



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

September 26, 2022

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Virtual

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Vice Chair Sriram, Commissioners Hoang, Khan, Lu Lieu, Bansal, Singh, Gonzalez-Muniz, Lee, and Janapaty

ABSENT: Chair Chen

STAFF: Deputy Director Michelle Ornat; 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: District 8 Council Liaison Mariela Garcia

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 9 Commissioners present.

B. Land Acknowledgement

C. Orders of the Day

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

Commissioner Singh and Khan joined the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

III. Open Forum: No one addressed the Commission.

IV. Consent Calendar

A. Approve September 26, 2022 Agenda

B. Approve August 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

C. Approve August 22, 2022 Attendance Record

D. Approve District 3 Project Proposal – Annual Policy Summit

E. Approve District 3 Project Proposal – Annual Youth Survey

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

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. INFORMATIONAL: Audit of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth

Joe Rios and Brittney Harvey from the City Auditor's Office gave an informational report about the audit of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth. The audit focuses on what the City is doing to adhere to and implement the Bill of Rights. There were two findings from the audit of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth. The first finding is that current city programs address many of the elements of the Bill of Rights – highlighting the fact that many existing programs indirectly effect youths. The second finding is that the Bill of Rights framework should be used to inform the Children and Youth Services Master Plan. The recommendations from the Auditor's office are: 1) identify processes and resources to develop an inventory of youth programs, and 2) define and report on metrics to assess overall progress toward outcomes identified in the Bill of Rights. Discussion followed the presentation.

**B. INFORMATIONAL: Bill of Rights for Children and Youth for Santa Clara-
*Item heard after Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights.***

Cleo Cole discussed the collaboration between Youth Liberation Movement (YLM) and Kids in Common (KIC) to engage youths in the revisions of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth. YLM and KIC are gathering input from youths of different backgrounds on what rights youths are entitled. YLM and KIC will start drafting the revisions to the Bill of Rights in accordance with the collected input from youths. The revised drafts will be presented to community leaders and decisions makers to help implement these revisions to the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth. Discussion followed the presentation. Commissioner Lee joined the meeting at 7:06pm.

C. INFORMATIONAL: Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights - *Item heard after Audit of the Bill of Rights for Children and Youth.*

Olivia Nunez gave a report on the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. The Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights is a list of nature-based activities and experiences that every child and youth could benefit. It aims to provide children and youths equitable access to nature in the county. Their goal is to have cities around the county to adopt the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. Youth Commissioners can provide an input on opportunities to engage youths and share information of the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights at youth events. Discussion followed the presentation.

D. INFORMATIONAL: CASC Region 4 Student Advocacy Conference

Shreya Shetty and Aarnve Verna presented about the California Association of Student Council (CASC) – a non-profit organization that focuses on ethical leadership through conferences known as Student Advocacy Conference (SAC). SAC provides a platform for youths to advocate about issues in their local communities, formulate solutions, create proposals and presentations to community leaders. Discussion followed the presentation.

E. ACTION: District 3 Gender Neutral Bathrooms Memorandum

Commissioner Hoang presented the memorandum for Gender Neutral Bathrooms Policy. The memorandum proposes public buildings should have gender neutral bathrooms to accommodate the city's gender non-conforming community. On the motion of Commissioner Liu, seconded by Commissioner Lee, the Commission unanimously voted to pass District 3 Gender Neutral Bathrooms memorandum.

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Office of the City Manager Report

Laura Buzo gave the report about the Youth Master Plan from the City Managers Office. The City Manager's Office staff created committees and advisories comprised of different staff, parents/caregivers, youths to provide input in the City of San Jose Youth Services Master Plan (CYSMP). Two townhalls will be scheduled with Youth Commission to engage the community in the development of the CYSMP.

B. Council Liaison Report

Mariela Garcia, City of San Jose Council District 8 Assistant, from Councilmember Arenas provided an update on current and upcoming projects for their Council office.

C. San José Library Report

Library Deputy Director of Public Services Michelle Ornat gave the current library services and upcoming events in the library. Sixteen branches will be open for Sundays starting October 2nd. The library celebrates National Hispanic Heritages month and National Library Card Sign-up month. The YWCA will be hosting a virtual and in-person Teen Empowerment Program for teens (ages 12-

18). The program will have discussions surrounding myths about sexual and domestic violence, promote healthy relationships, and examine gender roles. More information about library events and updates can be found at www.sjpl.org

D. Commission Chair Report

Vice Chair Sriram provided updates to the Commission.

E. Commissioner's Report per City District

Each Commissioner shared a report of each district.

VII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

The next regular meeting will be a virtual meeting on October 24, 2022, at 6:30 P.M.

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Gordon Chen, Chair
San José Public Youth Commission

ATTEST:
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

_____/s/_____
Megan Maloy