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

<u>PRESENT:</u> Mateo B., Elisabet B., Josue B., Alexa C., Jeffrey H., Jacob J., Ruby K., Zoe K., Israel M., Temiloluwa O., Shreya R., Nishant S., Michelle V., Jeremiah S., Florencio B., Arianna C., Jesus D., Liam F., Eliam G., Peter G., Khamari L., Isla S., Siddhi S.

ABSENT: Leila A., Crystal G., Julia P., Jesus R., Alicia S., Leilani S., Ananya S., Remy M., Guadalupe Z.

6:40 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Josue made the motion to approve the minutes from 1/13/2025, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Nishahnt: Approve: 19, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 1.

6:45 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sara Lamnin shared that will be stepping off from the HYC as the HARD liaison.

Coordinator Isabela Saavedra shared that Eden Youth Outdoors For All program provides many opportunities for youth to explore outdoors and connect with nature. Feel free to contact her for information about the program

Oscar Sanchez, a student from Hayward High, shared that he is glad to be at a HYC meeting.

6:50 GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Alex Sandoval, a professor for the Hospitality, Recreation, and Tourism department at Cal State East Bay, started with a group activity where each commissioner would share what they like to do for fun. She then passed out some promotional flyers to share a little about what her department does. At Cal State East Bay, especially in the REC department, she focuses on connecting specialists in REC with students interested in REC. Currently, she is teaching her students special event planning. She shared that the department is always there for students interested in Hospitality and Recreation. Everyone deserves to participate in recreation in their lives. Students interested in traveling may also want to explore the Hospitality department.

7:10 AGENCY AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

City of Hayward: Hugh Louch, Deputy Public Works Director for Hayward, shared that the CARB Bike Program got their grant for about \$7M approved. This funding will be going towards 12 HUSD schools to fund bike-friendly infrastructure. They plan to distribute 2000-3000 bikes and the target for this program will be the youth. They have partnered and worked with others such as students from Chabot College. He hopes that the HYC will discuss how Hayward stands as a bike-friendly city. He shared that the program aims to distribute bikes to groups who need them the most, such as: High School Students and Middle School Students. Each group will have their own targeted program. Right now the program is wrapping up outreach and engagement, and in the next month, the program hopes to begin planning how they will distribute bikes. He asked the HYC to consider these questions: Ideas for a program name? Do the markets look right - type, approximate size, priority? Are there any other markets we should serve? E-Scooter program for apartment residents? How do you want to be involved? Mayor Salinas added that he hopes that Hayward will begin to cultivate a bike culture and also create a generation of cyclists. With this in mind, Hayward will become a greener & cleaner city. It all starts with culture. The commission came up with the names: Gear Up Hayward and Haywheels.

Dr. Ana Alvarez shared that she is excited to start working with the HYC. She began her public service career by working in the city youth commission in Santa Barbara. Hayward, however, is where she feels the most as a leader.

Mayor Salinas spoke about Hayward's position regarding Immigration. First he shared that Hayward is a sanctuary city. This means that it 1. Clarifies the role of local governments and the responsibilities and roles of the police departments and what they do in regard to I.C.E and other governmental agencies. First and foremost, the primary role of the Hayward police department is to protect people regardless of ANYTHING. People often say that the police department is working with I.C.E. While this is partially correct, there is another part to the story. First and foremost, Hayward will support Judicial Warrants (This is for people who have committed crimes). On the other hand, there are immigration warrants. Hayward will absolutely NOT support these types of warrants as it is not an accurate reflection of the role of the police department. This means that the Hayward police will never execute immigration warrants, only judicial warrants. 2. Hayward is able to meet with other communities and organizations. Hayward has been working with hospitals, non-profit organizations and agencies, chambers, the school district, and faith-based communities. Mayor Salinas reminded that the I.C.E is prohibited from going to schools and randomly doing checks. Mayor Salinas also ensures that everyone can continue living their lives. However, he reminded Youth Commissioners (all youth) to be mindful of what they post on social media. The I.C.E may come to Hayward in the near future, but Mayor Salinas shared that the city government has our backs. Mayor Salinas hopes that all residents of Hayward will never have a confrontation with I.C.E.

HUSD: No updates.

HARD: Advisor Jen shared that Zoe and Josue stepped up to go to future Keep Hayward Clean & Green meetings and report what happens.

7:20 PLANNING PROJECTS

HUSD: No updates.

City of Hayward: No updates.

HARD: No updates.

7:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA DETAILS

All commissioners MUST fill out the waiver for the Sacramento field trip in order to go. Next Meeting: Monday, March 10, 2025 at 6:30pm.

7:57 COOKIE DETAILS

Commissioners Shreya and Siddhi have volunteered for the 3/10/25 HYC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Temiloluwa Ogunkanmi adjourned the HYC at 8:08pm.

APPROVED:
en Tibbetts, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor Hayward Area Recreation & Park District
ATTEST:
van Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor City of Hayward