



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

City of San José Youth Commission

Citywide – Sonia Raghuram

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

District 2 – Kim Hoang Do
District 4 – Rose Hoang
District 6 – Spencer Day
District 8 – Vacant
District 10 – Joanna Liu

Meeting Minutes Monday, April 27, 2015

The San José Youth Commission convened their monthly meeting on April 27, 2015 at 6:35pm in the City Council Chambers.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Roll call

Present: Commissioner Raghuram, Peddada, Do, Day, T.Do, Khan and Liu

Late: Commissioner Hoang

Absent: Commission Padilla

II. Consent Calendar

Commission held a moment of silence for the victims of the Nepal earthquake.

a. Approve March 23, 2015 minutes

M/S March meeting minutes were approved by Commissioner: Do and Hoang
seconded.

III. Open Forum *(Members of the public are invited to speak on any item that does not appear on today's agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Youth Commission. Speakers are limited to 2 minutes. All statements that require a response may be placed on the agenda for a future meeting and may be referred to staff for review and written response).*

None

IV. Ceremonial Items

None

V. Reports

a. Council Liaison report – Ms. Hyde gave updates on the Draught, Philips 66 Oil train, community budget meetings and human trafficking.

- i. On April 21st the city council release the 30 % emergency water conservation declaration to compile with the states water conservation mandate. City's action calls for further water conservation to help address the water shortage from the past four year. This will take affect immediately and will go through March 31, 2016.
- ii. Philips 66 Oil Training – On Jan 13, 2015 city council voted on a memo that addresses the concern of the community regarding trains filled with oil traveling through the communities. A draft environmental report was release in 2013 with a final report to be released along with the final project proposal in the spring for the San Luis Obispo review.
- iii. Community budget meeting – Will start May 4th in each council district.
- iv. Human trafficking – There will be a Freedom Summit on May 9th at the Levi Stadium brings congressional delegates, sports and music celebrities to speak on the issue of human trafficking. It is reported that California is the top destination of human trafficking due to its location. Human trafficking is the fastest growing enterprise in the world bring 31.6 billion a year, 2nd highest after the drug trafficking. Ms. Hyde suggested that if the commission wanted to learn more about this, they should contact Betty Ann. A representative of the anti human trafficking coalition.

Commission chair asked for a clarification of the 30% water conservation efforts specifically in how it will be measured and enforced.

Ms. Hyde explained that the 30% is higher then what the state has requested in order to make up for the past years.

Commissioner Liu asked if the City of San José had any final say on weather the Philips train can still go through San Jose if San Luis Obispo goes forward with their plan.

Ms Hyde will come back next month with the answer to that question.

Commission Chair requested the contact for Ms. Betty Ann from the Human Trafficking Coalition to be send to the commission staff.

- b. San José Public Library report – Erik Berman gave an update on the Evergreen Valley Library, Mayor's budget message, upcoming events and teen updates.
 - i. Final title to the Evergreen Valley Library will be called the Village Square Library. Opening date has not been projected but construction is continuing.
 - ii. Mayor's budget message – One of the Mayor's budget priorities is to reopen libraries Monday through Friday at all the library branches in the new fiscal year.
 - iii. Upcoming events – San José Festival, the Library and PRNS Department will combine their efforts and provide a community festival where community members may come out and learn about the programs that both the library and PRNS have for the community. There will be a teen booth at the Festival and Mr. Berman invited the commission to be apart of the teen booth.
 - iv. Upcoming event – the Summer Reading program will start on June 1 through June 31st. Many of the libraries will be recruiting teens to assist

with this summer program. There will be different activities and prizes give out to participants.

- v. Upcoming event - Book trailed contest and the graphic novel contest will begin very soon.
- vi. Special teen updates – The Teen area of the King Library is almost complete thanks to the teens involved with the new design. The technology program, Makers Spaceship is also taking shape with teens designs. And the Battle of the Bands will have the five band finales playing at the Seven Tree Community Center on May 2nd.

Commission Khan asked when the Summer Reading program was going to start and Commissioner Do asked for the dates of the Festival and Commissioner Day asked for more details regarding the King Library.

