



City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Anaya Mishra
District 3 – Deitra Hoang
District 5 – Andrew Lieu
District 7 – Megan Luong
District 9 – Agam Singh
Citywide – Vendant Janapaty

Neyha Pradeepkumar– District 2
Thy Luong– District 4
Amiya Bansal– District 6
Aldojoell Gonzalez Muñoz– District 8
Nolan Mscarenhas – District 10

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2023

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Hybrid Meeting

Webinar: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82031271897>

In-Person Location: City Hall in Council Chambers
200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Hoang, Commissioners Mishra, Pradeepkumar, T. Luong, Lieu, Bansal, M. Luong, Gonzalez-Muniz, Singh, Mascarenhas, and Janapaty.

STAFF: Deputy Director of Public Services, Michelle Ornat; Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi; Librarian, Megan Maloy; College and Career Pathways Coordinator, Amanda Otte; Equity and Inclusion Program Coordinator, Karla Alvarez; 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, Cleo Cole, Sophia Jacquez.

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 11 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the August 28, 2023, Agenda
- B. Approve May 22, 2023, Meeting Minutes
- C. Approve May 22, 2023, Attendance Record
- D. Approve August 13, 2023, Retreat Meeting Minutes
- E. Approve August 13, 2023, Retreat Attendance

- F. Approve Youth Commission Project Proposal Form
- G. Approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Youth Commission Workplan
- H. Approve Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Youth Commission Bylaws

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Bansal, 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

A. INFORMATIONAL: Youth Empowerment Alliance (H. Morales)

Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Community Services Supervisor, Hilda Morales, presented on Project Hope. Project Hope is a resident engagement program in San Jose to support residents in building neighborhood associations and creating a safe, clean, and engaged community. The four main goals of Project Hope are: to organize a group of community leaders, to support safer and cleaner environments, to inform residents who access City services, and to create partnerships that assist in sustaining efforts. Project Hope is a citywide initiative currently present in 5 districts with established neighborhood associations. Project Hope wants to engage with the Youth Commission by inviting the Commission, Youth Advisory Council, and local youths to attend the neighborhood association meetings, monthly litter pick up events, and inform boards and communities of the opportunities for youth.

No Public Comment
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

B. INFORMATIONAL: Youth Liberation Movement (M. Carrasco, C. Cole, S. Jacquez, A. Sanchez)

Cleo Cole and Sofia Jacquez presented on the Youth Liberation Movement's work specifically the revised Bill of Rights for Children and Youth, Youth Forum, and Amity Summit.

The Youth Liberation Movement published the revised Bill of Rights for Children and Youth that was developed with the input of young adults from diverse backgrounds. The City of San Jose has adopted the

revised Bill of Rights for Children and Youth as well as other cities in Santa Clara County.

The Youth Forum connects young people with adults in leadership positions to discuss the challenges young people are facing and what changes are needed to support young people in the area. The current goal of the Youth Forum is to create policies that can be presented at City Council.

The Amity Summit will be a youth-led event hosted at Mission College on September 30, 2023. The Summit will include informational workshops for young people to learn about topics such as financial literacy, self-reflection, Financial Aid/Scholarships, Medi-Cal/Calworks, and benefits. The Amity Summit is planning to include an Opportunity Fair to feature services and resources from local organizations that can match a young person with an opportunity. Some examples of organizations with opportunities for young people are: Alllove, Shine Together, In and Out.

No Public Comment
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

C. ACTION: Study Smart Youth Commission Hosted Programs (M. Maloy)

Librarian, Megan Maloy, discussed the American Rescue Plan funded programs that will be hosted by Youth Commission in partnership with Study Smart. The Youth Commissioners will work in pairs to host these programs. The pairs will be District 1 and 6, District 2 and 10, District 3 and 4, District 5 and 8, District 7 and 9.

No Public Comment
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

The Commission proceeded to vote to approve the report and change to the Study Smart Youth Commission hosted programs. On the motion of the Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Bansal, the Commission voted unanimously approve of the change and report.

D. ACTION: Set up Survey Ad-hoc Committee (Chair Hoang)

Chair Hoang requested for Commissioners who are interested in joining the Youth Commission Survey Ad-Hoc Committee. The aim of the survey is to collect youth perspective on city departments, programs,

priorities, and potential policies ideas for youth-related issues. The Ad-Hoc Committee includes Chair Hoang, Commissioners Agam, Mishra, T. Luong, and M. Luong.

No Public Comment
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

E. ACTION: Determine Date for the Budget Summit (Chair Hoang)

Chair Hoang opened discussion on possible dates for the annual Budget Summit. The Commission will vote to approve a date for the Youth Commission Budget Summit. The Budget Summit will be on January 21, 2024 at a San Jose Public Library branch location.

