



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

City of San José Youth Commission

Citywide – Erica Lin

District 1 – Alvin Fan

District 3 – Karly Vaughn

District 5 – Jessie Quijada

District 7 – Leady Valencia

District 9 – Jaesung Kim

District 2 – Kim Hoang Do

District 4 – Rose Hoang

District 6 – Spencer Day

District 8 – Siddharth Venkatraman

District 10 – Parniya Khosravi

Meeting Minutes September 28, 2015

The San José Youth Commission convened their monthly meeting on September 28, 2015 at 6:30pm in the City Hall Council Chambers.

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Commissioner Lin – Absent

II. Consent Calendar

Approval of the August 24, 2015 meeting minutes.

M/S – Upon motion by Commissioner Hoang, seconded by Commissioner Kim August 24th Commission meeting minutes were approved.

III. Open Forum – None

IV. Ceremonial Items

Commission Chair presented Mr. Edwin Cortez with a certificate of appreciation for his role in the 2015 Youth Commission retreat.

V. Reports

- a. Council Liaison report - Ms. Andrea Hyde congratulated the new commissioners and gave a brief report on council's action on housing for the homeless. Transitional housing pilot program was approved and should take place within nine to a year's timeframe. Converting motels into short term housing for the homeless was also approved with the second phase to be reviewed in the next coming months.
- b. San José Public Library report – Mr. Erik Berman reported that solar panels were being added to the Edenvale Library and also reported on a new online streaming service the Library has launched called Hoopla. It is a free streaming service for movies, T.V shows and books. The library continues to work on outreaching to the

community and informed them of the many resources the Library has. Mr. Berman answered questions from the commissioners and addressed TeensReach and the King library youth center.

- c. PRNS Department Deputy Director Ms. Suzanne Wolf spoke on the importance of the voice and representation of youth through the commission's involvement. Ms. Wolf explained her role to the commission and encouraged the commissioners to exercise their leadership by ensuring that their voice is a collective one. She further explained the importance of their involvement during the budget season and concluded her report by reminding the commissioners of the impact they have within the City. She answered several questions the commissioners had regarding The Youth Master Plan, Suicide awareness training for youth works and the support PRNS extends to the District 5 Peace Walks.
- d. Mayor's Office report – Mr. Paul Pereira reported on the San Jose Works Summer Youth Employment program. The program was a success as it employed 234 youth many which were 14 and 15 years of age throughout the city. The program had a 93% retention rate with 20 students securing part time manufacturing jobs as they attend college. Student received life skills and job skills and were employed by city and private agencies. Mr. Pereira answered questions from the commission and explained the difference between the County youth job program and the City's program.

VI. Executive Board Report

- a. Training Debrief – Commission Chair reported on the September training focus topic that was related to messaging and how to address different members of the community.
- b. Ad Hoc updates - Commissioners Hoang reported that the first Ad Hoc working meeting to place earlier in the day. The time line for ad hoc teams to have a preliminary update by December. And then again in February and finalized in March.
- c. Liaisons assignments updates:
 - i. Parks Commission – Commission Quijada invited the Parks Commission Chair to the podium. Mr. Jimenez gave a brief report on the Parks Commission and what they advise the council on. They name parks and approve temporary use of parks and review items on the parks commission workplan. He also invited the youth commission to attend the parks commission and give an update of what the youth is doing.
 - j. Early Child and Library Commission – Commissioner Vaughn was unable to attend. Next Early Child and Library Commission meeting is set for Oct 21st from 7-9pm at the Edenvale Library

VII. Informational Items

- a. Mr. Matthew Quevedo the Outreach Coordinator for Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley informed the commissioners of the need they have in spreading the word out to homeowners who may be eligible to received their services. Rebuilding together is a non-profit organization that is funded by the City of San Jose through CDBG funding. They provide free home repairs to low income home owners by bringing volunteers together for a day of home repairs. Their focus are senior and disable

residence that need their homes updated and repaired. There is a belief that there is a great disconnect between the teens and senior. Mr. Quevedo hopes that the Youth Commission can help spread the word to their senior counter parts and help spread the word to those that may need their free service.

- b. Commission Chair Alvin Fan informed the commission of that he attended the Bill Wilson drop in centers open house and encouraged the rest of the commissioners to continue to address the needs of homeless teens.
- c. Commission Chair Alvin Fan informed the commissioners that he has outreached to the Earthquake's in regards to the Soccer Tournament that was mentioned during their retreat. Commission Chair asked if any of the commissioners would like to combine the Special Olympics with the Soccer Tournament event.
- d. Commissioner Day informed the commission he attended a meeting at the Hub Center with the Commission Staff. At the meeting he learned of the need foster teens that are in transition have in terms of housing. Commissioner Day brought this to the attention of the commission in hopes that they would want to address this issue.

M/S – Upon motion by Commission Hoang, second by Commissioner Do, the issues of foster teens who are in transition will be deferred to Teen Resource Ad Hoc and the D3 YAC to address. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. New Business – (Action Items)

- a. 2015/16 Youth Commission Work Plan approval – Commission Chair Fan reviewed the updated 2015/16 Youth Commission work plan.

M/S – Upon motion by Commissioner Hoang, seconded by Commissioner Khosravi The 2015/16 Youth Commission Work plan was approved. Motioned carried unanimously.

- b. District Specific YAC work-plans – none to present.
- c. Review and approve the new Youth Commission Logo – Commissioners discussed the logo that was presented and gave their comments.

M/S – Upon motion by Commissioner Vaughn, seconded by Commissioners Valencia the decision to approve the logo was tabled until edits have been done. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Commissioners Reports

- District 1 - Commissioner Fan gave a brief report on the D1 YAC activities.
- District 2 - Commissioner Do announced she will be hosting a YAC social.
- District 3 - Commissioner Vaughn reported she held her first yac meeting.
- District 4 - Commissioner Hoang reported the D4 YAC has partnered with UNICEF For a joint event on Oct. 30th at the Berryessa Center.
- District 5 - Commissioner Quijada reported he held a yac meeting in D5.
- District 6 - Commissioner Day reported he is on track to have his first yac meeting.
- District 7 - Commissioner Valencia reported 15 yac members and will being soon.
- District 8 - Commissioner Venkatraman reported the D8 YAC involvement in Day

In the Park on Oct. 3rd.

District 9 - Commissioner Kim reported he held his first YAC meeting.

District 10 - Commissioner Khosravi reported on her first YAC meeting.

City Wide - Commissioner Lin was not present to report.

IX. Staff Report –

- a. Mayors Gang Prevention Task Force – Staff will be attending the mayors Gang prevention Task Force retreat on October 16th on behalf of the Youth Commission.
- b. Viva Calles San Jose – Staff will be attending the volunteer training session on Oct. 6th and invited the commissioners to attend with her.
- c. Youth Commission speaker request - Staff is currently working on getting more speakers to come to the commission meetings.
- d. Youth Safety Coalition Meeting report – Staff reported that the Safety Coalition will be meeting on a monthly base to address teen safety in San Jose with a strong focus on drugs and alcohol.
- e. Announcements – Staff reminded the commissioners of their monthly reports.

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

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