



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Sachin Peddada
District 3 – Teresita Padilla
District 5 – Vacant
District 7 – Vacant
District 9 – Izza Khan

Kim Hoang Do – District 2
Rose Hoang – District 4
Vacant – District 6
Vaishnavi Sinnarkar – District 8
Joanna Liu – District 10

Citywide - Sonia Raghuram

Meeting Minutes October 27, 2014

The San José Youth Commission convened their monthly meeting on October 27, 2014 at 6:35pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Present: Commissioner Peddada, Do, Padilla, Hoang, Khan, Liu and Raghuram

Absent: Commissioner: Sinnarkar

II. Consent Calendar

- a. Approve the September 22, 2014 meeting minutes.
 - i. Commissioner Khan made correction to the minutes under the Council Liaison report the unman drones.
 - ii. Commissioner Do made correction to page 7 to state Commissioners Hoang in leading the Community Involvement Resource ad hoc.

(M/S) Commissioner Do / Commissioner Khan approved the meeting minutes with the corrections.

III. Open Forum

Mr. Adam Marcus from the Housing department addressed the commission. The Housing Department is consolidating their five year plan. The plan consist of using federal funds for affordable housing, homeless preventions and infrastructure. The Housing department created an on line survey to gather community input on the where these funds should be utilized for. The survey is in different languages and will be open till November 15th. Mr. Marcus requested the assistance of the commissioners to help spread the word to their peers as the Housing Department values their opinion on this manner.

Commission Peddada ask what was the commend thread from the current survey results were so far.

Mr. Marcus mentioned that they have not tallied any of the results so far, but once they do,

they will be presenting them to the Planning Commission in November.

Commissioner Padilla asked how many survey they needed and if there was a target population they wanted to hear from

Mr. Marcus indicated that there wasn't a specific target but would appreciate as many surveys as possible. Mr. Marcus left hard copies of the survey with the Commission Staff.

Commission Chair Peddada requested that Mr. Marcus return to the commission once the survey results have been tabulated. Mr. Marcus agreed and would be in touch with the Commission Staff.

b. Mr. Robin Reynolds from Bill Wilson Center addressed the Youth Commission and invited them to attend the second annual Homeless Awareness Walk on Friday Nov. 7th at 5:30pm at the City Hall Plaza. Last year the Youth Commission partnered up with Bill Wilson Center on a year long project to kick off the first annual homeless walk. There are more than 800 homeless youth in San Jose. One homeless youth is one too many. The one mile walk reminds the community that there are many teens without a home.

Commissioner Hoang asked if there was open to all ages.

Mr. Reynolds responded by informing the commissioners that this walk was open to all ages and to anybody who was interested in bringing awareness to this issue. He added that this walk was not a fundraiser, rather an awareness event.

Commissioner Padilla asked what would be at the end of the walk.

Mr. Reynolds said that there would be informational tables at the drop in center where the end of the walk will end at. There will also be art displays and a video trailer to the premier documentary of three homeless youth in Chicago.

Commissioner Raghuram asked if there was a change of homeless youth compared to last year.

Mr. Reynolds mentioned that they are getting better in calculating the number of homeless teens in the county. They are getting better in counting the number of youth who are couch surfing. These are teens who attend school yet live on a friend's couch and don't have a place to call home.

Commissioner Raghuram asked if the 800 number included the youth who are couch surfing.

Reynolds mentioned that 3% of the 800 number included the youth who are couch surfing. There may be 150 youth out of the 800 that are under 18 years old living out in the street.

Commission Chair, Peddada asked what exactly raising awareness will accomplish?

Mr. Reynolds mentioned that many people think that the chronic homeless are adults who push a cart with their belongings and may not think that a youth who looks very much like a normal youth, with a skate board and backpack may be homeless. Therefore the awareness is to make people realize that there are youth who are homeless too and not just adults.