The Summer Reading program will being from June 1st to July 31st. San Jose Festival is schedule to take place on Saturday May 16th from 10:30a.m to 3p.m. Mr. Berman further explained that the MLK Library teen center will be moved above the Children's room to give the teens more room. It will have new shelving, new furniture, larger space and new technology and new collections. The library has contacted with Calculus Round-table to help produce the teen's final design which may include a recording booth, new computer and a 3d printer. Fencing striped was requested but may not be included in the final construction of the teen center.

Commission Chair Peddada asked how the new longer hours will work for the libraries. Mr. Berman did not have a specific hour schedule for each library at the time.

- c. Senior Citizen Commission report – Mr. Richard McCoy was not present to report.
- d. Mayor's office report – Mr. Paul Pereira was not present to report.

VI. Executive Board Report

- a. [City Council presentation](#) memo - Commissioner Raghuram reviewed the memo for the City Council presentation with the commission. Staff pointed out the commission work plan and indicated that the presentation to City Council is to present the accomplishments. Presentation is set for June 9th at 7p.m. Commissioners Do identified that the bullet point for the Environment Ad Hoc recommendation should state restriction on lawn water usage instead of low flow toilets. Changes will be done and memo will be update. Commissioner Do, Peddada, Raghuram and T. Do will be present for the council presentation. Commissioner Day, Hoang and Liu will be informing staff of their attendance by next week.
- b. Conference planning meeting calendar - Commissioner Peddada requested that the commissioners take note of the following Mandatory Conference planning meeting dates:
Meeting #1: May 2nd 10am – 1pm - All commissioners must have their workshops scheduled planned out and have their top three workshop presenters. Resource Fair team must have a list of vendors and a plan for food for the conference attendees, Shark tank team must have the activities planned out along with a list of Shark Tank

judges. Program team must have opening and closing speakers including keynote speaker and have a back- up plans for keynote speakers. Marketing team must have safe the date fliers and draft out letter to schools and Conference directors must create an outline for the community empowerment portion of the conference.

Meeting #2: May 16th 10am -1pm will be the due date for all status reports from all commissioners. Workshop team must have already emails workshop presenters and requested and received their bios. All commissioners must also submit a one brief paragraph bio to the conference directors. Resource team must have already reached out to resource and food vendors. Shark tank team must have invited judges and must have requested and received their bios. Registration team must have completed the conference registration form and volunteer sign-up forms. Marketing team must have contacted school and updated commission history facts sheet. Program team must have the conference schedule fully planned and must have plans for the opening and closing speeches and must have invited keynote speakers for the conference. Directors must have conference evaluation forms conference booklet completed.

Meeting # 3: Saturday, June 13th 10-1pm 2nd due date for all commissioners tasks and updates are due. All commissioners must have all their tasked completed and sent to commission staff and the ex. Board before the start of this meeting. There will be a reminder email sent out on June 6th. However, this meeting will be to make any revisions and edit to all conference materials.

Meeting #4: Saturday, June 20th 10am-2pm final planning meeting and final date for all conference materials to be finalized.

Commissioner Raghuram mentioned that she will not be available to attend the June 6th meeting due to it being the morning of Grad night. Commissioner Liu also mentioned that she will not be able to attend the May 16th meeting due to her attending her sister graduation out of state and June 13th may be the weekend she will be helping her sister move into her residency. Staff requested that commissioners submit their portion of their task to the ex. board on or before the conference planning meetings. She further explained that conference teams should meet prior to the conference planning meeting and use these meetings to update the rest of the commission. Conference Chair added that the primary purpose of the mandatory meetings is for updates and all work should be done prior to the meeting dates. Staff reminded the commission that there is short window of time to contact schools before they let out for summer. Once schools are out, it will be difficult to inform teens of the conference. Commission Chair asked who the marketing team is and Commission Liu mentioned that she and Commission Padilla are the team leads. However, communication with Commissioner Padilla has been difficult due to her limited access to internet. With that the Commission Chair assigned the ex. board to be added to the Marketing team.

- c. City Managers presentation report - Commission Liu reported on the meeting the Youth Commission had with the City Manager. She gave a brief synopsis of the meeting and informed the commissioners that the City Manager expressed his desire to continue to work with the Youth Commission in the future.

