



Youth Commission Special Meeting Minutes

Zoom Webinar – Pleasanton, CA March 31, 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, Nikita Jadhav, Kelly Mokashi, Ella Min, Karishma Parikh, Ella Piergrossi, Tejas Prakash, Zaynah Shah, Carys Shannon, Ashwin Sriram, and Chairperson Tess Shotland.

Commissioners Absent: Kristina Costanzo, Ajay Immadi, and Keshav Patel.

Staff Present: Nicole Thomas, Recreation Supervisor; Megan Campbell, Planner; Zack Reda, Management Analyst; Ania Pawlak, Office Staff; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2021.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mokashi, seconded by Chairperson Shotland, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Youth Commission Meeting. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

None.

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None.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

4. Review the Draft Strategies and Actions for the Climate Action Plan Update (CAP 2.0)

Ms. Campbell provided background information on the City of Pleasanton's original Climate Action Plan that was adopted in 2012 outlining actions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, enhancing environmental sustainability, and being prepared for climate change. At the beginning of 2020 City Council identified preparation of an updated Climate Action Plan (CAP 2.0) as being a priority in the Council Work Plan and since that time the Committee on Energy and the Environment has been reviewing project update progress reports, discussed project details, and provided feedback at project milestones.

Commissioners were advised that the next step has included developing a list of potential actions to be included in CAP 2.0. The list is considered to be in draft mode so it may be expanded and/or refined throughout the CAP process as new ideas and recommendations are made through the review and outreach process.

Ms. Campbell commented on the CAP 2.0 guidelines that include: Policy Focus, Framework, Vision, Guiding Principles, Co-Benefits, Action Selection Criteria, Action Development, Multi Criteria Analysis, Focus Areas, Strategies and Actions, Key Draft Actions, and the Summary.

Commissioner Piergrossi questioned if the City was working and partnering with the School District, especially in Science classes, as a way of informing and reaching more people.

Commissioner Mokashi questioned whether there were any specific Actions that the Youth Commission should be focusing on and become involved with that might also be expanded with the School District. Ms. Campbell commented on the specific actions outlined in the Staff Report as items the commission may want to apply focus. She noted that NS1204 Community Conservation Programs and TR1184 are actions that a number of people have indicated should be moved to high priority status.

Commissioner Mokashi asked Ms. Campbell to confirm that this matter would be presented to the City and School District Liaison Committee. Ms. Campbell indicated staff would be happy to present to this committee but needed to know who to contact. Commissioner Mokashi noted she would be pleased to provide information to members of the PUSD Board.

Ms. Thomas commented on programs already being provided at the Alviso Adobe that cover conservation and she was unsure how the Youth Commission might become involved in them. She discussed with Ms. Campbell the steps required for removing low priority actions from the list and actions that other groups have deemed as needing to move to a higher priority status.

Commissioner Chew felt Action CR1143 Community Gardens was an action the Youth Commission could get involved with. Commissioner Piergrossi agreed and felt it was an important way of being able to help the under-represented. Chairperson Shotland agreed with CR1143 and felt it would be a way of getting kids involved in nature.

Commissioner Mokashi thought TR1184 VMT Reduction Study for K-12 Activities could become a school program for students and something the commission could also focus on.

Commissioner Mokashi discussed with Ms. Campbell gardens in place in city parks and the possibility of doing something similar on school district property. She also commented on WR1200 Improving Water Quality and Supply as also being something that the commission could be involved with. Mr. Reda stated that this did not need to be an action item for the commission but could be included as an item the commission believes should be a high priority. Commissioner Mokashi felt this could also apply to BE1173 Municipal Solar Panels and CR1143 Community Gardens.

Commissioner Chew felt that CR1143 was an action that the commission could engage in but was not necessarily something that should be given a high priority status. Commissioner Piergrossi questioned if it was necessary to move the item to high priority status for it to remain on the action list, or could it be removed and taken as a project for the Youth Commission. Ms. Campbell agreed that this was something that could be done,

Chairperson Shotland questioned if placing BE1173 as a high priority would mean solar panels should be installed on school buildings. Ms. Campbell advised that CAP 2.0 does not call out projects for the school district buildings only municipal buildings, but if that is something the commission feels strongly about it could be included.

Commissioner Chew was provided information by Ms. Campbell on who would oversee the grant program for MC1126 Collaborative Consumption.

Chairperson Shotland confirmed that CR1143 Community Gardens was something that the Youth Commission was interested in working on but wondered how this could be undertaken given the fact that people were not able to meet in person because of COVID. Ms. Thomas noted it was already on City Council's Priorities List but thought it was something the commission could also work on. Ms. Campbell felt leaving it on the list would help keep it on everyone's radar.

Ms. Campbell commented on updating of the CAP 2.0 Action checklist with Commissioner Piergrossi.

Ms. Thomas asked why if the vehicle emissions were a high priority for many people why it was indicated as a low priority on the action list. Ms. Thomas was advised that staff is considering

expanding this because other people have also expressed interest in raising this to a high priority. Commissioner Mokashi agreed there was merit in raising this to high priority.

Commissioner Mokashi again discussed the potential for partnering with the School District and Commissioner Piergrossi felt it was a way for elementary school students to get interested. Commissioner Mokashi commented on school site renovations to be made and there possibly being a potential for some actions to be included. Chairperson Shotland agreed that involving students at the elementary level would be good. Commissioner Shah also agreed.

Commissioner Mokashi confirmed that CR1143 and NS1204 were actions the Youth Commission would like to move to high priority but was unsure that TR1184 was relevant.

Commissioner Sriram felt NS1204 and CR1143 were actions that should be expanded and moved to high priority. Commissioner Jadhav agreed but felt TR1064 was also an action that should receive high priority.

Ms. Campbell thanked commissioners for their input and advised that a motion was not required.

5. Health and Wellness Subcommittee

Commissioner Piergross advised that members of the subcommittee had met and discussed several items they are working on and ways of getting people to participate:

- Snapchat problems – a presentation focused on providing help for middle school students.
- Funny posters – to help students adjust with going back to school.
- Parent/child play school for preschoolers.
- Planning of 4/15 and 4/21 workshops to address mental health.

Commissioner Mokashi questioned how information from the subcommittee will be sent out to the school district. Ms. Thomas provided details on how information is shared between the school district and the city and other ways that staff is looking at to get information out about Youth Commission events.

Commissioner Piergrossi noted that the subcommittee is also recommending attendees consider a “bring-a-friend” concept, looking to partner with places like Meadowlark Dairy, and the posting of the QR Code at schools.

Commissioner Mokashi and Ms. Thomas discussed the e-concept as a good way of getting people involved and being able to send out information. Commissioner Mokashi stated she liked the idea of partnering with Meadowlark Dairy.

Ms. Thomas thanked commissioners for attending this Special Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m.