



Youth Commission Minutes

**Operations Service Center – 157 Main Street, Pleasanton, CA
February 12, 2020 - 7 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairperson Jain.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Keshav Patel and Ella Piergrossi.

Staff Present: Nicole Thomas, Recreation Supervisor, P.D.Sgt. Julie Fragamelli; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2020

Page 4 item 10: Correction to commissioner name – Ashant should be Avachat.

A motion was made by Chairperson Avachat, seconded by Commissioner Shotland, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 8, 2020 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. Discuss Presentation for the Joint Workshop with the Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission

Ms. Thomas noted that the City of Pleasanton Youth Commission will host a joint workshop with the Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission on Wednesday April 22, 2020 at 7 p.m. at the Operations Services Center. She advised that each commission will be required to provide an update on their goals and work plans for the year and asked members of the commission if there were other topics they would like to discuss. Ms. Thomas commented on topics received from the Livermore Advisor and received other recommendations from commissioners. The list of topics included: 1) challenges being posed, 2) how items were selected, 3) cooperation from other cities, 4) how commissions connect with their city's students, 5) platform issues and hot topics, 6) important challenges to be brought back to commissions, 7) events and activities, 8) how commissions engage with youth, 9) interaction with other city commissions, and 10) viewpoints on the vaping issue.

Ms. Thomas advised that the Chair or Vice Chairperson from each commission will be asked to give a presentation on their commission's Work Plan.

5. Discuss Evaluation Process and Meeting Format for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Community Grant Funds – Youth Category Program Review

Ms. Thomas advised that at the March 11, 2020 meeting the commission will be reviewing and recommending approval of Community Grant funding applications for FY 2020/2021. As part of the process commissioners should discuss the evaluation process, meeting format and Zoomgrants process in preparation for the March meeting.

Commissioners were informed by Ms. Thomas that they needed to take time to review agency submitted applications in Zoomgrants. Commissioner Costanzo asked about submitting information after reviewing the applications and Commissioner Chew provided details on items in Zoomgrants.

Ms. Thomas commented on an issue that has been noted in Zoomgrants and advised she would provide information to commissioners that will assist with this. She advised that commissioners should make their funding recommendations in Zoomgrant and that staff would provide an Olympic Average of these recommendations in the March Staff Report. Ms. Thomas suggested commissioners read the applications carefully and make notes of any questions they would like to ask agency representatives at the meeting. She also reminded commissioners that the March meeting would commence at 6 p.m. and at this time two agencies are being asked to make presentations on two new programs for which they are requesting funding.

6. Review and Comment on the Library and Recreation Department Report for July-December 2019

Commissioners reviewed the report with Ms. Thomas.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

Commissioners Sriram advised that the committee had discussed the West Las Positas corridor bike lane recommendations and agreed the project was too expensive so had agreed to changes that would not be as costly.

8. Special Events Subcommittee

Commissioner Chang provided information about the March 25, 2020 Youth in Government Day advising that application forms have been released. She encouraged members of the commission to participate in shadowing school district and City of Pleasanton staff members, workshops and lunch.

Chairperson Jain advised commissioners that this is a great opportunity to learn more about the working of the city and school district as well a good networking mechanism.

Commissioner Shotland questioned if she would be able to participate since she did not attend one of the public schools. Ms. Thomas indicated she would check on this and advise.

9. Public Policy Subcommittee

Commissioner Costanzo advised the subcommittee would be meeting February 18 and several members will be attending the City Council meeting when they review and consider the vaping issue that is going to be presented by Assistant City Attorney Larissa Seto. She encouraged members of the commission to attend the meeting to show their support.

Ms. Thomas advised that it was important for as many members of the commission as possible to attend this Council meeting to show support. Chairperson Jain questioned if it would be beneficial to also get people from the school district to attend. Commission Chew advised that members of the county coalition group were also planning to attend.

Ms. Thomas provided information about the process for the City Council meeting and discussed why it is important for members of the commission to attend. She advised she would obtain a copy of the council meeting agenda prior to the meeting and email copies to the commission. Commissioner Prakash advised it was already available on the city's website.

Commissioner Shotland asked about the timeline for the council meeting and Commissioner Costanzo questioned if it was possible the item might be dropped from the council meeting agenda.

Commissioner Sriram provided information about a group that was trying to get youth to attend the council meeting.

Ms. Thomas commented on some necessary changes Ms. Seto had made to the vaping recommendation being presented for review by City Council

10. Health & Wellness Committee

Commissioner Shah advised that the committee had discussed the Teen Wellness event and were still trying to put together a video for the event. Ms. Thomas advised that the committee needs help in getting this done and a teacher they had been working with to accomplish it was no longer communicating with them. Commissioner Chew suggested a teacher she knew at Harvest Park School be contacted.

11. Ptownlife Resource Network

No report.

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

Chairperson Jain advised he had attended the Tri-Valley Leadership Conference and provided the commission with information about some of the topics he had found helpful.

MATTERS INITIATED BY THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Avachat indicated she had been receiving questions from individuals interested in obtaining applications to become members of the commission. Ms. Thomas provided information and commented on the timeframe for commission terms. She noted that members of the commission who are not high school seniors may be required to reapply. Ms. Thomas indicated she would contact the City Clerk and provide information to commissioners about their terms and whether they need to reapply noting that February is the official time for applying for a commission position and applicants would be notified in April.

COMMISSION REPORTS

- A. Commissioner Chew advised she was planning to attend one of the assembly presentations on Teen Esteem since the groups was once again applying for a community grant.
- B. Commissioner Shotland provided information about the upcoming Creatures of Impulse event and encouraged commissioners to attend.

STAFF COMMENTS

13. Recreation Update

Ms. Thomas provided the following:

- a) Information about the Teen Job Faire event at the San Ramon Senior Center on March 7, 2020. She advised that volunteers are needed to assist at the event and encouraged commissioners to consider volunteering.
- b) Information about the Pleasanton Hack-a-Thon on February 15-16, 2020.
- c) Information about the Teen Wellness Event "Clearing the Air" at the Firehouse Arts Center on March 5, 2020
- d) Details about the Census 2020 and getting information out to youth.

12. Library Liaison Update

No report.

13. Police Liaison Update

Sgt. Julie Fragomeli provided information about the Police Department's Decoy Operation conducted recently. She noted that during this decoy operation no Pleasanton businesses sold tobacco products to the decoy, as compared to a previous operation at which two businesses were guilty.

Ms. Thomas was provided details by Sgt. Fragomeli on how the decoy operation was conducted and Commissioner Mokashi was provided information about the laws for these types of violations.

Sgt. Fragomeli commented on how the Pleasanton Police Department works closely with the Pleasanton Unified School District and the PTA.

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

March 11, 2020.