



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
Vacant – District 8
Alexander Lee – District 10

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 28, 2022
6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M
Virtual

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Chen, Vice Chair Sriram, Commissioners Lu, Hoang, Khan, Lieu, Bansal.

ABSENT: Commissioners Singh, Lee, Janapaty

STAFF: Library Deputy Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat; Division Manager Vidya Kilambi, Sr. Librarian Elizabeth Nolan, Librarian Megan Maloy, Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen.

OTHERS: Assistant to the City Manager Laura Buzo, Executive Analyst Kevin Huynh, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Supervisor Nick Georgoff, Parks and Recreation Program Specialist Evelyn Valdivia.

B. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 7 Commissioners present.

C. Land Acknowledgement

D. Orders of the Day

Commissioner Lu joined the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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

III. Open Forum: Two individuals addressed the Commission.

IV. Consent Calendar

A. Approve November 28, 2022 Agenda

B. Approve October 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

C. Approve October 24, 2022 Attendance Record

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

V. **Discussion/Action Items**

A. **District 3 Policy Proposal: Three Weeks of Paid Leave for all City Workers.**

Commissioner Hoang discussed her policy proposal to increase paid leave to three weeks for City workers to encompassing sick, family, and personal reasons.

Discussion followed.

On the motion of Commissioner Khan, seconded by Commissioner Sriram, the Commission voted unanimously to accept the proposal.

B. **District 4 Event Proposal: Partnerships with SJ Tech Companies**

(DEFERRED)

C. **District 4 Event Proposal: School Supply Fundraiser**

(DEFERRED)

D. **District 4 Event Proposal: Winter Clothes Drive**

Commissioner Khan discussed the District 4 Youth Advisory Council's (YAC's) event proposal for a Winter Clothes Drive. District 4 YAC would like to hold an event on December 10th to collect winter clothes donations for the homeless in anticipation of the upcoming colder weather. Discussion followed.

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Hoang, the Commission voted unanimously to accept District 4 YAC's event proposal.

E. **District 4 Event Proposal: Composting Day**

Commissioner Khan and her District 4 YAC discussed their event proposal on January 28th to provide the community information about composting, distribute composting bins and materials, and encourage participation in park clean-up at Cataldi Park. Discussion followed.

On the motion of Commissioner Sriram, seconded by Commissioner Bansal, the Commission voted unanimously to accept District 4 YAC's event proposal.

VI. **Reports and Information Only**

A. **Office of the City Manager Report**

Kevin Huynh, Executive Analyst, provided an update on the Community Engagement focus groups for the Youth Master Plan. There have been five focus groups/town halls with 107 attendees, four parent/caregiver focus groups with more than 28 attendees, and four community/service partners focus groups with a total 32 attendees. In December, there will be a total of 13 community engagement activities for youth, caregivers, and service partners. The citywide survey will be rolled out in early December for three weeks to youths and caregivers. The primary ask from City Managers office is for the Youth Commission and Library to is to promote the citywide survey through their different channels.

B. Council Liaison Report

Megan Maloy gave the Council Liaison update on current and upcoming projects from District 8 Council office. District 8 office is in the final stages of the Youth Commissioner appointment – the anticipated start date for the District 8 Youth Commissioner will be in the new year.

C. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services Report

Evelyn Valdivia, Recreation Program Specialist, gave an update on the current program for Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services. Scholarships are still being offered for these programs through the American Rescue Fund if funding continues to be available. There are volunteer events throughout December with the Parks department. Program and volunteer event schedules can be found online. More information about events and updates can be found at issuu.com/sjparksandrec.

D. San José Library Report

Michelle Ornat, Library Deputy Director of Public Services, shared updates about the San Jose Public Library (SJPL). The SJPL was nominated and received the work2future Community Builder Award as an Outstanding Partner. The 10th annual Localit author event will be held virtually on Saturday, December 10th from 2:00-4:30pm featuring 15 authors who will be discussing their published work and take questions. The SJPL has Homework Clubs available to students in grades K-8 to receive help in subjects such as reading, writing, math, social studies, science, and more. Homework support is provided by skilled homework coaches and the Resilience Corps Associates at no cost to students. More information about events and updates can be found at www.sjpl.org.

E. Commission Chair Report

Chair Chen shared that the Youth Commission participated in the last month's YAC Social with student leaders from other Bay Area cities. The Youth Commission will have a Winter Retreat to have a mid-year check-in with the

Commissioners to assess the Commission's work in the previous months and discuss future Commission items.

F. Commissioner's Report per City District

Each Commissioner shared a report of their district.

VII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

A. Commissioner Lieu requested to add District 5 Project Proposal at the January 2023 Youth Commission Agenda.

B. Commissioner Khan requested District 4 YAC's two deferred event proposals for January 2023 Youth Commission Agenda: partnerships with San Jose Tech Companies and School Supply Fundraiser.

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Khan, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be a virtual meeting on January 23, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.