No Public Comment
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

On the motion of Commissioner Pradeepkumar, seconded by Commissioner Mishra, motion passes for the Budget Summit to be January 21st. 7 yes votes and 3 no votes.

F. ACTION: Hillbrook High School Civic Engagement Presentation- Thursday, September 7, 2023. (M. Maloy)

Librarian, Megan Maloy discussed the Hillbrook High School Civic Engagement presentation. This is an opportunity for Commissioners to participate in presenting at this event on September 7, 2023 at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library. Commissioners participating includes Chair Hoang, Commissioners T. Luong, Bansal, M. Luong, Janapaty.

No Public Comment
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

G. ACTION: Neighborhood Services and Education Committee Presentation – Thursday, September 14, 2023 (Chair Hoang)

Chair Hoang requested for Commissioners to participate in the presentation to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on Thursday, September 14, 2023. The presentation will be on the Youth Commission Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Workplan and Bylaws. Commissioners participating includes Commissioners Bansal, Pradeepkumar, T. Luong, and Mascarenhas.

No Public Comment
Commissioners engaged in discussion.

H. ACTION: Vice Chair Election for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (Chair Hoang)

Chair Hoang opened nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioners Bansal and Mascarenhas self-nominated for Vice Chair. On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Commissioners Gonzalez-Muñiz, the Commission unanimously voted to close nominations.

Commissioner Mascarenhas was elected as Vice Chair for fiscal year 2023-2024.

No Public Comment

VI. Reports and Information Only

A. Office of City Manager Report (L. Buzo)

Laura Buzo, Assistant to Deputy Manager, gave a brief update that she will be presenting a status report of the Children and Youth Services Master Plan on September 14, 2023 at the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee.

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

Alex Dersh, Council Assistant, shared announcements from the Council. On June 6th, the Council voted to create a new site for recreational vehicle parking in the Berryessa neighborhood. On June 13th, the Council approved a new budget for fiscal year 2023-2024. On June 20th, the Council adopted a new housing element of the City's general plan to enact new strategies to meet the City's housing needs. On August 15th, the Council voted to approve two Union deals to avoid a 3-day strike.

From Vice Mayor Kamei's office, the Vice Mayor co-authored a memo to permanently close San Pedro Street to cars. She also co-authored a memo to create new shelters, safe parking sites, and tiny homes. The Vice Mayor secured funds in the new budget for her district to have a pedestrian safety study done for Lawrence Expressway, urban forest tree trimming program, school safety infrastructure, and funds for West Valley Community Services Organization to do more work in their district.

C. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Report (N. Georgoff)

Nick Georgoff, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities Supervisor, shared updates from PRNS. The Recreation Summer 2023 had 41 programs and over 8,000 enrollments. For the academic year, there is the R.O.C.K afterschool programs with 25 afterschool programs located in schools, community centers, and parks. The A.S.E.S is a free program running at Summerdale Elementary serving 80 youths per day. The City's Teen Center currently serving 300 teens each day at 10 drop-in locations. Viva Calle is on Sunday, September 10, 2023, and there was a special ceremonial item at Council recognizing the Parks Department Disaster Service Workers on Tuesday, August 2, 2023.

D. San José Library Report (M. Ornat)

Michelle Ornat, Deputy Director of Public Services, shared updates from the Library. Summer Learning program was from June 1st and July 31st with more than 10,700 registered residents. Readers logged in more than 128,000 titles and 4 million minutes read. The 15th Annual Graphic Novel Making Contest ended on July 31st with 158 entries. Awards ceremony will be at Seven Trees Community Center on Saturday, September 9th at 2pm. San Jose Public Library in partnership with San Jose State University will be hosting the *World on the Move: 250,000 Years of Human Migration exhibit* at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library from September 11th through October 20th. The Fall into Fiction Short Story Contest is open to writers of all ages during the month of September. Library cardholders now has access to the complete digital historical archive of the San Jose Mercury News (1900-1985). As part of the SJ Access Community Wi-Fi, students and residents living in the Silver Creek High School attendance area can connect to free Wi-Fi as of this summer. The Library is offering the New Digital Skill Building Pathways with free lessons, resources, and library events, such as computer classes. The program intends to help improve digital skills. For more information, visit www.sjpl.org

E. Commission Chair Report

Chair Hoang emphasize on Commissioners participating in youth events and ad-hoc committees throughout the year. Additionally, everyone is expected to attend at least one district event.

F. Commissioner's Report per City District

Each Commissioner shared a report of their district.

VII. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

No items were proposed for September meeting.

VIII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on September 25, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

IX. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Singh, seconded by Commissioner T. Luong, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM.

Deitra Hoang, Chair
San José Public Youth Commission

ATTEST:
LIBRARY AND EDUCATION COMMISSION SECRETARY

Dziem Nguyen