

**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 9, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair M. Kala at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

- a. Present: Cherukuri, Vice Chair Dhillon, Ha, Chair M. Kala, S. Kala, Karthikeyan, Kaur, Mahendran, McAdmas, Razi
- b. Absent: Andrews, Xiao, Bai
- c. Tardy: Randhawa, Satishkumar
- d. Adult Commissioners Present: Arbogast
- e. Staff Present: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator
- f. Recorded by: Monique Solario, Recreation Leader III

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Chair M. Kala.

**4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- a. Review and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2022.

**ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the minutes by Vice Chair Dhillon and seconded by Commissioner S. Kala. A roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Review and Discuss the Youth Advisory Commission Goals, Objectives, and Work Plan for 2022.

Chair M. Kala reviewed the 2022 Youth Advisory Commission Goals, Objectives, and Work Plan. Commissioner discussion followed.

The Commission discussed the following Goals and Objectives

**1. Goal – Program Enhancement**

**1.A.1. – Plan and implement a mental health awareness event or program.**

The subcommittee provided an update on potential ideas. Ideas include; students or clubs that travels from school-to-school offering peer support, town hall meeting for parents to learn tips and signs of mental health issues, and fun lunch time activity during finals week.

Adult Commissioner Arbogast stated that he thinks this is a really great idea and would love to see it brought to the middle schools as well. He encourages the Commissioners to follow through.

Chair M. Kala supported the idea of teen-to-teen support groups and mentioned perhaps bringing in animals during lunch time activity, such as FFA, might be good.

**1.B. – Participate with the Parks & Recreation Department to offer one new teen event, program, or camp.**

The subcommittee provided an update on potential ideas. Ideas include; teen flea market, disc golf tournament for teens, 5 v 5 basketball tournament, teen dance, star night event, music festival, scavenger hunt around the city, carnival for teens only, paint night, movie night, flag football, laser tag, inflatables day, and a silent disco.

Commissioner McAdams liked the idea of a teen flea market as an entrepreneurship opportunity.

Vice Chair Dhillon commented that she thinks flag football wouldn't be a great idea.

Commissioner Kaur liked the teen movie night idea and thought that it would bring in a lot of teen participation.

Commissioner Razi requested more information on a "Star Night" event.

Chair M. Kala clarified that West High Space & Engineering Academy collaborates with a county astrological society program and they provide telescopes to see various constellations.

#### **1.C.2. – Develop ideas and implement one new program or event.**

The subcommittee provided an update on potential ideas. Ideas include; monthly cocktail hour, boardgame night, campfire night, movie night, Trivial Pursuit night, cooking class with grandchildren, kite making craft, teen summer help, watch party for sports, chess or checkers tournament, and bowling.

Commissioner McAdams suggested an additional idea for a game night should include Jeopardy stating that many seniors grew up watching the game show.

#### **2. Goal – Community Outreach**

##### **2.A. – Implement at least one new community service project**

The subcommittee provided an update on potential ideas. Ideas include; feminine hygiene kits drive, public library for the south part of town, COVID supply drive, cigarette butt box art to encourage keeping parks clean.

Commissioner S. Kala mentioned he liked the drive ideas.

Commissioner Karthikeyan, who was absent at the previous meeting, volunteered for two subcommittees.

Staff Jensen explained that the subcommittees will meet on a monthly basis and provide updates on their assignments and projects to the Commission at each meeting. Each subcommittee scheduled meeting dates to discuss each objective.

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Discuss and approve the Youth Advisory Commission's participation with the Forever Young Prom event at the Lolly Hansen Senior Center on April 6, 2022.

Staff Jensen provided an update on the event and explained that usually staff and the subcommittee would have begun working on the event earlier but with all the canceled

meetings, staff needed to begin planning the event. Staff Jensen then explained the logistics of the event and the Commissioners responsibilities.

Commissioner discussion followed.

Commissioner McAdams asked if the prom was open to all high schoolers regardless of the school or city they live in because her cousin may be interested in attending.

Staff Jensen clarified that it is open to all high schoolers.

**ACTION:** A motion was made to approve participating with the Forever Young Prom by Vice Chair Dhillon and seconded by Commissioner Kaur. A roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

**8. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

a. Calendar

Staff Jensen again shared the date of the upcoming intergenerational event, the Forever Young Prom, and asked the Commissioners to save the date.

**9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**

Commissioner Kaur mentioned that the town hall meeting on drug use had to be rescheduled but she will keep the Commission updated.

**10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were no comments from the public.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

Time: 6:50pm

**ACTION:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Kaur and seconded by Vice Chair Dhillon. Roll call found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

The above amended agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on March 7, 2022. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.

  
Amanda Jensen, Staff Liaison