Commissioner Liu asked for clarification of the 800 number of youth that are on the street.

Mr. Reynolds clarified the age range is 15-21 years and the 800 number is for San Jose and the 1200 number is for County Wide. This February will be another point of time count.

IV. Ceremonial Items

None

V. Reports

a. **Council Liaison report** - Mr. Hugues from District 9 Council office informed the commission of the following;

- Follow up on the Hotel Conversion project - There is no funding for this conversion, at this point it is only an idea.
- Last month the city when into partnership with the City of Santa Clara school district and purchased the Agnew site to build a new school and park. The site has about 80 acres. A good site for a school, which the city of Santa Clara will manage and a park, which the City of San Jose will manage.
- Council voted on the following state ballots measures;
 - In support of the Prop. 1 – Water Bond
 - In support of Prop 2 – State budget stabilization
 - In appose of Prop 46 – Drug testing of doctors
 - In appose of Prop 48 – Indian gaming
 - No action on Prop 45 – Health Care rates
 - No action on Prop 47 – Misdemeanors and penalties
- Land near the Diridon station has been reserved by the Oakland A's. Bringing close to \$25,000 annually to the City for the next three years.
- Council will be looking into the bicycle riding on the side walk issues in their next agenda. Several groups feel that bicycle on the side walks are dangerous to pedestrians while bicycle riders feel it is dangerous to ride on the streets.
- Coming up on the Council agenda is the Medical Marijuana issues (3.4) action related to the initiative to the San Jose Code ordinance. There is additional information to the marijuana matrix.
- Council will be looking into the Housing Impact Fee. Potentially assessing fees to all new constructions. Fee will go toward homeless and affordable housing, making it easier for low income families to purchase homes.
- Team San Jose performance will be giving a report on how we are doing with hotels and performances art venues in San Jose.
- Diridon Station area implementation program within the next months.
- Review building a Pavilion at St. James Park
- Council will hear the Domestic Violence prevention awareness report in the month of November.

Commission Chair Peddada asked if the Youth Commission's recommendations to the Medical Marijuana issue was taken in consideration by the council.

Mr. Huges reported that several collectives have been closed due to the council ordinance however, there are 40 collectives that have applied to stay open. The collectives have now collected enough signature to potentially overture everything. Council will review everything and see if it goes to the ballots and or to a special election, primer, or general election.

Deputy Director Suzanne Wolf added that the Youth Commission's recommendation of collectives near schools was considered in the councils final ordinances.

Commission Chair Peddada asked about a memorandum authorizing the city manager to promote innovation and economic development in San Jose.

Mr. Huges was unaware of this memorandum and will get bring back information about this for then next meeting.

Commissioner Padilla asked if there was any follow up information regarding the drones

Mr. Huges did not have any updates on this.

Commissioner Liu asked how the Marijuana applied process work.

Mr. Huges informed them that the applies process is based on application and that Application is reviewed by the Applies board on a case by case base.

Commissioner Khan asked what grade level would the Santa Clara school be and if the Bicycle issue was throughout the city of just down town.

Mrs. Wolf said it was tentatively the discussion is to create and elementary school.

But this is tentatively and can changes to be a middle or high school.

Mr. Huges added that the bicycle issues was only in the down town area.

Commission Do asked if in the Santa Clara and San Jose project at the Agnew site would Require removal or harm of trees on the site.

Mrs. Wolf explained that in the proposal there may be some removal of trees. However, this is too early to tell as designs are still being worked on. Most likely, the removal of unhealthy tress over healthy ones. The timeline for all of this may take years due to having to work through the state approval for schools.

Commission Chair Peddada asked about the West San Carlos development where the City plans to develop 300 residential. Where there be allocated suites for low income families.

Mr. Huges was unable to answer that question at this time.

Commissioner Raghuram asked for clarification of the Construction Impact fee.

