



CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

4/8/24, 6:30 PM

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at 6:35pm by Phylis Essandoh, Chair of HYC.

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Josue Barrera led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:35pm.

6:35 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Leila A., Mateo B., Josue B., Alex C., Phylis E., Cliantha G., Crystal G., Zoe K., Samiksha L., James M., Temiloluwa O., Baylun P., Jesus R., Alicia S., Ananya S., Michelle V., Jeremiah W., Ruby K., William L., Riyah M., Edward N., Julia P., Kashish V.,

ABSENT: Sophia A., Shreya R., Ronak S., Jeffrey H., Bailee L.,

6:40 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner James made the motion to approve the minutes from 3/11/2024 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Josue: Approve: 17, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 1.

6:45 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

6:50 GUEST SPEAKERS

Director Meghan Tiernan shared her background as a landscape architect for HARD. Her first project was landscaping the Hayward City Hall. She shared details on the \$250M Measure F1 Bond and how the HARD team has already utilized it and how they plan to use it in the future. Some examples of completed projects are Mia's Dream Playground, Kennedy Park, the Hayward Community Garden, Oliver Sports Park Soccer, and many more. More recent examples of completed projects in Hayward are the Hayward Area Senior Center, Sunset Futsal, and the Southgate Playground restoration. Some projects she is currently working on are the Sulphur Creek Nature Center - Outdoor Education Facilities and the Palma Ceia Park Renovation. In the future, she plans to begin constructing renovations to Tennyson Park. Some projects that are currently in planning are the Bidwell Community Center, D & Clay Street, and many more. One of the larger future projects she plans to build is the San Lorenzo Creekway, a 7 mile trail that goes from Don Castro Park to the SF Bay Trail.



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7:10 AGENCY AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

Mayor Salinas shared news about a \$6.2M grant that his commission, ACTC, received. With this grant, the commission will help program bike and pedestrian policies and street and road enhancements for bikers and pedestrians. Additionally, he shared the commission's future plan of buying every high school student in Hayward a bicycle. With this news, the ACTC commission has begun planning on places to build more parking areas for bikes. He hopes to launch this plan by August of this year. The goal of this program is to create a community that is healthier, with different types of transportation, and to have more eco-friendly modes of transportation.

Maya Hernandez introduced HUSD Operations Supervisor Brandy Aldridge. Brandy shared a new opportunity for high school students (10th-12th grade) in the HUSD: a paid internship to work in the Youth Enrichment Program. In this internship, interns can expect to help students in homework and lead enrichment activities. Following this meeting, Brandy hopes to become more involved with the Hayward Youth.

Rick Hatcher, Board Director of HARD, introduced Dr. Alex Sandoval, Assistant Professor at Cal State East Bay, who has a history of working with aquatics and has a passion for backpacking. Alex introduced a few majors that Cal State East Bay hosts that Commissioners may not yet know about. These majors are: B.S. Hospitality & Tourism, B.S. Recreation, and M.S. Hospitality, Recreation & Tourism.

Coordinator, Jennifer Tibbetts was very thankful for all commissioners who went to and supported the Egg Hunt & Bonnet Parade event. She was also very happy that the attendance for the Teen Baking Event, Flour Power had doubled from the prior teen event.

7:15 VOLUNTEER PROJECTS DISCUSSION

Ivan Padilla informed all Commissioners who plan to go to the Animal Shelter Cleanup that they will need to have their parents sign a waiver.

On April 20, from 10:00AM-2:00PM, the Hayward's Annual Clean-Up & Community Fair will take place. Commissioners Alexa and Michelle will help lead the Hayward Youth Recruitment Table at this event.

7:25 PLANNING PROJECTS

No updates given.

7:40 BUDGET UPDATE AND ALLOCATION

Currently, the HYC has \$4700 and we need to find a way to spend it before the next year. Some of the money will be allocated towards the end of year HYC party and the Mental Health Event at the library. Maya Hernandez shared the idea of allocating some of the money towards purchasing HYC shirts/sweatshirts so we can be branded at events..



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Commissioner James made the motion to approve the allocation of the HYC budget towards the end of year HYC party, HYC retreat, Mental Health Workshops, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Cliantha: Approve: 14, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 1.

Mayor Salinas and Director Hatcher helped by offering to pay for the HYC clothing. Additionally, Mayor Salinas hoped to help purchase professional clothing and HYC patches in order to give the HYC a professional look when going on the State Capital trip next year.

7:50 RETREAT DISCUSSION AND VOTE

The HYC retreat will be sometime in August, before the first meeting. Money will be allocated towards hiring a guest speaker and buying foods and drinks. Mayor Salinas suggested the idea of allocating money towards renting a food truck from either In-N-Out or Raising Canes for the retreat.

7:51 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS

Ivan Padilla shared that on 4/16, there will be a city council meeting that HYC Commissioners can attend to give public comments about recruitment for HYC and an overview about the HYC and what it does. Commissioners Josue, Phylis, Alexa, and Alicia plan to go to this meeting. More commissioners are welcome to come.

Jennifer Tibbetts shared that May 30th is the deadline for new HYC members to apply. She encourages current members to go and invite friends to the commission.

Next HYC Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:30pm

7:54 COOKIE DETAILS

Mayor Salinas and Jennifer Tibbetts have volunteered for the 5/13/24 HYC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

HYC Chair Phylis adjourned the HYC meeting at 7:58 pm.

APPROVED:

Jeremiah
Jeremiah Wong, Commissioner
Hayward Youth Commission



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ATTEST:

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