

MINUTES
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)
Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 9, 2021
Place of Meeting: Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting).

Commissioner Rachel Plummer called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

A. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Nia Gupte, Crystal Huang, Elizabeth Jiang, Nidhi Kaki and Rachel Plummer

Committee Member Alternates Present:

Nitya Kaki

Committee Members Absent:

Khloe Cruz and Fengyi Huang

City Staff Present:

Staff Liaison, Anthony Teschera
Staff Liaison, Josh Clevenger
Recording Secretary, Justin Yount

City Council Liaison Present:

absent

B. Seating of Alternates Nitya Kaki

C. Pledge of Allegiance Commissioner Rachel Plummer led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Agenda **Motion** Approve, December 9, 2021 Agenda
M/S: Plummer/C. Huang Ayes: All

E. Approval of Minutes **Motion** Approve, October 14, 2021 Minutes
M/S: Plummer/Nidhi Kaki Ayes: All

F. Announcements/Correspondence
None

G. Public Forum
None

H. Business Items

1. Work Plan 2021-22 Review

a. Health and Mental Wellness – F.Huang, Plummer, Gupte
Commission brainstormed ideas for activities physical and mentally (guided meditation) for students to participate in around Spring Finals time to better mental health. Staff advised Commission to prepare ideas and materials to give out during that time. With the large-scale events on Work Plan, a tips and tricks handout would be appropriate for this type of event. This would be a gathering of resources and handed out at school possibly during Club Rush. Commissioner will examine details, dates/times and gather for next meeting.

Motion to put out a handout for mental health and awareness to be given out at schools.

M/S: Plummer/C. Huang

Ayes: All

b. Coding Competition – F. Huang, Plummer, Gupte
Staff displayed flyer from previous 2019 event as a guide for discussion for upcoming competition details. Commission was advised to research and obtain a contact for potential partner for event as well as discuss possible fundraising for this as well. This event would be held at the Teen Center. There would be a resident (\$5) and non-resident (\$30) fee. There would be three divisions – grades 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12. Date/Time for event is set for 3/19/22 from 2:30pm-7pm – grades 4-6 2:30pm-4pm, grades 7-9 3:30pm-5pm and grades 10-12 5pm-7pm. Registration will be through ActiveNet as done with previous event. Staff will manage that process. All details to be finalized at January meeting.

Motion to hold a Coding Competition on Saturday, 3/19/22, with the divisions of grades 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12 with fees as \$5 for residents and \$30 for non-residents with times of 2:30pm-4pm for 4-6 division, 3:30pm-5:30pm for 7-9 division and 5pm-7pm for 10-12 division.

M/S: Plummer/C Huang

Ayes: All

c. Spelling Bee – C. Huang, Plummer, Gupte
Staff displayed flyer from previous 2017 event as a guide for discussion for upcoming Spelling Bee. Staff stressed that this would be a great opportunity for Commission to fundraise. Event would consist of two divisions – grades 1-3 and 4-6. Event will take place at the Teen Center and Community Center just as previously held. Date is set for 4/22/22. Registration to be submitted in-person, however, staff will finalize. Times are grades 1-3 5pm-6:30pm (at Community Center) and 4-6 7pm-8:30pm (at Teen Center). Registration fee will be \$5. Subcommittee advised to prepare word lists for next meeting.

Motion to hold Spelling Bee on Friday, 4/22/22 for grades 1-6 with a \$5 registration fee with divisions 1-3 from 5-6:30pm at the Community Center and 4-6 from 7pm-8:30pm at the Teen Center.

2. Teen Center Events

The Commission debriefed and provided feedback on the previously held Teen Center Halloween event. Commission thought event was fun and also, a great opportunity to see Commissioners in person. Marketing could have been improved, with more publicity at school. More attendance by the teen demographic was encouraged for future. Flyers were suggested for school bulletin boards and social media posts were encouraged as well. Staff encouraged Commission to outreach more amongst their peers. Paint night was successful, however, Commission expressed a scale back of electronic games and an incorporation of more interactive and/or engaging activities.

3. Volunteer Opportunities

Staff reached out to Commission regarding a teen night at the City's Holiday Magic event on Main Street. Teen night for event is scheduled for 12/17 from 4pm-9pm. This is a good opportunity for Commissioners to come out and support event. Commission advised to reach out to staff if interested.

4. Youth Advisory Scholarship

Two fundraising opportunities are available. Information regarding the Youth Scholarship to be sent out after the New Year. Commission will select winner based on information provided. Fundraising opportunities are still encouraged and have been suggested to bring forward to next meeting.

I. City Council Liaison Report

None

J. Future Agenda Items

YAC Scholarship Process
Work Plan Execution

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Rachel Plummer adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Yount
Recording Secretary