

MINUTES
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)
Date of Meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020
Place of Meeting: Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting).

Saili Karkare called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

A. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Saniya Shrotriya, Saili Karkare, Fengyi Huang and Aruna Doreswamy

Committee Member Alternates Present:

Andrea Liu and Tejas Balebail

Committee Members Absent:

Meghana Ambalathingal

City Staff Present:

Staff Liaison, Anthony Teschera
Recording Secretary, Justin Yount

City Council Liaison Present:

Absent

B. Seating of Alternates Andrea Liu

C. Pledge of Allegiance Chairperson Karkare led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Approval of Agenda **Motion** Approve, November 12, 2020 Agenda
M/S: Doreswamy/Shrotriya Ayes: All

E. Approval of Minutes **Motion** Approve, October 8, 2020 Minutes
M/S: Shrotriya/Karkare Ayes: All

F. Announcements/Correspondence
None

G. Public Forum

Public comment was received by Urvishkumar Mehta stating that he would like the Commission to focus on distance learning education, online courses, congressional award program, volunteer services, and youth participation in recreation.

H. Business Items

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update – Gates and Associates

Linda Gates from Gates and Associates provided the Commission a status update on the progress of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. This will help in providing a roadmap to guide future projects/park improvements. Such items discussed included fee structure/cost recovery, opportunities to enhance parks to meet needs of the community and engaging the community through outreach. An online survey was conducted from 12/19-4/20 as well as from 7/20-present to obtain community input. Virtual Townhall meetings were held on 10/10 and 10/14. Linda Gates and staff encouraged Commission to take the online survey.

Public comment was received on this item by Urvishkumar Mehta requesting youth based virtual programs.

2. Work Plan Events – Confirm Virtual Events

Item discussed in Subcommittee Break out

3. Work Plan Proposal 2020-21

Item discussed in Subcommittee Break out

4. Subcommittee Break Out

a. Career Day – No updates were provided. Last meeting's discussion will carry over.

b. Film Competition – Event will be the same as last years. There will be two categories – Tobacco and an Open category. Commission suggestion promotion through Friday Night Live at Milpitas High School as well as hosting winning video.

c. Mental Health Awareness – Staff is encouraging Commission to look for partnership with organization to host event. Commissioners are to continue researching and be ready with ideas and next meeting.

d. Teen Center Events – Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to Milpitas High Club for support with E Sport Tournament and ideas. Other Commissioner ideas included care packages for mental health purposes as well as a possible Drive-in movie which would require further research as it may be impacted by the current pandemic. There was also an idea of zoom breakout rooms with featured movies that would require further research by the Commission.

e. Tobacco Free Communities – Commission encouraged to research further and be ready at next meeting for discussion.

Public comment was received on this item by Urvishkumar Mehta requesting that Commission look into the creation of a youth/amateur based radio club as well as radio frequencies in the State of California.

5. YAC Social – City Staff

Commissioners Shrotriya and Karkare attended the brainstorming informative that had taken place on Thursday, 10/14. This zoom session included YAC members from all around the Bay Area and included breakout rooms with various agendas, work plan discussions and YAC discussion topics such as Mental Health, Social Justice, COVID Adapting Events, and Games.

I. City Council Liaison Report

None

J. Future Agenda Items

Subcommittee reports
Work Plan Approvals
Scheduling of Work Plan Events
Commission By Laws/Updating

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Karkare adjourned the meeting at 7:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Yount
Recording Secretary