

AGENDA ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

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**RECEIVE THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Youth Advisory Commission was formed by the City Council for the purpose of advising the Council and the Parks and Community Services Commission on providing 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. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Shelter in Place order, an annual report was not completed for 2020. This report is an accounting of the Youth Advisory Commission for calendar year 2021 as well as projected goals for calendar year 2022.

DISCUSSION

The Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) was formed 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 fourteen youth Commissioners and two adult Commissioners. As listed below, each youth Commissioner represents one of the local high schools.

- Tracy High School (5 Commissioners)
- West High School (4 Commissioners)
- Kimball High School (3 Commissioners)
- Millennium High School (2 Commissioners)

The City will be starting the recruitment process in the upcoming months for an adult Commissioner and youth Commissioners to fill vacancies that will exist after current youth Commissioners graduate from high school in May and whose terms will be expiring in July. Marketing efforts include: City website, social media, outreach to the various high school and community service clubs, online and print ads in the local newspaper and any interest cards that have been completed with the City Clerk.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, school closures and mandates, the Commission was limited on the activities and projects that they could accomplish. YAC focused on two primary goals as listed below. Under each goal is the status on how successful the commissioners were in completing their objective.

1. Support the Revitalization of the Rollin' Rec Program
  - Commissioners participated in a minimum of two program days per season and proposed new activity ideas to be offered.

2. Implement at least one new community service project
  - Commissioners hosted individual civic projects at various parks throughout the city. Some of these projects included trash pick-ups, writing inspirational quotes along walking paths, and sweeping leaves. Additionally, Commissioners participated with the annual Arbor Day event on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Youth Advisory Commission goals for 2022 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
  - Offer one new teen event, program, or camp
  - Propose at least one new intergenerational program or event
  - 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

### STRATEGIC PLAN

1. This agenda item supports the Quality of Life Strategy, specifically:

**Goal 3:** Provide City programming and events that bolster quality of Life.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Staff costs related to support of the Youth Advisory Commission are included in the Parks and Recreation Teen Division budget.

### RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council accept the Annual Report of the Youth Advisory Commission.

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