



City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Gordon Chen
District 3 – Deitra Hoang
District 5 – Andrew Lieu
District 7 – Ananya Sriram
District 9 – Agam Singh
Citywide – Vendant Janapaty

Kathy Lu– District 2
Nuha Khan– District 4
Amiya Bansal– District 6
Aldojoell Gonzalez Muniz– District 8
Alexander Lee – District 10

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2023

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Location: Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
Room 255 and Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Chen, Vice Chair Sriram, Commissioners Hoang, Lieu, Bansal, Singh, Gonzalez-Muniz.
ABSENT: Commissioner Lu, Khan, Lee, Janapaty
STAFF: Deputy Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Sr. Librarian Elizabeth Nolan; Librarian Megan Maloy; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen; Senior Office Specialist Julia Santos
OTHERS: Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo; Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Supervisor Nick Georgoff; Council Assistant Alexander Dersh

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 7 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve April 24, 2023 Agenda
- B. Approve March 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve March 27, 2023 Attendance Record

On the motion of Vice Chair Sriram, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

III. Public Record: There was no correspondence for the Commission to review.

IV. Open Forum: There was one public comment to the Commission.

V. **Discussion/Action Items**

A. INFORMATIONAL: [Children and Youth Services Master Plan](#) (L. Buzo).

Ms. Buzo provided an update on the status of the Children and Youth Services Master Plan. The Children and Youth Services Master Plan works with community, staff, families, and youths to find ways to best address the challenges and barriers youths and families faces. The last few months, the City has done community engagement activities, literature review, make sure there is alignment with City of San Jose and Santa Clara County Initiatives, and seek contribution from Committees and Advisories. The emerging community themes include the following: mental wellness and belonging, childcare, built environment, career readiness, development, and opportunity, housing, and education. Children and Youth Services Master Plan developed the Integrated Services Delivery System which involves three phases: exploration, installation, implementation. The next steps will be to create opportunity pathway goals, objectives, key results/performance measures, and evaluation tools.

Discussion followed the update presentation.

B. ACTION: [Policy Proposal – Implementing In-Pavement Flashing Lights at Sides of Pedestrian Crossings](#) (Commissioner Hoang)

Commissioner Hoang gave a verbal presentation on the Policy proposal for implementing in-pavement flashing lights on sides of pedestrian crossings. Currently, crosswalks include zebra crossing and side beacons which may not be visible by drivers while driving at night. By implementing in pavement flashing lights will catch the attention of drivers and reduce casualties. The proposal recommends implementation on Eastside San Jose and downtown areas such as Senter Road, McKee, and San Carlos.

Discussion followed the presentation.

On the motion of Commissioner Singh, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Muniz, the Commission voted unanimously to approve this policy proposal.

C. ACTION: [Policy Proposal – Ending Period Poverty](#) (Commissioner Khan)

DEFERRED TO MAY 22, 2023 AGENDA

D. ACTION: [Policy Proposal – Hazardous Waste Pick-Up System](#) (Commissioner Khan)

DEFERRED TO MAY 22, 2023 AGENDA

E. ACTION: [Project Proposal – District 5 Youth Advisory Council Transitions Conference](#) (Commissioner Lieu)

Commissioner Lieu gave a verbal report on the project proposal for District 5 Youth Advisory Council Transitions conference. This conference is end-of-the-year event for District 5 to reflect about their challenges and accomplishments in the past year.

Discussion followed.

On the motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Singh, the Commission voted unanimously to approve this policy proposal.

F. ACTION: [Policy Proposal – Development of Urban Green Spaces](#) (N. Madcarenhas)

Mr. Madcarenhas presented on the Development of the Urban Green Spaces. District 10 presented at the Youth Budget Summit on the environment. District 10 wrote the memo for Urban Green Spaces. This memo recommends that urban green spaces should be implemented in both public and private spaces in San Jose. The long-term plan is to integrate into master plans and infrastructure projects that are led by San Jose's Planning and Building divisions. In doing so, the division can track progress through the Climate Smart Data dashboard. By developing urban green spaces, it will result in the reduction of heat absorbing surfaces, reduction of harmful air pollutants, and reduction of carbon footprints.

