



## Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

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**157 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA  
September 21, 2022 – 7 p.m.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Commissioner Chew.

### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

### Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Kimberley Chew, Nikita Jadhav, Ella Min, Kelly Mokashi, Karishma Parikh, Mirika Pohray, Tejas Prakash, Anya Saxena, Zaynah Shah, Carys Shannon, and Ashwin Sriram.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Nicole Thomas, Recreation Supervisor; and Julian Mireles, Recreation Coordinator. (Transcribing by Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary).

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

None.

Ms. Thomas introduced Julian Mireles and advised that he would be providing staff support to some of the subcommittees.

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Approve regular meeting minutes of April 13, 2022**

A motion made by Commissioner Chew was seconded to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2022 meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.**

## **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### **2. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda.**

None.

## **MATTERS FOR THE COMMISSION'S REVIEW / ACTION / INFORMATION**

### **3. Selection of Commission Chair and Vice Chair for School Year 2022/23**

Ms. Thomas advised that annually the commission nominates and selects a Chair and Vice Chair to facilitate meetings. She asked commissioners to consider if they are interested in taking on one of these positions and then for people to be nominated to be selected as Chair and Vice Chair for the 2022/23 school year.

Commissioner Prakash nominated Commissioner Sriram for the position of Vice Chair and Commissioner Pohray nominated Commissioner Shah for the position of Chair. Commissioner Sriram nominated Commission Prakash for Chair.

Ms. Thomas suggested nominees provide a little information on the background and why they would like to be Chair of the Youth Commission.

Commissioners Sriram, Prakash, and Shah provided information about the schools they attend, the time they have served on the commission, and why they are interested in becoming the next Youth Commission Chair and/or Vice Chair. A show of hands was taken that determined Commissioner Shah to be the choice as next Youth Commission Chair and Commission Sriram as Vice Chair.

A motion made by Commissioner Saxena, seconded by Commissioner Parikh, to nominate and elect Commissioner Shah as the Youth Commission Chair for 2022/23.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Commissioners Chew, Jadhav, Min, Mokashi, Parikh, Pohray, Prakash, Saxena, Shah, Shannon, and Sriram.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN None

A motion was made by Commissioner Prakash, seconded by Chairperson Shah, to nominate and elect Commissioner Sriram as the Youth Commission Vice Chair for 2022/23.

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

AYES: Commissioners Chew, Jadhav, Min, Mokashi, Parikh, Pohray, Prakash, Saxena, Shah, Shannon, and Sriram.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN None

#### **4. Review and Approve Commission Meeting Schedule for School Year 2022/23**

Ms. Thomas provided information about meeting times for the Youth Commission as stated in Section 2.29.080 of the Pleasanton Municipal Code. She asked commissioners to review the proposed meeting schedule for the Youth Commission for school year 2022/23 and indicate any changes required. Commissioners reviewed the schedule and indicated no changes were required.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chew, seconded by Chairperson Shah to approve the Youth Commission meeting schedule for school year 2022/23.

AYES: Commissioners Chew, Jadhav, Min, Mokashi, Parikh, Pohray, Prakash, Saxena, Shah, Shannon, and Sriram.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN None

#### **5. Review and Comment on the Youth Commission 2022/23 Work Plan**

Chairperson Shah and Ms. Thomas reviewed goals and strategies of the Youth Commission Work Plan for 2022/23.

Ms. Thomas noted the first Youth Master Plan was approved by the Pleasanton City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees in 2001 and updated in 2010. She commented on the goals of the subcommittees, staff, and the commission, noting that the 2023 Teen Job Fair will be held in Pleasanton this year and will need Commission support.

Chairperson Shah commented on the importance of the Youth Commission and its subcommittees and the need to get more information out to youth in the community about its goals and achievements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Prakash, seconded by Vice Chair Sriram to approve the 2022/23 work plan.

AYES: Commissioners Chew, Jadhav, Min, Mokashi, Parikh, Pohray, Prakash, Saxena, Shah, Shannon, and Sriram.  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN None

#### **6. Selection of Subcommittee Assignments for School Year 2022/23**

Commissioners were advised by Ms. Thomas that each year the commission considers opportunities for participating on subcommittees and selects commissioners for each.

Chairperson Shah reviewed and provided information about the four subcommittees and asked commissioners to consider which subcommittee to which they would like to be assigned.

Commissioner Prakash provided information about the commission representative to the Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee, noting this was a large committee that was looking for youth input on a variety of different projects.

Commissioner Sriram and Mr. Mireles provided details about the Ptownlife subcommittee and Commissioner Prakash commented on work done previously by the Public Policy Subcommittee.

After discussing all the subcommittee goals the following representative assignments were determined:

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| Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee | - | no representative   |
| Health and Wellness Subcommittee         | - | Commissioners Min, Jadhav, Shannon, Parikh, and Pohray      |
| Ptownlife Website Subcommittee           | - | Commissioners Prakash, Sriram, Chairperson Shah             |
| Public Policy Subcommittee               | - | Commissioners Prakash, Saxena, Sriram, and Chairperson Shah |

A motion was made by Commissioner Shannon, seconded by Commissioner Parikh, to approve the subcommittee representative assignments as outlined below:

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| Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee | - | no representative   |
| Health and Wellness Subcommittee         | - | Commissioners Min, Jadhav, Shannon, Parikh, and Pohray      |
| Ptownlife Website Subcommittee           | - | Commissioners Prakash, Sriram, Chairperson Shah             |
| Public Policy Subcommittee               | - | Commissioners Prakash, Saxena, Sriram, and Chairperson Shah |

AYES: Commissioners Chew, Jadhav, Min, Mokashi, Parikh, Pohray, Prakash, Saxena, Shah, Shannon, and Sriram.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

## 7. Recreation Programs Update

Mr. Mireles and Commissioner Sriram provided information about the Hackathon event to be held at the Senior Center on October 28-29 and encouraged commissioners to share information about the event with their friends and encourage them to participate.

## **8. Public Policy Subcommittee Update**

No report.

## **9. Health and Wellness Subcommittee Update**

No report.

## **10. Ptownlife Website Subcommittee Update**

No report.

## **11. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Update**

No report.

Commissioner Saxena asked when commissioners might be provided an opportunity to discuss opportunities for the commission to engage with youth members in the community. Ms. Thomas provided information about asking for items to be included on a future meeting agenda as discussion topics for the commission to consider.

Commissioner Saxene discussed activities she had been involved in when a commission representative in Fremont. And asked that the topic be included on the next meeting agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 7 p.m.