example, a separate interactive installation around health and human services, or safety and gun violence?).’

3) Cross-Cultural Workshops: Youth leaders talk about the meanings behind various art forms and cultural intersections within them

a. SYC areas of communication offered in the presentation

‘Would SYC be interested in supporting the promotion of these workshops (and the Festival, more broadly)?

Would SYC want to partner and bring these workshops to other places across Seattle, such as community centers, parks, and City Hall itself?

Would SYC be interested in collaborating on these workshops/trainings to support cultural responsiveness, cultural humility, and cross-cultural awareness in local government and adult leadership?’

SYC members talked about the possibility of having a workshop hosted at the Youth Summit

6) Introduction of SYC Committees & Questions 12 min

SYC Members asked questions regarding the “Community Power Map,” the organization of the ICFF, the selection process of interviewees for the Engaged Storytelling project, possible display places for the art installation project, a form for youth, a possible booth at the ICFF, and the ways to involve the ICFF and SYC’s digital presence.

SYC Members introduced their subcommittees and the work they are doing right now

7) Bio Break 15 min

8) SYC Member Presentation 45 min

[Link](#) to presentation

Discussed the following groups that have reached out wanting to work with us:

Teen Action Fair

International Children's Friendship Festival

PACE Program

Puget Sound Regional Council

Youth Leaders of King County's Children and Youth Advisory Board (no acronym)

YCEP

Discussed how we might be able to interact with these groups and possible delegations to subcommittees

Discussed Attendance Policy

Discussed progress updates for each subcommittee

- Civic Engagement: Calendar made, and reaching out to another organization
- Safety & Gun Violence: Started drafting a survey
- Health & Human Services: Didn't meet, no new updates
- Education: Going to the Seattle Public Schools board meeting

Members reminded that SYC should start engaging with city council proposals soon.

Public Comment: ICFF reinforced they are eager to work with us