Mr. Huges mentioned he wasn't too familiar with that, but basically idea is that every time a construction site is approved, there is a fee that is set aside for homeless families and subsidizes housing for low income families.

Commissioner Hoang asked what the city to do address the water contamination that occurred in the north side of San Jose.

Mr. Huges was unable of what the city did to resolve that particular incident

Commissioner Liu asked if there was some statistical information regarding bicycle accidents in San Jose.

Mr. Huges answer by informing the commission that the Senior Commission has some Statistics but what they are finding is that many people do not report the accidents. Making it difficult to have actuated numbers.

Commissioner Khan asked for Bay 101 move update

Mr. Huges informed that Council approved the zoning changes but they are waiting to see The results of the Nov. 4 elections to see if the City of Milpitas allows them to move to Their city.

Mrs. Wolf answered the Diridon question by stating that council is chaining the zoning Code from heavy industrial to residential in high density areas for transit oriented development.

b. San Jose Public Library report – Mr. Erik Berman reported on the following events.

- October 18th Bike Program – it was a success. They had 50 people bike from San Jose to Mountain View a 50 mile ride.
- Night foundation Community Engagement Innovation Grant – Two Libraries submitted proposals and are in the final stages of being granted. One proposal was to renew the teen space at the King Library by recruiting teens who will learn how to use laser cutters and auto-cat and 3D printers to design furniture for the teen space at the Library. The other proposal is teach online safety and internet privacy.
- New Library Website – It should be a lot easier to navigate it.
- Upcoming events –
 - National Novel writing - Encourage everybody to write over 1500 words a month
 - November 15th is International Games day, encouraging people to play games.
 - California Reads – Veterans presentations throughout the city will be done.

Commission Hoang asked if the filming veteran's stories were over.

Mr. Berman answered by stating that the filming was done and the videos were going to be presented at the Evergreen and King Libraries.

Commissioner Raghuram asked if the writing sessions for the National Novel day will only be in the King Library or would they also be conducted at different libraries.

Mr. Berman answered by stating that writing sessions will be conducted throughout the City however, the King Library will have a designated space for people to come together to write.

Commissioner Raghuram asked if participants will have assistance.

Mr. Berman stated that there would not be any dedicated mentors but the National Novel event is to encourage people to simply write together. The idea is not to write the best novel, rather to simply write.

Commission Chair Peddada asked if it would be possible to spread the efforts to other libraries throughout the city.

Mr. Berman stated that tried to do so and believes Edanvale Library will be hosting a writing session in November the 17th and perhaps next year they will be able to expand to other Libraries. He also mentioned that if the commissioners and or their yac members were interested in expanding these efforts, he would be happy to work with them.

Commission Do asked about the California Read Program and wanted to know if it was an annual event.

Mr. Berman stated that although the California Reads is a state wide annual initiative, San Jose Libraries have the option to not participate.

Commissioner Padilla asked how many teens participated in the Bike Ride Event.

Mr. Berman stated that there were number of mix ages. But that the event was such a success that they plan on hosting another in May 2015.

Commissioner Padilla asked if International game day will take place at all the libraries

Mr. Berman stated that not all libraries will participate due to their limited hours.

c. **Senior Citizens Commission report** - Mr. Richard McCoy not present to report.

d. **PRNS Department Deputy Directors report**

Deputy Director Suzan Wolf stated that it was her first time speaking to the commission but will be attending their meeting regularly during budget times. Especially during the Community study session since she values the Youth Commission's budget priorities. With that she followed up by stating that the Senior Meal mold has changed. Starting January 2015, all senior meals will be cooked at the sites that they are served. She informed the commission that she bring this to their attention because it related to the two policy items she wish to get their feedback on. Director Wolf explained her role of overseeing all programs and community centers which serve the public from the early child to the Senior Citizen. There are community centers in each city district.

