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Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

11/13/23, 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 Samiksha Lingan led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:38pm.

6:40 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Sophia A., Leila A., Josue B., Alex C., Phylis E., Cliantha G., Crystal G., Zoe K., Samiksha L., James M., Balloon P., Penelope R., Alicia S., Ananya S., Michelle V., Jeremiah W., Jeffrey H., William L., Bailee L., Riyah M., Edward N., Temiloluwa O., Julia P., Jesus R., & Kahish V

ABSENT: Mateo B., Shreya R., Sharana S., Ronak S., Niki S., Ruby K., & Itzel M

6:42 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner James made the motion to approve minutes from 10/2/2023 and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Samiksha: Approve: 25, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0.

6:45 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

6:50 GUEST SPEAKER: ALICE RICE, RECREATION SUPERVISOR-H.A.R.D

Recreation Supervisor, Alice Rice, talked about the HARD Special Event Team and invited all HYC members to be a part of it. Alice Rice and Jessica Zuniga, Recreation Coordinator, are the leaders of this team. Alice informed that HARD Special Event Team members would create and implement all District Special Events. These events would have to suit all ages and be family friendly. Some examples of past special events are the Bonnet Parade and Egg Hunt, Touch a Truck Event, and Sulphur Creek's Unhaunted house event. The team plans to host 3 events between January-May 2024. She emphasized that this opportunity would provide really good leadership skills to develop. She also noted that every HYC commissioner would be able to take part in the team as there is no limit for team members. One event that Hayward Youth Commissioners would be able to participate in is the Paint Night. Commissioners would take roles such as making flyers, taking photos, leading snacks and food at the Paint Night, and much more. After all of this, the Special Event Team also plans to host 2



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more special events. At the end of the presentation, Alice shared a qr code for all of those who were interested in joining the team.

Rick Hatcher, president of HARD, made a public comment during the presentation. He stressed that the Special Events Team was an opportunity to show what you wanted to do. He wanted us to come up with things from our own thoughts instead of the adults dictating what we should do during the special events. He saw that the current Hayward Youth Commissioners found youth safety very important, so he wanted to see what we will do with the resources we have.

7:10 AGENCY REPORTS

Sara Lamnin informed all that on December 2nd, the Light up the Season event will be hosted. It starts at 3:30pm, and she aims to make it an inclusive and diverse event, inviting art, music, and dance. On the same day, VIP, Volunteer in Parks, will be planting 100 trees in the morning from 9am-12pm.

7:20 HYC SACRAMENTO FIELD TRIP DEBRIEF

Youth Commissioner and Public Informations Officer, James Mira, talked about how the trip to Sacramento was a great success. He also informed all that he had made a video which summarized the Sacramento field trip.

7:25 COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Coordinator, Maya Hernandez, reminded us of the 4 priorities we made during the HYC retreat. These were healthy decision making decisions, better quality school lunches, youth safety, and more access to gender neutral spaces/changing spaces & access to feminine hygiene products. She took these priorities and made 3 groups, each group to tackle one problem. These groups were: Youth Safety and Supports for Healthy Decision Making, Teen Mental Health/Supports for decision-making, and School Food Quality/gender neutral restroom. The youth safety group came up with the idea to give out surveys where people could express their opinions on bullying anonymously. The teen mental health group found out that the Hayward website already had so many resources that those in need of help could access. We would just need to promote the website through billboards and flyers and show that it's ok to ask for help. Lastly, the school food quality/gender neutral restroom group came up with the idea to give surveys to students to see what they wanted in their food and observe what students would bring to school themselves and the amount needed. For gender neutral bathrooms, the group realized the problem where there were only a few gender neutral bathrooms around campus. As a result, people who used gender neutral bathrooms would often be late to class.

7:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS

Next Meeting: Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:30pm



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7:57 COOKIE DETAILS

Commissioners Penelope, Alicia, and Temiloluwa have volunteered for the 11/13/23 HYC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

HYC Chair Phylis adjourned the HYC at 8:03 pm.

APPROVED:

Jeremiah

Jeremiah (Dec 16, 2023 14:46 PST)

Jeremiah Wong, Commissioner
Hayward Youth Commission

ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
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