



Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

Zoom Webinar – Pleasanton, CA October 13, 2021 - 7 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairperson Tess Shotland.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Kimberley Chew, Christina Costanzo, Ajay Immadi, Nikita Jadhav, Ella Min, Kelly Mokashi, Karishma Parikh, Mirika Pohray, Tejas Prakash, Zaynah Shah, Carys Shannon, and Chairperson Tess Shotland.

Commissioners Absent: Ella Piergrossi and Ashwin Sriram.

Staff Present: Nicole Thomas, Recreation Supervisor; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Ms. Thomas commented on the approval of AB 361 to allow the suspension of Brown Act provisions during the Covid pandemic. She noted that members of the public wishing to participate in the Zoom meeting and comment on any of the agenda items can do so during the meeting. The public should use the “raise your hand” button on their device or press *6 button on their phone to provide comment.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chew, seconded by Commissioner Mokashi, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2021, Youth Commission Meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Presentation - Owen Wise-Pierik, Conner Lam, Andrew Hui, and Arvind Swamynathan - API-Chat / SPLAT Projects

Mr. Wise-Pierik provided information about the API-Chat and SPLAT group and the work they are doing to educate members of the community on teen tobacco use, the work they did to bring about the Tobacco Ordinance, and how it is affecting the community. He discussed the need to share materials with the hope that the commission will become a resource in getting information out.

Mr. Lam advised that he is a student at Foothill High School who created a short video that provides information on the facts and consequences of vaping and the resources available to help people quit vaping.

Mr. Hui advised he no longer lives in Pleasanton but had also worked on his video when he was a senior in high school in Pleasanton. He noted the intent for the video to be used on social media as a way of sharing information about the new tobacco ordinance.

Mr. Swamynathan noted that his video can also be shown as a slide presentation and that in some areas it includes information on the basics of vaping, how companies can hook kids with their marketing concepts, the new retail licensing, and tobacco restriction ordinance.

Mr. Wise-Pierik questioned if the commission would like for him to share the videos with them and whether they have the capacity of being able to share them with the community as a way of educating people about the Tobacco Ordinance.

Ms. Thomas advised that the commission was unable to have discussion on the comments that have been provided since this is not an agenda item for this meeting, but the commission could request this to be placed on the agenda for a future meeting. Chairperson Shotland indicated she would be interested in being able to discuss this matter at a future meeting and Commissioner Chew suggested Mr. Wise-Pierik forward the videos to staff.

Commissioner Mokashi indicated she was aware of Mr. Lam hosting some events at which the videos are to be shown and questioned if he wanted to share information about this with members of the commission. He advised that he was planning to host a workshop for adults November 3-4, 2021 and provided information on the different sessions and topics to be covered.

Commissioner Mokashi questioned if any other events have been planned and Mr. Wise-Pierik advised there are none and the focus of the group has been building connections.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chew, seconded by Commissioner Mokashi, requesting that the API-CHAT Community Projects items be placed on the meeting agenda for the Youth Commission's November 2021 meeting so the commission can further discuss.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Chew, Costanzo, Immadi, Jadhav, Min, Mokashi, Parikh, Pohray, Prakash, Shah, Shannon, and Chairperson Shotland.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Piergrossi and Sriram.

ABSTAIN: None

3. Public comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda.

None.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR REVIEW/ACTION/INFORMATION

4. Continued from September 8, 2021 – Selection of Commission Chair for School Year 2021/22

Ms. Thomas noted that per the City of Pleasanton's Municipal Code the commission is required to nominate and elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the 2021/2022 School. At the September 8, 2021 meeting a Vice Chairperson was selected, but because of a tie vote for selection of a chairperson it was decided to continue this item.

Commissioners again determined the two nominees to be Commissioners Prakash and Shotland and after a verbal vote for both it was determined that Commissioner Shotland should be nominated and elected to serve a second term.

A motion was made by Commission Costanzo, seconded by Commissioner Prakash, to nominate and elect Commissioner Shotland to serve a second term as Chairperson of the Youth Commission for School Year 2021/22.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Chew, Costanzo, Immadi, Jadhav, Min, Mokashi, Parikh, Pohray, Prakash, Shah, Shannon, and Chairperson Shotland.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Piergrossi and Sriram.

ABSTAIN: None

5. Review and Comment on the Youth Commission Work Plan for School Year 2021/22.

Ms. Thomas advised that to ensure the ongoing implementation of the Youth Master Plan the commission annually establishes a Work Plan that outlines projects and activities that will align with the Youth Master Plans Goals and Strategies. She noted that after the Youth Master Plan was adopted by City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees in

2010 the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee (YMPIC) was tasked with addressing options that would allow for meeting Goal #3 of the Plan:

Goal 3: Contributing Youth, Strategy 3.6 – Develop opportunities for the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee and Youth Commission to work together, integrate and simplify their missions, and implement the Youth Master Plan.

In March, 2013 the oversight of the Youth Master Plan was transferred to the Youth Commission with a recommendation that an annual work plan be established.

Ms. Thomas reviewed the Youth Commission Work Plan for 2021/22 and commissioners discussed and commented on the projects/activities included:

- a) Ptownlife.org and Ptownlife Newsletter – members of the Youth Commission agreed no changes were required.
- b) Youth in Government Day 2022 - it was agreed that another project might be added for the Public Policy Subcommittee to undertake.
- c) Parent/Student Educational Opportunities – staff and the Youth Commission will need to determine what the focus should be for this.
- d) Health and Wellness Subcommittee to decide on a project. No project was identified.
- e) Teen Job Fair – staff and the Youth Commission need to decide on whether this project is to be held.
- f) City Community Grant Program/Youth Category – it was agreed by the commission that no changes were needed.
- g) Opportunities for expanding connections to Youth and Teen Services should be considered. No project was identified.

6. Selection of Subcommittee Assignments for School Year 2021/22

Ms. Thomas noted that each year the Youth Commission discusses opportunities for members of the commission to participate on different committees and in meetings that are identified in the Youth Commission's annual Work Plan. She asked that commissioners consider the four committees/subcommittees from the Youth Master Plan and select members from the commission to be representatives.

Commissioners were informed by Ms. Thomas that the four committees/subcommittees consisted of: 1) Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee, 2) Health and Wellness Subcommittee, 3) Ptownlife Website Subcommittee, and 4) Public Policy Subcommittee. She advised that participation on these subcommittees and at meetings provides for youth having a voice in the various projects and events that take place in Pleasanton. Information about the work and meeting times of the subcommittees was also provided.

Commissioners considered each of the subcommittees and volunteered to participate as follows:

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee - Commissioner Prakash (and possibly Sriram)

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| Health and Wellness Subcommittee | - Commissioners Shotland, Jadhav, Shannon, Pohray, and Parikh |
| PtownLife Website Subcommittee | - Commissioners Shotland and Pohray |
| Public Policy Subcommittee | - Commissioners Immadi, Prakash, Piergrossi, and Costanzo |

STAFF COMMENTS

7. Library and Recreation Update – Tri-Valley Youth Advisory Roundtable, November 3

Ms. Thomas provided details about the planned Tri-Valley Youth Advisory Roundtable with Dublin, Danville and San Ramon that will offer an opportunity for youth from these cities to network and work together. She advised that the Roundtable would take place by Zoom on November 3, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. with the Youth Commission Chair and Vice Chair attending and any other commissioners wishing to attend should let her know.

Commissioners Shah, Jadhav and Parikh indicated they were interested in participating in the Roundtable. Ms. Thomas will send meeting details to commissioners and indicated a report about the roundtable would be provided at an upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.