Since she values the Youth Commissioners feedback, she presented the question to the commissioners and asked them to identify which centers in their opinion would be best served by giving more funding to. She explained the different type of centers the City has and how the City overcame the impact of the lack of funds by having community based organization serve the community where community centers doors otherwise would have been closed. The following community centers are in the following city district District 1, Cypers, District 2 Southside, District 3 Roosevelt, District 4 Berryessa, District 9 Camden, District 10, Almaden and Grace Community Center which is a Therapeutic mold center. Deputy Director Wolf explained the number of community Centers and their size and what they do. Four of the centers mentioned above are co hosted with Libraries and hub services are multi service in natural. There are 14 satellite center which are larger sites up to 20,000 sq ft. There are 28 Neighborhood Centers that are smaller building that are located in parks and are very neighborhood based. They usually have only one room to have one type of function.

The policy dilemma is where funding should be focused on and for which reasons. Should funding go back to Hub Centers which are multi service level, reuse sites which are community bases sites where services are delivered by partners such as Community Base organizations, or should funding go toward funding Neighborhood sites which are staffed by partners and only focus on neighborhood needs. Second policy dilemma is how to factor in high need status. Should areas with high index of poverty, low education and crime stats be in high priority of need or should those areas be consistent with the city wide need. Deputy Director Wolf posed these questions to the commission by asking what would be prioritized first.

Commission Peddada opened the floor for discussion.

Commissioner Liu stated that the high need areas should be prioritized and not consistent with the other levels within the city.

Commission Chair Peddada felt that although the high need areas should be prioritized outside of the citywide level, he felt that people in the high need areas do not take advantage of the services provided for them.

Commissioner Raghuram agreed with Commission Liu and thought that the high need areas should be prioritized increasing funding such as the satellite centers at Starbird.

Commissioner Padilla felt that the satellite center should be prioritized.

Commissioner Liu agreed by stating that funding satellite center above the hub centers is important so that those could start expanding to be such as the hub centers.

Deputy Director Wolf informed the commissioners that funding at the Hub centers have been significantly cut limiting their services. Having more funding at the hub centers would enable them to have a greater expansion of their multi level services. There is a gap in the hub centers as well as in the other centers. That is why prioritizing where the funds should go is important.

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Commission Chair spoke on personal experience and said that the Hub Center is District 1, Cypress center caters toward seniors only. Therefore from a youth perspective, it is best to fund satellite centers because hub centers cannot provide full services to all

Commissioner Liu asked if Hubs centers provide services to high need population.

Deputy Director Wolf informed them that indeed there are several Hub centers that are located in high need areas and service high need populations. Centers such as Roosevelt, Seventrees and Mayfair in District 7 are high need centers. The feedback that is coming back from the community where community partners are serving them don't have a issues with the service, but would like to have more hours in the evening and weekend to supplement the services they are receiving from the partners. They are not looking to replace the services necessary.

Commissioner Liu then said it was be best to look at individual needs instead of ranking them by centers and looking at centers bases on their individual needs.

Deputy Director Wolf recapped by stating that what she is hearing is to prioritize high need sites first whether they are hub or satellite centers.

Commission Chair Peddada closed the discussion and asked if the Director had any other item to discuss.

Deputy Director Wolf asked if it would be possible for the commission to appoint a YAC member to the Reuse and Therapeutic Advisory Committee as liaisons. Understanding Commissioners are busy and at time overwhelmed with other duties, having YAC members representing their voice at these two advisory committees would be ideal.

Commission Chair Peddada asked what the commitment would be

Deputy Director Wolf stated that the requirements would be simply to attend the meetings. Reuse Advisory Committee meets on a monthly base. Therapeutic Strategic Plan Advisory Committee meetings are planned for once a quarter. Next year PRNS will be looking into youth services and aging policies as well. She encouraged the commission to involve more youth in these upcoming discussions.

Commission Chair Peddada Agreed and asked for the job description be sent to the commission staff Betty Ramirez.