VII. Informational Items

- a. Assigned liaison reports

- i. Parks Commission - Commissioner Do was ill and was unable to attend the Parks commission meeting. Youth Commission Chair requested that she follow up with the Parks commission and return next month with a report.
- ii. Early Child and Library - Commissioner Hoang did not have a report. Youth Commission Chair asked Mr. Berman when the date for the next meeting will be. The next Library Commission meeting is schedule for May 20th at 6pm.
- iii. IPA Teen leadership report - Commissioner Khan reported that the IPA Teen leadership has been having several guest speakers such as Sylvia Kenney and Mayor Liccardo. The IPA Leadership group also attended the Human Rights speech at State University and will be attending the State Capital to be recognized later in the month.

VIII. New Business – (Action Items)

- a. Approve Ad Hoc policy recommendations final draft- Commissioner Raghuram lead the discussion and requested that each ad hoc lead give their latest updates;
 - i. [Safety recommendation](#) - Commissioner Khan didn't change much of the recommendation other then requested more allocation of funds for BEST programs to focus their programming towards middle and elementary schools.

She just added more statistics to support the recommendation.

**M/S: Commission Peddada moved to approve the recommendation.
Second by Commissioner Do.**

- ii. [Environment recommendation](#) - Commissioner Kim Do – changed the recommendation to Lawn water usage. The City of San José should place lawn water usage regulations for the residence of San José by limiting their lawn water usage. Statistical support for this recommendation comes from research done by the commissioner on the City of San Diego. Commissioner Do further explained that there is a current California regulation stating there is a fine of \$500.00 for those going over the limitation allowed. However, this may not curve the water usages by residence.

Commission Staff stated that if the city's 30 % reduction mandate is already in place, having this recommendation may not be fully supported.

Commissioners Do wants to submit it by including a very specific clause to limit lawn water usage. Although there is a 30 % mandate to reduce water consumption, the 30% is an over all (entire city) goal and not set for individuals' house holds. Therefore she would like to go forward in presenting her policy recommendation as is.

Commission Chair, asked about the \$500.00 fine. Commissioner Do further explained that currently the City of San Diego has 3 days water limit per week instead of certain amount of gallons that can be use. Therefore the

recommendation is based on quantity of time (3 days per week) and not on quantity of water.

Commission Staff was notified that the City of San Jose already has the suggested recommendation in place. Therefore she suggested that Commission Do rewrite the Environmental Recommendation as a supporting recommendation to what the City already has in place. She further encouraged the commissioners to submit their recommendations as soon as possible in order to get full credit of their ideas.

Commission Chair suggested that the commission to either write a supporting recommendation or review what is already in place and see how it can be made differently or stronger and write a new recommendation.

Commission staff intervened and suggested that due to time, it would be best to write a supporting recommendation rather than trying to write up a new recommendation.

Commissioner Do asked for time to review what the city already has in place and change the Environmental Policy recommendation to a supporting recommendation.

M/S: Commissioner Raghuram moved to approve the Environmental Policy recommendation with revision and Commissioner Liu seconds.

iii. Education recommendation - Commissioner Liu reported that Commissioner Padilla has most of the materials. Commission Raghuram reviewed the original policy which is to have Tutoring programs as an extension of learning into the summer months for teens in each community center.

Commission Chair, asked if it was a summer program. Commissioners Raghuram explained that this recommendation is similar to what the District 1 YAC has done for the youth by providing peer to peer tutoring. However, this recommendation is stating that tutoring should be included in each community center for all youth. Extend school hours into community centers

M/S: Commissioner Hoang moved to approve the Education Policy recommendation with revisions, Commissioner Do second the motion with revisions to be due by the end of the month.

iv. [Health Recommendation](#)- Commissioner T. Do presented the Healthier Recommendation that states that all city employees be require to attend a mandatory training or trainings on how to identify symptoms or signs of mental illness and how to promote positive mental health and prevent or minimize mental health issues. Commission Do based the recommendation on research conducted using the NIMH survey results and the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry as well as from the 2012 speech from President Obama. Commissioner T. Do also conducted

research using California and Santa Clara statistics. If implemented correctly, the City of San Jose may see a downward trend of poor academic performance, behavioral issues in the classroom social isolation at school and irrespective communities, challenges at home, and in the most extreme cases, suicide and violence.

