



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 – Vedant Janapaty

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2024 | 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M

Hybrid Meeting

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

In-Person Location: San Jose City Hall – 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, Vice Chair Mascarenhas, Commissioners Mishra, Pradeepkumar, T. Luong, Lieu, Bansal, M. Luong, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Singh, and Janapaty.

ABESENT: None

STAFF: Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi; Senior Librarian, Lizzie Nolan; Librarian, Megan Maloy; College and Career Pathways Coordinator, Amanda Otte; Literacy Program Specialist, Alyssa Mendoza; Administrative Assistant, Dziem Nguyen

OTHERS: Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Interim Recreation Superintendent, Mumtaz Mohammad; Council Assistant Alexander Dersh.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 11 Commissioners present.

II. Consent Calendar

- A. Approve the March 18, 2024, Agenda
- B. Approve February 26, 2024, Attendance
- C. Approve February 26, 2024, Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve [District 4 Project Proposal for Green Planet Conference](#)
- E. Approve [District 4 Project Proposal for A Guide to Drug Safety](#)

F. Approve [District 4 Project Proposal for Innovate4Good](#)

On the motion of Commissioner Lieu, seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez-Muñiz, 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 1 public comment to the Commission.
Joanna Martino Rios provided public comments to the Commission.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. INFORMATIONAL: Think Hopeful (I. Choksy and. N. Raham)

Irem Choksy and Nadim Rahman from Think Hopeful gave a verbal report on the services of their organization. Think Hopeful is a mental wellness organization providing wellness support for youths in local community colleges and post-secondary success organizations. The Think Hopeful online platform offers multiple modalities of wellness which includes in 1:1 session, workshops/support groups, self-care resources, and social support. Think Hopeful's approach aims to make mental wellness stigma-free, accessible (24/7/365 services), offer social support, personalized, real-time support, and practical with coping tools for youths.

No Public Comment.

The Commission engaged in discussion.

B. ACTION: Nominate and Approve Youth Commission Delegates (D. Hoang)

Chair Hoang nominated two Youth Advisory Council members, Peter Vu and Dia Kumar, to be delegates for the Children and Youth Services Master Plan Youth Conference. The delegates will attend the meeting and report by to the Commission at the next Youth Commission meeting.

No Public Comment.

On the motion of Commissioner Megan Luong, seconded by Commissioner Thy Luong, the Commission voted unanimously to approve of the two nominated Youth Advisory Council members to be delegates for the Children and Youth Services Master Plan Youth Conference.

C. ACTION: Civic Engagement Ad-Hoc Creation and Selection (D. Hoang)

Chair Hoang nominated 4-5 Commissioners to be on the Civic Engagement Ad-hoc. Commissioners Lieu, Pradeepkumar, Mishra, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Mascarenhas were selected for the Civic Engagement Ad-Hoc.

On the motion of Commissioner Bansal, seconded by Commissioner Lieu, the Commission voted unanimously to approve of Commissioners Lieu, Pradeepkumar, Mishra, Gonzalez-Muñiz, Mascarenhas to be members of the Civic Engagement Ad-Hoc.

VI. Reports and Information Only

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

Council Assistant, Alex Dersh, shared information about the Council item 7.2 on February 27, 2024, regarding the Raging Waters Lease, Assignment, and Long-term request for proposal development. Raging Waters is a water theme-park owned by the City and located in Cunningham Lake Park in East San Jose, CA. It was leased to the company Palace Entertainment in 1995. In September 2023, Palace Entertainment announced it would end its agreement with the City and close the park ahead of the season Summer 2024. The City sought to a new contract with outside company to continue operating Raging Waters as the City does not have capacity to operate the park itself. When the City seeks out a new contract, it puts out a Request for Proposal (RFP) which is a notice that the City is seeking bids for a new contract. The RFP outlines the details of what is needed and how the City will evaluate each bid.

City staff started developing a new RFP for a new park operator, outlining the guiding principles that they want to see in the new contract. Those guiding principles includes investments in capital, contribution in solving water quality challenges, and safe, affordable, quality experience for customers at the park. Additionally, staff outlined that Raging Waters should raise the local economy and community around the park.

Palace Entertainment ended their contract before the City could find a new operator for the park. In the interim, the City wants to assign a new company to operate the park until the new RFP can be completed for a long-term operating company. After evaluation of possible companies, staff determined that the company California Dream and Entertainment, Inc. is the highest rated applicant. Staff presented this in a memo at Council on February 27, 2024, requesting City Council to direct the City Manager to assign the contract to California Dream and Entertainment, Inc. and extend the agreement to another six months with an option for another six-month extensions. The Council voted with 9 votes in favor, 0 against, and 2 not voting.

B. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Report (M. Mohammad)

Mo Mohammad, Interim Recreation Superintendent, shared updates from PRNS from the month.

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- All community centers will be closed April 1st in observance of Cesar Chavez Day.
- There will be eight Egg Hunt events City-wide. Registration can be completed through the PRNS city website or www.sjregistration.com
- Recruitment is currently looking for part-time recreation leaders and lifeguards.

There are additional events this month listed on the PRNS website.

C. **San José Public Library Report** (V. Kilambi)

Division Manager, Vidya Kilambi, shared updates from the Library on the following items:

- Pre-registration is open for the Summer 2024 WeThrive High School Entrepreneur Camp.
- Free tax help is available at the library with tax assistance from volunteers from the Tax-Aid and Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) programs.
- The Library is conducting a citywide survey to gather your insights and opinions on the community digital needs and closing the digital divide. The survey can be found on www.sjpl.org/SJAsurvey.
- All Library locations will be closed on Monday, April 1st, in observance of Cesar Chavez.
- For more information, visit www.sjpl.org

CI. **Commission Chair Report**

Chair Hoang reminded the Commission of upcoming meetings and special events that required Commission attendance.

CII. **Commissioner's Report per City District**

Each Commissioner provided an update from their district.

VII. **Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas**

Commissioner Lieu like add a project proposal to approve funds for a Policy Conference.

VIII. **Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

The next regular meeting will be an in-person meeting on April 22, 2024, at 6:30 P.M. at Council Chambers.

IX. **Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Mishra, seconded by Commissioner Pradeepkumar, the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM.

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Deitra Hoang, Chair
San José Public Youth Commission

ATTEST:
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

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Dziem Nguyen