

MINUTES
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes: Meeting of the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)
Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2021
Place of Meeting: Via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting).

Saili Karkare called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.

A. Roll Call

Committee Members Present:

Saili Karkare, Saniya Shrotriya, Aruna Doreswamy, Meghana Ambalathingal, Tejas Balebail, Fengyi Huang, Andrea Liu

Committee Member Alternates Present:

Nidhi Kaki and Rachel Plummer

Committee Members Absent:

None

City Staff Present:

Staff Liaison, Anthony Teschera
Recording Secretary, Justin Yount

City Council Liaison Present:
Councilmember Chua

B. Seating of Alternates None

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

D. Approval of Agenda **Motion** Approve, January 14, 2021 Agenda
M/S: Shrotriya/Balebail Ayes: All

E. Approval of Minutes **Motion** Approve, November 12, 2020 Minutes
M/S: Huang/Liu Ayes: Karkare,
Huang, Liu
Abstain:
Ambalathingal,
Doreswamy, Shrotriya,
Balebail

F. Announcements/Correspondence

Staff encouraged Commission to pay close attention to Work Plan items and Subcommittee assignments and responsibilities so that there is a full understanding

of the various jobs and allocated tasks of each. Newly appointed Councilmember Liaison Evelyn Chua was also introduced.

G. Public Forum

Urvishkumar Mehta, Milpitas, Advising Commission to provide substance to the youth/children where children can get education, build necessary resources on what is required to get educated, with regards to a distance learning system. Technology plays a part as well.

H. Business Items

1. Work Plan Events – Confirm Virtual Events

Item discussed in Subcommittee Break out

2. Work Plan Proposal 2020-21

Item discussed in Subcommittee Break out

3. Subcommittee Break Out

a. Career Day – Karkare, Liu, and Huang

- This event will take place virtually between March-May and will consist of breakout rooms with a series of rotations. Committee will compile a list of contacts at Milpitas High School. Staff has advised Committee to find panelists and allow 3-4 weeks for preparation purposes.

b. Film Competition – Shrotriya, Plummer, and Karkare

- Event potentially taking place in May. Committee to look into possible Art teachers at Milpitas High School to judge films. Competition will consist of two categories – Short film (1-3 minutes) and an Open category (2 minute minimum/10 minute maximum). Event will also consist of Middle School and High School students, with a possibility of an Open competition with possible group submissions. Submissions will be due by April. Committee has also been tasked to complete contents of event flyer by 1/21. In addition, Councilmember Chua will look to partner YAC with the Library and Education Commission on this event.

c. Mental Health Awareness – Liu, Kaki, and Doreswamy

- Committee suggested to make contact with NAMI: National Alliance on Mental Illness in hopes of a possible collaboration. Event proposed to take place in May and Committee has been tasked to complete event flyer and details.

d. Teen Center Events – Shrotriya, Doreswamy, and Ambalathingal

- Committee will look to partner with Milpitas High School club. Care packages will accompany event and will correspond to the themes of the various workplan items. Teen Center giveaways in these packages will consist of pop sockets, lanyards, etc. Committee suggested a takeaway worksheet and possible participation from Cici's Sweet Treats. Staff will follow up on distribution of food items. It was also agreed upon

that Teen Center Events and E-Sports will be separate subcommittees.

Motion to move E-Sports into a second subcommittee

M/S: Balebail/Liu

Ayes: All

e. E-Sports – Balebail, Shrotriya, Liu, and Plummer

- Committee is looking at Milpitas High School Club to hold event with a sponsorship of \$100-\$200. Staff will confirm if this can be done with gift cards. Event will consist of a single elimination tournament either Valorant, League, or Minecraft - \$40 for the server, free games that will require your own computer. Prize ideas may consist of gift cards or money. Committee is aiming to have Middle School and High School participants. Event Flyer with details will be advertised on Instagram. Event is tentatively scheduled for April during Spring Break.

f. Tobacco Free Communities – Tejas and Plummer

- Staff will follow-up on status of Youth Voice Live event and if that may be occurring again for a possible collaboration. This will be a small scaled event. Committee will reach out to Friday Night Live Club at Milpitas High School for potential partnership.

I. City Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Chua provided updates on City Council items.

J. Future Agenda Items

Subcommittee reports
Commission By Laws

K. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chairperson Karkare adjourned the meeting at 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Justin Yount
Recording Secretary