Commission Liu asked if this recommendation would cover all employees or employees working with youth.

Commission Chair also wanted to add that agencies utilizing City facilities such as reuse facilities that provide programs for youth should also be included in the recommendation.

Commissioner Hoang asked if this recommendation be implemented for teacher as well. Commission staff stated that this recommendation can only be for City programs and or city facilities. Schools are not necessary governed by City therefore this recommendation will only be City base. Staff further went on to say that this recommendation comes in a good timing due to Summer youth workers are currently being hired for the summer.

M/S: Commissioner Liu approved the Health Ad Hoc Recommendation. Commissioner Khan seconded.

v. [Teen Resources recommendation](#) - Commissioner Hoang city of san jose should give businesses a tax incentives to hire students of social economic challenges such as students on the free lunch program at school.

Commissioner Sonia stated that she really likes the recommendations because it aligns with the Mayor's budget message. In his message, the Mayor targets at risk youth and quoted "The best way to stop a bullet is with a job". San José jobs youth initiative goal is to invest in youth by providing them skills that only a job can give. Commission Raghuram added that by adding the social economic challenges to the recommendation would be a good idea.

Commission Hoang will do a research on San Jose Works and update the recommendation to add this to the recommendation.

M/S: Commission Raghuram moved to approve the Teen Resource Ad Hoc Policy Recommendations with revisions and updates. Commission Khan second the motion.

b. [Youth Commission City Budget Recommendation](#) - Commissioner Raghuram reviewed the Youth Commission Budget Recommendation by identifying items from the Mayor's Budget message that the commission can support. She also indicated several other items that were not in the Mayor's budget that should be considered and include into the budget. Supporting items were as follows:

- i. Mayor's budget message, *Investment opportunities item h.*: Body-Worn Cameras:
Support the body-worn

cameras for the police officers for both the public safety and the safety of the police officers.

ii. Mayor's budget message, *Safer, Smarter San Jose item a: Gang Prevention and Intervention Efforts* - The youth commission has always supported the safe school and the summer initiative grant program and is also in support of funding the female intervention unit, street outreach, late night gym, community of learning and digital arts programs. The commission also supports the Mayor's budget message, *Safer, Smarter San Jose item b: San José Works*.

iii. Mayor's budget message, *Restoring Basic City Services item a. Opening Libraries* – The youth commission is in support of opening libraries 6 days a week. This will give youth of all backgrounds will give youth from all types of backgrounds a safe place to learn and a place to spend productive way to spend their time. Start in July will give students a safe place to go during the summer.

iv. Mayor's budget message, *Broadening Opportunity and Prosperity Item a. San Jose Learns: The Youth Commission supports the San Jose Learns program and wants to emphasis the importance of providing funding for after school and extended learning programs as stated in the Commission's Education Ad Hoc recommendation. The commission also supports the Mayor's budget message item g. Bridging the Digital Divide on the East Side and budget message item e. Homelessness given that 5% of the homeless are unaccompanied youth. The Commission also supports budget message f. Immigrant Affairs. They feel that youth who have been brought to this country at an early age should be given the opportunity to become productive adults.*

v. Under Environmental sustainability – the Youth Commission is in support of installing LED street lights for their energy efficiency. Support of completion of all four Bart station is also supported because it allows youth to connect and have better access to other areas of the city such as jobs and or school. Also by having Bart stations completed, the carbon footprint will be reduced which will help the environment.