Discussion followed after the presentation. There was one public comment.

On the motion of Commissioner Sriram, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted unanimously to approve this policy proposal.

G. ACTION: [Policy Proposal – Green Skills Education Programs](#) (Commissioner Madcarenhas)

N. Madcarenhas presented on the Green Skills Education Program. There is more demand for employees with green skills than there are employees with these skills. The policy proposal's recommendation is to increase the existing workforce by providing opportunities to gain green skills. The San Jose Economic and Workforce department can help build training programs targeting local colleges, youth-focus, and low-income families to develop these green skills. Discussion followed after the presentation.

On the motion of Commissioner Gonzalez-Muniz, seconded by Commissioner Singh, the Commission voted unanimously to approve this policy proposal.

H. ACTION: [Policy Proposal – San Jose Citywide Restoring California Native Oaks](#) (Commissioner Janapaty)

DEFERRED TO MAY 22, 2023 AGENDA

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Council Liaison's Announcements (A. Dersh)

Mr. Dersh provided an update from Council and District 1. In the past months, the issues Council is addressing. Items include: homelessness, housing, wage staff

policy, digital equity initiatives. Vice Mayor Kamei co-authored a wage theft prevention policy that will ensure wage theft happens less frequently. District 1 has three pick-up litter events run by the Beautify San Jose program – volunteers are needed. Vice Mayor Kamei attended city, interagency committee, and community meetings this past month. The Vice Mayor is in the process of reviewing applicants for the District 1 Youth Commission’s upcoming vacancy. There will be events throughout the city in the upcoming months including the following: Spring Career Fair hosted by Work2Future, Longevity Walk at Valley Fair, and Paint CitySJ.

B. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services Report

Mr. Georgoff shared an update from the Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services. PRNS released their Summer 2023 Community Activity Guide. Priority registration is opened on April 23, 2023, for scholarship eligible families and general registration is open on May 6, 2023. There are new summer employment positions open for applications for youths (18+ years old).

C. San José Library Report

Vidya Kilambi, Division Manager, shared updates about the San Jose Public Library. There are three major celebrations this month, National Volunteer Week (April 16th – 22nd), National Library Week (April 23rd-29th), and National Library Workers’ Day (April 25th). Volunteers are needed for the position of Art & Library History Tour Docent. Docents will receive comprehensive training on King Library’s history and art collection to lead tours for new and returning visitors. SJPL’s 3rd Annual Spring into Poetry Contest will be ending on April 30th. Enter to win a prize and have the work hosted on the Library’s Short Edition portal online. SJPL TeenHQ is working in partnership with WeThrive to host a 16-day summer camp focusing on under-resource communities to help youths start their own ventures, earn real revenues, and gain membership. ARTrepeneurs is a seminar to teach creative middle and high school students to turn their passions into a small business. The seminar will be on Saturday, May 13th from 10:00 AM-4:30 PM. More information about events and updates can be found at www.sjpl.org.

D. Commission Chair Report

Youth Annual Report will be at NSE Committee meeting on May 11th.

Youth Commission will be having an Ad-hoc meeting on Thursday, April 27th for the end-of-the-year celebration.

E. Commissioner’s Report per City District

Each Commissioner shared a report of their district.

VII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

- A. Period Poverty Policy Recommendation Revision (Commissioner Khan)
- B. Policy Proposal – Hazardous Waste Pick-Up System (Commissioner Khan)
- C. Policy Proposal – San Jose Citywide Restoring California Native Oaks
(Commissioner Janapaty)
- D. Informational Report - Statewide Government Resources (Commissioner Lee)

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Sriram, seconded by Commissioner Gonzelez-Muniz, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on May 22, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

_____/s/_____
Gordon Chen, Chair
San José Public Youth Commission

ATTEST:
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

_____/s/_____
Megan Maloy