



CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

1/9/22 DATE, 6:30 p.m.

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at 6:36 pm by Commissioner Alessandra Eiras.

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Sharana Sabesan led the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:36 pm.

6:34 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Josue S., Damian A., Alessandra, Phylis A., Rachel M., Harnoor, Crystal, Isa, Zoe, Liliana, Samiksha, Arianna, Isabelle, James, Shreya K., Penelope, Sharana, Giselle, Athena C., Ananya, Alicia C., Savonnah W.

ABSENT: Hulissa, Sophia S., Diego F., Taylor Y., Phylis A., Ronak, Isa, Liliana, Anna, Vanna, Michael

6:36 UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING

No updates.

6:39 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Sophia S. made the motion to approve the minutes from 9/12/2022, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner James Mira: Approve: 16, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 1.

6:39 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

6:40 GUEST SPEAKERS

Go Green Initiative - Jill Buck (Founder and CEO) & Rahul Maharaj (Program Coordinate)

Lack of platform given to students to make an environmental change in their community, and this initiative is catered to this issue. Want to share how to make an impact together. Went over an overview of the Go Green Initiative, funding to work with Hayward, and current work with Hayward unified.

Go Green Initiative (GCI) is student-centric. Wanted to address and eliminate environmental issues today. Founded in 2002, which is endorsed by the National School Boards Association and the National Recycling Coalition. GCI works closely with California schools and provides Tier 1 staff for school districts that GCI works with. 2,500,000+ students are represented in GCI-supported schools.

Environmental Justice for every child in schools is crucial to this organization. They work to transform schools in environmental justice and food desert communities. They direct resources to



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communities disproportionately harmed by pollution or lack access to healthy food. FCI focuses on schools in EJ communities.

Hayward has a high percentage of particulate matter and GCI wants to work with Hayward's school districts to protect Hayward from these environmental pollutants, as environmental toxins are present in schools whether it is in the water, air, or food. These pollutants impact students' cognitive and physical abilities, and this is the main issue GCI wants to help support Hayward through. They hope to develop comprehensive plans that address environmental issues. They also help them implement the plans as well through project management and resource distribution. This program also empowers students to lead this work by hosting a variety of extracurricular clubs and student internships.

GCI has raised \$171,000 to help Hayward schools recycle and compost for work for a total of 3 years.

7:17 UPDATES

Keep Hayward Clean and Green's next meeting is on 1/26/2023 at 7 pm. Hayward Mayor Salinas is expected to join in.

7:19 HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL, HARD, HUSD & LIBRARY REPORTS

Library: The library is able to provide diapers to local Hayward citizens with babies. The library had to shut down on 1/9/2022 due to water issues from the weather this past week.

HUSD: Schools are returning from the long break, and next week is finals week for high school and middle schools. The last week of semester one is next week. Starting bridge courses in high schools. Starting rotation of clubs including poetry, film, mission dance, box and conditioning, and silk staining classes in the middle school. Will be launching an entrepreneurial program in the middle schools. There will be guidance in helping students to start their first business.

HARD: Energy efficiency project with contractors visiting sites and giving feedback on how things can be built more efficiently. All of the summer positions will be posted at the end of January. Recruitment is starting a lot earlier this year. There is an assessment on the recreation department to compare Hayward fees to see if they are in range in comparison with 12 other neighboring cities. Helped to open emergency shelters due to the intense rainfall.

7:25 HYC CONFERENCE COMMITTEE WORK

Discussed the name/tagline of the HYC conference.

The name that was determined was: Unplug to Reconnect Hayward

12 members in support of this name.

7:59 ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYC team building event #2 was great, however, more commissioners should come and join for the next event!



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Next meeting: February 6, 2023, 6:30 PM

However, more time needs to be allocated for conference preparation so commissioners will meet with committees on January 23, 2023, at 5:30 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Alessandra adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.

APPROVED:

Savonnah Wong, Commissioner
Hayward Youth Commission

ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
City of Hayward