



CITY OF MILPITAS

Youth Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Thursday, January 9, 2025

40 N. Milpitas Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huang called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Chair Huang called roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Crystal Huang, Commissioners Nia Gupte, Parnika Sadhu, and Vienna Sun (6:02 p.m.)

ABSENT: Commissioner Ashton Chen, Nitya Kaki, Ayanna Medina-Ashby and Srinand Mudunuri

City Liaison: None

City Staff: Ruby General – Recreation Supervisor
Vince Collantes – Program Coordinator
Ming Chen – Public Service Assistant II

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Huang led the pledge of allegiance.

ALTERNATE SEATING

Commissioner Sadhu was seated as a voting member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the Agenda for January 9, 2025.

M/S: Huang/Gupte

AYES: All

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes for December 12, 2024.

M/S: Huang/Sadhu

AYES: All

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members from the public in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Staff Collantes will be out of the office from February through early March.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Advising Area Discussion

Recommendation: Discuss ways to address you vaping in our community. Discuss any additional topics, challenges, and concerns that Commissioners have pertaining to youth and teens in our community.

Commissioner Sadhu shared with the Commission the Valley Water Youth Commission's donation event to provide hygiene kits for the unhoused community.

Commissioner Gupte shared with the Commission events happening such as the blessing bags for the unhoused and the youth tenant meeting held at Sunnyhill's apartment.

B. Volunteering and Tabling

Recommendation: Review sign-up sheet. Receive updates from Commissioners tabling at the City's Lunar New Year event.

Chair Huang shared with the Commission of activities planned for the tabling event. A few things mentioned were advertisements of the Commission's future events, how to make dumplings or lanterns and giving out candy related to the event.

C. College Workshop

Recommendation: Receive updates from College Workshop subcommittee.

Subcommittee:

Commissioners Gupte, Mundunuri and Sadhu

Commissioner Gupte gave updates on the College Workshop to the Commission. The workshop will be held in person and streamed via Zoom. It will last two hours, with two breaks in between, and snacks will be provided. Staff informed the Commission that several local organizations have expressed interest in helping and assisting with the College Workshop.

MOTION for the subcommittee to continue to find partnerships with local college prep groups to assist and help host the College Essay Workshop.

M/S: Huang/Gupte

AYES: All

D. Youth Spelling Bee

Recommendation: Receive updates from Youth Spelling Bee subcommittee.

Subcommittee:

Chair Huang, Commissioners Gupte and Chen

Commissioner Gupte shared with the Commission of the tentative plan and logistics of the Youth Spelling Bee.

Date: March 29

Time: Division 1, first – third grade, 5:30 – 6:45 p.m.

Division 2, fourth – sixth grade, 7:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Barbara Lee Senior Center's Denny Weisgerber Community Room

The Commission will aim to bring back previous judges as well as some new ones for this year's spelling bee. The difficulty of the words will be adjusted, and roles will be assigned to commissioners. The subcommittee would like to hold an informational Zoom meeting with participants and parents to ensure everyone is aware of the procedures and to minimize any potential conflicts on the day of the event. The Commission further discussed logistics of the Youth Spelling Bee.

The subcommittee would like the Commission to vote on whether to give out trophies or medals.

MOTION for the subcommittee to continue to work on the Youth Spelling Bee and for Staff to purchase trophies for first, second and third place winners for each division.

M/S: Huang/Gupte

AYES: All

E. Volleyball Competition

Recommendation: Discuss the Volleyball Competition, including competition rules, format, and volunteers. Assign subcommittee creation of flyer.

Subcommittee:

Chair Huang, Vice Chair Kaki and Commissioner Chen

Chair Huang gave updates and discussed with the Commission of the logistics and plans for the Volleyball Competition. Some things discussed were location, registration, volunteers, competition rules and prizes.

LIAISON REPORT

A. Report from City Staff

Staff reported on past events and shared with the Commission of upcoming Teen Center events.

B. Report from City Liaison

There were no reports from the City Liaison.

UPCOMING AGENDA

College Essay Workshop, Youth Spelling Bee Competition, Volleyball Competition and Cultural Diversity Tabling

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huang adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m.