Commission Chari Peddada asked if what was discussed at tonight's meeting would be discussed with City Council prior to the commission's next meeting.

Deputy Director Wolf mentioned that the Reuse discussion will be going to Neighborhood and Education Council Committee meeting on November 20th and up to council in December.

Commission Chair Peddada asked if she would be able to report back at their next meeting.

Deputy Director Wolf agreed and hope to have the names of the two YAC members that will be assigned as liaisons to the advisory committees mentioned.

VI. Executive Board Report

a. Ad Hoc reports status

Commissioner Raghuram reported that tonight was the first Ad Hoc meeting. She further explained what Ad Hoc work teams are and the purpose of these teams. She invited the YAC members to present what they worked at the meeting.

Educations Ad Hoc Team representative, Mark Lee reported that they discussed the resources and guidance that is needed for teens to succeed in school. They also discussed how to implement community support by getting guest speakers to speak on the importance of education to encourage students to succeed.

Environment Ad Hoc Team representative Marylyn reported that a major issue in San Jose is to conserve water. They are working on a main idea to conserve water.

Resource Ad Hoc Team representative Valery from district 1 reported that they are working on a policy that will help teens get jobs. Currently there are many teens that need to help support their families. A city policy where teens salaries are supplemented by city resources would be an ideal policy to implement, but research still needs to be conducted. Vanessa Le, from the Resource group also reported that tutoring programs for students in high school is a great need. There is a Goodwill grant that may help students in math and science.

Safety Ad Hoc representative and District 2 YAC member Jessie reported that the team went over a few factors mainly graffiti and vandalize and will be looking into that more and see what was done in the past to address these Safety issues. Other team members suggested research drones and community watch.

Commissioner Raghuram reported on the Health Ad Hoc. They wanted to focus on mental health such as depression among teens. Looking at mentoring program from college students to help teach high school and middle school student to deal with stress.

Commissioner Raghuram closed her report by reminding the commission of the timeline for Ad Hoc reports and recommendations.

October 2014 – First Ad Hoc Meeting – Brainstorming

Dec. 2014 – Official First Status report to the commission

Feb. 2, 2015 – Status report with draft of proposals

Mar. 2015 – Final policy recommendation

Ad Hoc Final policy recommendation in March must include budget, comparison and research. Next Ad Hoc meeting will be from 5-6 p.m. on November 24, 2014.

b. October Training Report and Feedback - Commissioner Lie gave a brief report on the October. Training was focus was Time Management and how to increase productivity. It was found that Multi tasking, cell phones, social media, and under estimating the time it takes to accomplish a task interferes with management productive time

management. Ways to improve is to write deadline down, staying organized, have a clean space to work at, and eliminate disruptions. After the training, the commission brainstormed ideas for the citywide conference. The month of April and June were the two months that came up. Conference Topics discussion was around Life skills, interview skills, stress management, personal statement, life styles, healthy choices, voting process. Nothing was finalized, but there were lot of good ideas.

C. Assigned Liaison report – Commission Chair Peddada asked for the reports from the liaison however nobody attended their assigned commission meetings. Commission Chair Peddada asked that the liaisons make attending their assigned commission meetings a priority in their calendar. He further informed them once again when their commissions meetings.

Izza – Liaison IPA council 3 Friday 5-7pm

Rose – Library 3rd wed month at 7pm king library, but meeting rotates.

Kim – Parks Commission 1st wed 5:30pm meeting at the wing room

Violet was not present to remind.

D. State bills review that are relevant to youth – Debriefed the following Bills
Commission Liu debriefed the following bills

- Bill 1690 local housing planning bill authorizing the city to use mix land for low income housing sites.
- School Zone Fines – Bills states that additional fines will be imposed for specific violations that are done near schools. Fines will be then deposited into a fund for School projects.
- Bike ways – Bill minimizes safety design criteria for bike ways. This bill was supported by the city.

