



Youth Commission Minutes

**Operations Service Center – 157 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA
January 8, 2020 - 7 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Chairperson Jain.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Arushi Avachat, Kimberley Chew, Kristina Costanzo, Ajay Immadi, Nikita Jadhav, Kelly Mokashi, Ella Piergrossi, Tejas Prakash, Zaynah Shah, Ashwin Sriram, and Chairperson Nishant Jain.

Commissioners Absent: Keshav Patel, Tess Shotland

Staff Present: Nicole Thomas, Recreation Supervisor

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2019

Page 9 item 12: Correction to Commissioner name – Jhadhav should be Jadhav

A motion was made by Chairperson Avachat, seconded by Commissioner Prakash, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 13, 2019 as corrected. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

None.

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

None

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

4. Consider and Review Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Community Grant Midterm Report

Ms. Thomas noted that as required by the Community Grant Program, each agency is required to meet specific requirements including the submission of Final and Midterm reports. Included for the commissions review is a report prepared by Michael Patrick showing information from the midterm reports received from the agencies that received community grant funding. Ms. Thomas noted that report shows a total of \$40,000 in funds awarded to six agencies, and at the time of reporting a total of \$9,589.49 had been expended leaving a balance of \$30,410.51 to be expended by the June 30, 2020 deadline. She also noted that two of the midterm reports received had been received late. Commissioner Chew confirmed that agencies still had time to expend their remaining funds

Ms. Thomas provided information about the next Community Grant Program cycle advising that two workshops had been held recently and agencies wishing to submit an application for funding were required to attend at least one of these workshops.

Commissioners discussed the late reporting of Tri-Valley Haven and whether the commission is required to take any action. Chairperson Jain asked that information about the agency's late reporting be provided in the packet that commission reviews during the grant process at the March meeting.

Commissioner Prakash commented on earlier discussions the commission had had about being provided additional funds to allocate during the community grant funding process. Ms. Thomas advised that additional funds had not been allocated and that during the next funding cycle the commission would have \$40,000 to allocate.

Ms. Thomas provided information about the timeline for reviewing grant applications through Zoomgrants, advising that she would sending commissioners an email with detailed information about the process together with an informational video. Further information and discussion will also take place at the February commission meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMISSION REPORTS

5. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Commissioners Prakash and Sriram advised that the committee had discussed the West Las Positas corridor and made recommendations pertaining to the bike lane at this location. The committee also discussed the cost and funding for this program.

Commissioners commented on the large cost for this bike lane and after discussion Chairperson Jain recommended the committee members provide corrected information at the next meeting.

6 Special Events Subcommittee

Commissioners were advised that the subcommittee is working on final details for the Youth in Government Day. Discussions include putting together a video that will be sent to all three high schools and extending the application period for the event to be held March 27th.

Ms. Thomas encouraged members of the commission to complete an application and apply to participate. Commissioner Chew questioned whether adult members of the commission could also apply to attend portions of the event.

7. Public Policy Subcommittee

Ms. Thomas informed the commission that City Council had approved the Youth Commission's recommendation that youth members on other commissions be allowed to vote. She also commented on the vaping issue, noting that it had been suggested that members of the Public Policy Subcommittee speak with the retailers but this recommendation had been rejected.

Commissioners were informed by Ms. Thomas that this matter was being forwarded to other commissions and committees for their comments and once all comments and recommendations have been received they will be forwarded to City Council for their consideration and recommendation.

Commissioner Chew questioned whether any further action had been taken since the Youth Commission had discussed licensing. Ms. Thomas advised that the Police Chief was not in favor of this action.

8. Health & Wellness Committee

The committee advised that they are working on the teen wellness event and are putting together a video for the event.

13. Ptownlife Resource Network

No report. Members discussed the next meeting date for this committee.

10. Brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members

Commissioner Ashant noted that while attending an event in Sacramento she had an opportunity to speak with Tony Thurman from the Department of Education about his proposal for lowering the voting age.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

11. Recreation Update

Ms. Thomas provided the following information:

- Updates on the recent approval by City Council to allow youth members on other commissions the ability to vote and the potential ban of flavored tobacco products and E-cigarette devices.
- An email she was forwarded to all commissioners pertaining to “Conflict of Interest Laws” and asked commissioners to review this email and contact her with any questions.
- An email she will forward to all commissioners at the end of the month pertaining to their ability to access Zoomgrants to review community grant fund applications that have been received.

12. Library Liaison Update

No report.

13. Police Liaison Update

No report.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

February 12, 2020.

