



CITY OF MILPITAS

Youth Advisory Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:01 pm

Thursday, March 13, 2025

40 N. Milpitas Blvd. Milpitas, CA 95035

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Huang called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Chair Huang called roll.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Crystal Huang, Commissioners Ashton Chen, Nia Gupte, Samyuktha "Sam" Rangarajan, Parnika Sadhu (6:04 p.m.), and Vienna Sun

ABSENT: Vice Chair Nitya Kaki, Commissioners Ayanna Median Ashby, and Srinand Mudunuri

City Liaison: None

City Staff: Ruby General – Recreation Supervisor
Vince Collantes – Recreation Coordinator
Amanda Ingua – Public Service Assistant II

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Huang led the pledge of allegiance.

ALTERNATE SEATING

Commissioner Chen was seated as an alternate.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION to approve the Agenda for March 13, 2025.

M/S: Huang/Gupte

AYES: All

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Minutes for February 13, 2025.

M/S: Sun/Sadhu

AYES: All

ABSTAIN: Chen, Gupte, Huang

PUBLIC FORUM

Two members of the public observed the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Staff Collantes reminded the Commission of the contribution duties of serving on this commission.

BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Advising Area Discussion

Recommendation: Continue discussing any topics, challenges, and concerns that Commissioners have observed pertaining to youth and teens in our community.

The Commission decided to discuss the advising area in the next meeting.

B. Milpitas Teen Center Meet-Ups

Recommendation: Receive updates from Staff Liaison Collantes regarding the current holding account balance.

The current holding account amount is \$17,436.85. The next meet-ups will be held at Fosters Freeze (March 21), Dave and Busters (April), and Somi Somi (May).

MOTION to fund the upcoming three Milpitas Teen Center Meet-Ups held at Fosters Freeze, Dave and Busters, and Somi Somi.

M/S: Huang/Gupte

AYES: All

C. Volunteering and Tabling

Recommendation: Discuss the success and challenges of Holi Festival tabling.

The Commission could not host an info table at the City's Holi Festival due to a lack of handout materials needed. Commissioner Gupte and Mudunuri were present to assist with event needs.

D. College Workshop

Recommendation: Receive updates from the College Workshop subcommittee. Staff Liaison Collantes recommends postponing the College Workshop to a later date.

The Commission decided on the following dates to reschedule:

Option #1: Saturday, May 17, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Option #2: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

MOTION to move the event to May 17 or May 14, have Staff Liaison Collantes speak with Ivy Boost to confirm availability, contact the union to help advertise, and have the subcommittee meet as many times as necessary before the April 10 meeting to update the flyer and finalize the event, and contact the MHS bulletin manager to resize their flyer to post on their Instagram.

M/S: Huang/Sadhu

AYES: All

E. Youth Spelling Bee Competition

Recommendation: Receive updates from the Youth Spelling Bee Competition subcommittee. Finalize all competition details. Staff Liaison Collantes recommends postponing the Youth Spelling Bee Competition to a later date.

The Commission decided on the following date to reschedule:

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 19, 2025, Time TBD (parent informational meeting)

The Subcommittee needs to update the following items on the flyer:

Date, Time, Location, add registration link, the admission fee for participants and audience, informational meeting date, RSVP, and link.

MOTION to move the event to April 26, finalize the flyer as needed, the Subcommittee will contact the judges for availability, have Staff Liaison Collantes publicize the flyer with the After the Bell families, share the flyer on Parent Square and post a physical flyer at the Milpitas Library, assign the Subcommittee to meet as many times as necessary to progress the Youth

Spelling Bee Competition and finalize the word list and presentation to present to the Commission before the upcoming April 10 meeting.

M/S: Huang/Gupte

AYES: All

F. Volleyball Competition

Recommendation: Receive updates from the Volleyball Competition Subcommittee. Staff Liaison Collantes recommends hosting a drop-in volleyball night in partnership with the Milpitas Teen Center.

The Commission decided to change the Volleyball Competition to a collaborative drop-in volleyball event with the Milpitas Teen Center on Friday, May 2, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Milpitas Sports Center.

MOTION to change the Volleyball Competition to a drop-in volleyball event with the Milpitas Teen Center on Friday, May 2, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., have Staff Liaison Collantes contact the Milpitas Teen Center to coordinate the event, the Subcommittee will finalize the flyer before the upcoming April 10 meeting.

M/S: Huang/Sadhu

AYES: All **NOES:** Chen

LIAISON REPORT

A. Report from Councilmember

Staff reported that close to 5 million in federal funding has been granted to the City of Milpitas for improving traffic and pedestrian safety.

B. Report from City Liaison

Staff provided updates on the upcoming Commissioners Recognition event held on April 17, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Milpitas Community Center. The Milpitas Youth Force is now accepting applications.

UPCOMING AGENDA

Cultural Diversity Tabling, College Workshop, Youth Spelling Bee Competition, Volleyball Competition, and Community Service Scholarship.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Huang adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.