



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

March 27, 2023

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Location Change: Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
Room 255

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Chen, Vice Chair Sriram, Commissioners Hoang, Khan, Lieu, Bansal, Singh, Gonzalez-Muniz, Lee, and Janapaty
ABSENT: Commissioner Lu
STAFF: Division Manager Vidya Kilambi; Sr. Librarian Elizabeth Nolan, Librarian Megan Maloy; Program Manager Amanda Otte; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen, Senior Office Specialist Julia Santos
OTHERS: None

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 10 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve March 27, 2023 Agenda
- B. Approve February 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve February 27, 2023 Attendance Record
- D. Approve Establishing Youth Commission Advisory Council Recognition Awards and Dinner Planning Ad Hoc (Chair Chen)
- E. Approve Establishing Youth Commission Retreat Planning Ad hoc (Chair Chen)
- F. Approve District 4 Aspire, Inspire, Motivate Career Fair (Commissioner Khan) - **MOVED TO SECTION V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM F.**

On the motion of Vice Chair Sriram, seconded by Commissioner Singh, 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 no public comment to the Commission.

V. Discussion/Action Items

VI.

A. ACTION: Expanding the Youth Commission and Enhancing Youth Participation in the City Memo Recommendation (M. Maloy)

Ms. Maloy shared the proposed recommendations in response to the Council directives to Youth Commission in December. The Council memo included two directives; 1. Expand ages to include voices of ages 21-25, and 2. identify additional City Commissions that would benefit from including a dedicated position for youths. The Ad-hoc Committee and Library staff developed three recommendations to address these two directives. The Ad-hoc Committee does not recommend the expansion of the age eligibility requirements for Youth Commission. The second recommendation is that Youth Commissioners should receive compensation for their services or exercise volunteer hours for their service. The third recommendation is to expand the advisory and recommendation powers of Youth Commission to City Council and Mayor and designate youth representatives to other San Jose Commissions. Discussion followed.

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Janapaty, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the recommendations to the Council directives.

B. ACTION: Youth Commission Budget Priorities Letter to the Mayor and City Council (Commissioner Janapaty)

Commissioner Janapaty shared the Budget priorities discussed during the Youth Budget Summit in February. During the Budget Summit, each Commissioner shared their budget priority proposal for each City department. Each district's Youth Advisory Council provided feedback on the proposal presented at the Summit – assisting in the development of the Budget Priorities letter to the Mayor and Council. Discussion followed.

On the motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Lee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the Youth Commission Budget Priorities letter.

C. ACTION: Vietnamese American History Month (Commissioner Lieu and Commissioner Hoang)

Commissioner Lieu and Commissioner Hoang shared their proposed letter to support the California State Assembly Resolution to recognize the month of April as Vietnamese American History Month. Discussion followed.

On the motion of Commissioner Khan, seconded by Commissioner Lee, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the letter to the Mayor and Council to encourage the support of recognizing April as the Vietnamese American History Heritage Month.

D. **ACTION:** Period Poverty Policy Recommendation (Commissioner Khan)

Commissioner Khan shared the recommendation for the Period Poverty Policy to allow access to menstrual products. The recommendation requests City Council to order a restock on all menstrual product machines within public restrooms. The second recommendation is for City Council to reinstate AB 367 which requires all public schools servicing students in grades 6 to 12, Universities, and Community Colleges to always stock restrooms with menstrual products. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Lieu motioned to postpone the vote for next month when a revised policy is submitted. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. Five Commissioners vote to approve the motion to postpone, four Commissioners voted against the motion, one abstained. The motion passes to postpone the vote for next month.

E. **ACTION:** Santa Clara County Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults (C. Cole)

The Commission drafted a letter to the Mayor and Council in support of the additions that are proposed for the Santa Clara County Bill of Rights for Children and Youth Adults.

On the motion of Commissioner Khan, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez Muniz, the Commission unanimously voted to approve the letter to Council in support of the additions to Santa Clara County Bill of Rights for Children and Young Adults.

F. **ACTION:** District 4 Aspire, Inspire, Motivate (AIM) Career Fair (Commissioner Khan)- **MOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR TO V. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

Commissioner Khan shared the proposal for District 4 AIM Career Fair. The proposed event will invite professionals from local organizations to help inspire and motivate San Jose Youths in prominent career options. AIM Career Fair is tentatively scheduled for mid-May.

On the motion of Vice Chair Sriram, seconded by Commissioner Singh, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the District 4 AIM Career Fair proposal.

VII. Reports and Information Only

- A. **Office of the City Manager Report – NO MARCH REPORT**
- B. **Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services Report - NO MARCH REPORT**
- C. **San José Library Report**

Vidya Kilambi, Division Manager, shared updates about the San Jose Public Library. SJPL has a new blog series titled “Leaders and Libraries” featuring fun-library related facts about our Mayor and City Council. SJPL TeenHQ is partnering with WeThrive, a non-profit entrepreneurial apprenticeship program for youths. The month of March will feature several celebrations at SJPL: Women’s History Month, Nowruz (the Persian New Year), and Cesar Chavez Day. The Library will be closed on March 31st in observance of Cesar Chavez Day. SJPL, in partnership with San Jose Animal Care Center, will be hosting Bunnies N’ Books at the Berryessa Branch on April 4th and April 18th. The annual TeenHQ and Youth Commission survey is underway. Information from the survey will help inform the work of the Youth Commission. More information about events and updates can be found at www.sjpl.org.

D. Commission Chair Report

Chair Chen will be attending the May NSE meeting to share the Youth Commission’s work with the Committee.
There will be Ad-Hoc Committee planning the Youth Commission’s end-of-the-year event.

- E. **Commissioner’s Report per City District**
Each Commissioner shared a report of their district.

VIII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

- A. Period Poverty Policy Recommendation Revision (Commissioner Khan)
- B. Policy Proposal – Development of Urban Green Spaces (Commissioner Lee)
- C. Policy Proposal – Education Programs for Urban Green Spaces (Commissioner Lee)

D. Policy Proposal – Implementing In-Pavement Flashing Lights at Sides of Pedestrian Crossings (Commissioner Hoang)

IX. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Sriram, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on April 24, 2023, at 6:30 P.M.

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

ATTEST:
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

_____/s/_____
Megan Maloy