CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

1/13/25, 6:30 PM

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at 6:34pm by Temiloluwa Ogunkanmi, Chair of the HYC

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Rick Hatcher, Board Secretary of HARD, led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:35pm.

6:35 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Leila A., Mateo B., Elisabet B., Josue B., Alexa C., Ruby K., Zoe K., Israel M., Temiloluwa O., Julia P., Alicia S., Leilani S., Nishant S., Ananya S., Michelle V., Jeremiah W., Florencio B., Liam F., Eliam G., Peter G., Isla S.

ABSENT: Jeffrey H., Jacob J., Shreya R., Jesus R., Arianna C., Jesus D., Khamari L., Remy M., Siddhi S., Guadalupe Z.

6:40 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Shreya Rathaur made the motion to approve the minutes from 12/9/2024, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Alex: Approve: 20, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 1.

6:45 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Melissa Milleman, Chair of the Keep Hayward Clean and Green Task Force, wanted to invite all HYC members to come to their cleanups. She expressed her desire to see the faces of HYC members at cleanup events and that participants could also receive credit for community service hours. Participants can expect to clean up parks and streets. Clean-up events meet monthly on the 4th Saturday at 8:30 am at various locations. The committee will be meeting on January 20th. The committee meets monthly on the 4th Thursday at 7pm. These meetings can be attended virtually as well. Those interested can expect to see the cleanup events on the calendar on the Hayward website soon.

Aaron Horner, Outreach Director for the South Hayward Parish, informed commissioners that the team is currently looking for volunteers. They clean up the Weekes park once a month and also have volunteer opportunities 7 days a week, 24 hours a day in 2 locations. Participants can expect to help with laundry, serve food, etc.

6:50 GUEST SPEAKERS

Jayanti Addleman, Hayward Public Library Director, spoke about the Library's new mission to provide diverse programming, support personal and educational growth, inspire creativity, and contribute to the health and success of Hayward. She then spoke about how the Hayward Library

Department serves the community through resources such as the 21st Century Library and Learning Center (Downtown Library), the Weekes Branch Library, Curbie (Bookmobile), and a Virtual Branch (open 24/7). She then spoke about all the amazing services provided at the Hayward Public Library such as: Library Cards for all Middle School & High school students, Tours and Programs in English, Spanish, and Mandarin, Homework Centers, High School Diplomas, and much more. Even the Virtual Branch of the library provides many resources that can help students in their endeavors such as Homework help from live tutors, Test Prep & Tutorials, Millions of ebooks, audiobooks, streaming movies & music, free passes to museums, zoos, and yet again, much much more. The Hayward Public Library even has its own makerspace. Within the makerspace, there are Laser Cutters, 3d Printers, Die-cutting Machines, CNC carving machines, Heat Presses, Wide-format Printers, Sticker Makers, and Sewing Machines. The Library even has a section for "things," not just books! In this section, you can check out Ukuleles, Telescopes, and much more. With these resources, Jayanti hopes that the library will become a place beyond reading, a place where people can explore anything they want. The library even offers opportunities for students to make a difference in the Hayward community while also gaining community service hours through opportunities such as the Teen Volunteer Book Reviewers Program, which can be worked on from home. Details for these opportunities can be found on the Hayward Public Library website.

7:10 AGENCY UPDATES

City of Hayward: Mayor Salinas sends his regards for being unavailable to attend today's meeting. Ivan shared that Ana Alvarez is the new city manager.

HUSD: No updates.

HARD: Advisor Jen shared a new opportunity to serve the Hayward community through a program called H.A.R.D V.I.P. Work includes garbage collection, pulling weeds, spreading mulch, and much more.

Rick Hatcher passed around Hayward's Recreation Guide, a booklet full of programs that youth in Hayward can take advantage of. There is even a scholarship for it, providing up to $500 per family.

7:15 SACRAMENTO TRIP DATE CONFIRMATION

The new date for the Sacramento Field Trip will be on Thursday, March 27, 2025. Commissioners should make sure to put this date down on their calendar since this is the only day that Senator Wahab will be available to meet with the HYC. Make sure to show up in business-formal attire since Commissioners will be meeting with elected people.

7:20 PLANNING PROJECTS

HUSD: The HUSD group spoke about their concerns regarding lack of resources within schools such as lack of sheets of paper, cutting of field trips, dirty bathrooms, and cutting of resources for sports. The group thought of ways to increase their budget during a time where there has been a cut in the budget.

City of Hayward: This group will work with the library to engage the youth and teach them the importance of not using drugs. They thought of ways to engage with the community in an engaging and interactive way. They are trying to receive training to prepare themselves on how to teach others about substance use. They were thinking about hosting game nights, where they would teach about substance use.

HARD: The HARD group plans to host a night market. They team into three groups: logistics (finding out dates, locations, event ages and budget), marketing (flyer making and social media campaigning), and event details. They plan to offer classes on self-defense and cooking.

7:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA DETAILS

Congratulations to Commissioner Israel Mendez for winning Volunteer of the Month for HARD!

Next Meeting: Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30pm.

7:57 COOKIE DETAILS

Commissioners Ruby and Eliam have volunteered for the 2/10/25 HYC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Josue Barrera adjourned the HYC at 7:57pm.

APPROVED:

Jeremiah Wong

Jeremiah Wong (Feb 18, 2025 19:24 PST)

Jeremiah Wong, Hayward Youth Commission Secretary
Hayward Area Recreation & Park District

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ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
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