

February 6, 2024

AGENDA ITEM _____

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the annual informational report for the Youth Advisory Commission for the 2023 calendar year and projected goals for calendar year 2024.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) was established by the City Council in 1998 with the purpose of advising the Council and the Parks and Community Services Commission on opportunities for youth to lead and plan recreation and community service activities, with emphasis on youth development, to enhance leadership skills and self-esteem of people, ages 12 to 18 years. This report is an accounting of the Youth Advisory Commission for the calendar year 2023 as well as projected goals for calendar year 2024.

BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

As noted above, the YAC was formed in 1998 with the purpose of providing youth with an opportunity to make a positive impact in their communities and advising the City Council, Parks and Community Services Commission and staff on matters relating to the welfare of youth in Tracy.

Currently YAC has ten youth Commissioners and one adult Commissioner. As listed below, each youth Commissioner represents one of the local high schools.

- Tracy High School (2 Commissioners)
- West High School (3 Commissioners)
- Kimball High School (2 Commissioners)
- Millennium High School (2 Commissioners)
- Tracy Charter High School (1 Commissioner)

The Youth Advisory Commission is holding a spring recruitment for both youth and adult Commissioners, which will end on April 26, 2024. Interviews will be conducted in May and new commissioners will be appointed in August.

DISCUSSION

Due to the lack of quorum throughout the year and vacancies on the YAC from June 2023 to August 2023, the Commission was unable to meet and accomplish all of their goals. However, YAC worked with City staff to prepare an overview of the objectives that were accomplished for the 2023 calendar year. Under each goal is the status on Commission activities.

1. Program Enhancement

- Look for ways to enhance Recreation Programs that will provide benefits to teens.

- Commissioners assisted in the youth spring break camp, summer youth and teen programming, in camps such as Bake Like a Boss and the Summer Adventure Program.
- Commissioners continued assisting with the Rollin' Rec program at different parks throughout the community during the Spring and Summer sessions.

2. Community Outreach

- Look for ways to make the Commission more visible; to participate with local organizations and service clubs throughout the community; and to widen participation of teens.
 - Commissioners volunteered at the Tracy Earth Day 2023 event by leading Earth Day themed activities and assisted in promoting the event to other teens.
 - Commissioners provided feedback to City staff on marketing pieces for programs such as teen summer camps and teen nights at the Joe Wilson Pool.

YAC developed new goals and work plan for the 2024 calendar year on September 18, 2023, which include unmet objectives carried over from the year prior. The goals and objectives for 2024 are as follows:

1. Program Enhancement

- Look for ways to enhance Recreation Programs that will provide benefits to teens.
 - Offer one new teen event or program focusing on teen trends or issues (i.e., mental health, vaping, multicultural events, internships with local businesses)
 - Offer one new recreational teen event, program, or camp for high school aged teens (i.e., drive-in movie, teen festival, intercity tournament or game, all high school unity events)
 - Participate with the Lolly Hansen Senior Center to propose at least one new intergenerational program or event (i.e., Ping Pong tournament, dance, adopt a grandparent)
 - Support the Rollin' Rec Program

2. Community Outreach

- Look for ways to make the Commission more visible; to participate with local organizations and service clubs throughout the community; and to widen participation of teens.
 - Implement at least one new community service project (i.e., park clean-up, drive for local organization)
 - Support the Tracy Historical Museum
 - Work with Parks and Recreation staff to develop YAC social media posts.

FISCAL IMPACT

Staff costs related to the support of the Youth Advisory Commission are included in the Parks and Recreation Department General Fund budget.

CEQA DETERMINATION

This item is an informational item only and is therefore exempt from CEQA.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This agenda item relates to the City of Tracy's Quality of Life Strategic Priority, which is to provide an outstanding quality of life by enhancing the City's amenities, business mix and services and cultivating connections to promote positive change and progress in our community.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Staff recommends that the City Council receive the annual information report of the Youth Advisory Commission the 2023 calendar year and projected goals for calendar year 2024.

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Attachments

Attachment A: Youth Advisory Commission Annual Report PowerPoint



YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION 2023 ANNUAL REPORT



PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION

- The Youth Advisory Commission was established in 1998 with the purpose of involving local teens in the community
- Helps teens make a positive impact in the community through volunteer opportunities
- Offers teens safe and fun social activities
- Gives teens a voice in the local government



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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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 - *Offer one new recreational teen event, program, or camp*
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 - *Support the Rollin' Rec Program*



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RECRUITMENT 2024

- Recruitment for 2024
 - Opens in January 2024
 - Recruiting up to (11) youth and (2) adult Commissioners



APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

CITY OF TRACY

YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

Applications due
April 26th

Apply at City Hall or Email caitlin.perkey@cityoftracy.org



Thank you for your time!



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