vi. Items to add as budget recommendations from the commission are adding more environmental sustainability items such as the San Jose Green Vision has indicated to complete by 2040. Creating clean tech jobs and inter connect trails as well as making the switch to 100 % use of clean energy by making sustainable buildings and working towards zero waste and converting waste into energy. Building more electric stations and providing more public transit will encourage the public to use more electric vehicles and use public transit and that will reduce the carbon footprint in the city. These are large goals to attain, however the Youth Commission feels it is important to include in the budget message so that the goals may be reached. In addition to this, the commission would like to add that there are general funds allocated to the Youth Commission on an on going base in order to sustain the youth input in city government. environmental sustainability items such as the San Jose Green Vision has indicated to complete by 2040. Creating clean tech jobs and inter connect trails as well as making the switch to 100 % use of clean energy by making sustainable buildings and working towards zero waste and converting waste into energy. Building more electric stations and providing more public transit will encourage the public to use more electric

vehicles and use public transit and that will reduce the carbon footprint in the city. These are large goals to attain, however the Youth Commission feels it is important to include in the budget message so that the goals may be reached. In addition to this, the commission's recommendation is to allocate funds from the general fund on a year base to the Youth Commission so that the city of san jose may maintain youth input in city government.

Commission Chair requested that commissioner Raghuram submit a copy of the budget recommendation to all of the youth commissioners for further input. Commissioner Raghuram asked that all commissioners send her their input by the end of the month as previously requested.

Commission staff reviewed each commissioner's assignment in relation to the budget message and requested that each commit their input to Commissioner Raghuram to include in the final Youth Commission Budget Recommendation Document.

Commission staff also encouraged the commission to review the entire Mayor's budget message regarding the streets and road and gather youth input on the subject.

Commissioner Day also suggested that the Youth Commission Budget Recommendation document should include combating Human Trafficking issues. Staff reminded the commission of the last years commission budget recommendation that indicated taxing the Marijuana dispensaries and allocating those funds toward youth programs. Commissioner Day pointed out his concern of the lights being replaced with LED lights will end up in land fields. This too should be added to the budget recommendation.

M/S: Commissioner Do moved to approve the budget recommendation document with revisions, Commissioner Liu second.

c. 2015 Citywide youth conference proposal - Commissioner T. Do open discussion by requesting input from the commission to choose a conference name. Names they considered were, "breaking barriers, the power of you, operation you". After discussion it was decided that the conference title should be "Be the Change" what you can do for individual and community empowerment.

M/S: Commissioner Raghuram moved to approve the conference name, "Be the Change", Commissioner Liu seconded.

Commissioner T. Do reviewed the commission conference goals and objectives and asked for feedback and or corrections from the commissioners. Commissioners made corrections to the shark tank session and including the summer internship as a prize. Commissioner asked from the staff if there were going to be giving away monetary prizes. Staff said that due to the current commission funding, prizes may not be given out.

Commissioner Raghuram asked for Mr. Berman would like to be a judge for the Shark Tank session. Mr. Berman agreed to be a judge.

Commission staff suggested that the commissioners have their yac members come up with a conference design for t-shirt. Commissioner Raghuram added that her school is capable of producing the t-shirts for the conference at a low cost. Staff will see if that is allowed.

M/S: Commissioner Liu moved to approve the conference proposal and commission Raghuram seconded.

d. Discuss the Youth Service Master Plan – Commission Chair moved to table this discussion for the next meeting due to time.

M/S: Commissioner Liu moved to table the discussion of the Youth Service Master Plan till Saturday May 2, 2015, Commissioner T. Do seconded.

e. Approve attendance to the Challenge Day in Sacramento - Commissioner Hoang informed the commission of her travel plans to Sacramento to participate in the Afterschool Challenge day.

M/S: Commissioner Do moved to approve the attendance to the Challenge Day in Sacramento, Commissioner Liu seconded.

IX. Commissioners Reports – Commission Chair moved to table the commissioner’s reports for the next meeting due to time.

M/S: Commissioner Raghuram moved to table commissioner’s report to the following commission meeting, Commission Khan seconded.

X. Staff Report

a. CalSac’s Annual CA Afterschool Challenge – Commission Staff informed the commissioners of the dates and times for the Afterschool Challenge and informed the commission that they will be speaking on the bill SB211 which is to expand learning to afterschool. And supporting the reinvestment of quality school age child care AB2125. Commissioner attending will go through a legislative training and how to do advocate in preparation to meet with assembly members presentations.

b. Youth Commission vacancies and recruitment – Commission staff informed the commissioners that the City’s clerk’s office received over 40 youth commission applications. Most of the applications came from district 8 due to the outreach that was conducted in that particular district. Appointment of new commissioner will be May 12, 2015 at 7pm during the evening council meeting.

Commission Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm

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