



Youth Commission Meeting Minutes

Zoom Webinar – Pleasanton, CA February 9, 2022 – 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, Karishma Parikh, Ella Piergrossi, Mirika Pohray, Tejas Prakash, Zaynah Shah, Carys Shannon, and Chairperson Tess Shotland. (Commissioner Kelly Mokashi joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Nikita Jadhav, Ella Min, and Ashwin Sriram.

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

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2022.

Correction: Item 2, Page 3, para.1 addition - ...was elected or appointed to the school district Board of Trustees *by high school students*.

A motion was made by Commissioner Chew, seconded by Commissioner Prakash, to approve the January 12, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction. **The motion was approved 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. Consider Evaluation Process and Meeting Format for Fiscal Year 2022/23 Community Grant Funds – Youth Category Program Review

Ms. Thomas advised that at the March meeting the Youth Commission will be recommending funding allocations to City Council Fiscal Year 2022/23 Community Grant in the Youth Category. She noted that agencies were required to submit applications by January 19, 2022 and commissioner will have until 11:59 p.m. on February 16, 2022 to review and score the applications on ZoomGrants and make their funding recommendations. Ms. Thomas indicated commissioners would be able to go back and review the ZoomGrant items after February 16 but would not be able to make any changes to their recommendations.

Commissioners were informed by Ms. Thomas that six applications have been submitted with a total of \$41,500 in funding requests and the budgeted amount available for the program is \$40,000. She noted that the applications indicate that the Youth Commission will be looking at programs that are designed to “encourage and promote services that benefit the youth community” and commissioners should keep in mind the goals and strategies of the Youth Master Plan when making their recommendations.

Ms. Thomas indicated that two of the applications were for new projects and that agency representatives would be allowed 3-minutes to present information about their projects.

Chairperson Shotland asked for clarification since the agenda indicates commissioners need to complete review of applications by Monday, February 16th, but the 16th is a Wednesday. Ms. Thomas confirmed the correct date and time should be Wednesday, February 16th.

Commissioner Chew questioned and Ms. Thomas confirmed that Tri-Valley Haven has provided the Safe Relationship program to middle school students in the past.

Chairperson Shotland commented on the small number of applications for grants in the Youth Category compared to those received in previous years and wondered whether enough advertising was being done for the program. Ms. Thomas provided information about press releases that were done, and information being sent to agencies who have applied previously for funding. She felt the fewer number of requests was due to the pandemic and agencies not being able to complete projects.

Commissioners were reminded by Ms. Thomas that the March meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and the importance of everyone attending.

COMMISSION REPORTS

4. Library Programs Update

No report.

5. Public Policy Subcommittee Update

Commissioner Prakash advised that the subcommittee discussed the Youth in Government Day event and are getting ready to distribute flyers and having some informational meetings at Amador and Foothill High Schools. He encouraged commissioners to hand out flyers and encourage their friends to submit applications.

Commissioner Costanzo asked Ms. Thomas to send a copy of the flyer to commissioners and Commissioner Immadi encouraged members of the commission to try to get five of their friends to submit applications.

6. Bike, Pedestrian and Trails Committee Update

No report.

STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Thomas provided the following information:

- a. With reference to the presentation the commission received at the January meeting from Sachi Bhavani staff is asking the Public Policy Subcommittee to do some research on the matter and report back to the commission so they can decide if it's something they want to discuss further/endorse. Commissioner Mokashi advised that there was an update to Ms. Bhavani's request and suggested she ask Ms. Bhavani to email Ms. Thomas.
- b. A reminder that some members of the commission need to reapply to remain on the commission and information has been emailed to them. Also, if they have friends interested in becoming commissioners either on the Youth Commission or as a youth member on other commissions encourage them to apply.

Commissioner Piergrossi asked about the last meeting for seniors who would be graduating this year. Ms. Thomas advised that April would be their last meeting because terms expire on April 30th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6 p.m.