Commission Chair Peddada debriefed the following bills

- Public safety services – authorizing the use of increase special tax to fund fire and police will take place in 50 % of voters approved of it.
- Public Libraries which imposed a tax pending voter's approval which the city supported.

Commission Raghuram debriefed the following bills

- Water Prop 1 – Authorize issues of bonds to fund instruction programs
- Students Safety and sexual assaults – this bill covers sexual assaults in colleges, domestic violence and dating violence.
- Medical marijuana - Establishes a bureau to license dispensaries and requires background checks.

VII. Informational Items:

- a. Mr. Isreal Conjura from the Mayors Gang Prevention Task Force addressed the commission and spoke teen's health and safety. Since school started, there has been 115 incident responses within 72 campus and yet others incidents are not reported. Incidents may range from fights to issues that are going on outside of the school campus that are reported to school administration. Mr. Conjura urged the commission to look into the issue of bullying and mental health issues among teens. There are many teens that have not been properly diagnosed. Drugs such as meth and marijuana are prevalent in school campuses as well as suicide. These areas warrant the youth commissions leadership efforts.

Commission Raghuram asked what is being done to comeback the issues and if gang issues are exasperated by issues he mentioned.

Mr. Conjura stated that they have agencies that directly worked with teens with the issues mentioned. The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force deals with teen gang issues, but there are many other issues that teens are facing that are not gang related, Yet have a negative effect on teens such as mental health issues.

Commissioner Khan asked what the biggest factor that leads to violence in schools.

Mr. Conjura stated that lot of time misunderstanding leads to fights but others are issues that are happening outside of the school and in the community that overflow into the campus. The Mayors Gang Prevention Taskforce is able to mitigate many of these issues so that they don't escalate into violence.

Commission Chari Peddada asked what the Youth Commission can do to help comeback the suicide issues in schools.

Mr. Conjura stated that a lot of the issues that teens are deal with is depression, where again, the leadership can play a role is in schools to bring light to what is going on and provide resources so that teens can deal with these issues. Being mindful of these issues is a starting point.

Commission Chair Peddada thanked Mr. Conjura for bring this to their attention.

Mr. Conjura invited the commission to attend the Mayors Gang Prevention Taskforce Summit in late February to participate in the summit.

VIII. New Business – (Action Items)

- a. Approval district work-plans
 - i. Commissioner Peddada presented the District 1 workplan goals
 - 1. Advice the Youth Commission on youth related issues
 - 2. Address prevalent youth issues through project and programs
 - 3. Establish a community presents of the Youth Advisory Council in District 1
 - 4. Foster cohesive diversity and affective youth council

Commission Liu informed the commission that the D10 YAC is working on the wording of the work plan but have at least 75% done.

Commission Chair Peddada stated that all district work plans are due by the end of the end of the month so that they may be approved at the next commission meeting in November.

- c. YAC Training Date Discussion - Commission Khan opened discussion on this item. Executive board met and thought that the November 29th would be best to host the training from 9 to 3pm. Details will be discussed at a later meeting. Commissioner

Liu suggested having the training at the Seventree Community Center as it is the Community center that is central of all districts. Brainstorm ideas were Ad hoc, project planning, yac member duties and policy recommendations in their focus areas. Ad hoc's should give their presentation in the morning and then have more YAC members contribute.

Staffed asked YAC members that were presents if that November 29th date would work for them. There was only one member that was unable to attend that Saturday.

Staff addressed the commission chair and requested that the rest of the agenda items which were commissioner's reports and staff reports to be tabled due to time.

Commission Chair Peddada asked for motion to table the remaining items on the Agenda.

M/S Motion to table this discussion a d the rest of the agenda to training on Saturday by Commissioner Houng and seconded by Commissioner Do.

Commission Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

IX. Commission Reports – Tabled for next commission meeting

X. Staff Reports - Tabled for next commission meeting

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:36p.m.

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