



CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

4/13/26, 6:30 PM

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at around 6:35 pm by Chair Ogunkanmi.

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Barrera volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:35pm.

6:35 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Florencio B., Mateo B., Elisabet B., Josue B., Arianna C., Alex C., Peter G., Jacob J., Zoe K., Remy M., Israel M., Temiloluwa O., Julia P., Shreya R., Isla S., Leilani S., Nishant S., Ananya S., Michelle V., Jeremiah W., Erik A., Ameera B., Amelie H., Rachel M., Ezekiel N., Teresa R., Shyla R.,

ABSENT: Eliam G., Cesar C., Lydia D., Ivan R., Alaia S.,

6:36 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael, a commissioner from the Clean & Green commission, was unable to come to our last meeting since he unfortunately broke his toe. He wanted to thank people for coming to the February clean up as there was lots of trash. He shared that on April 25th the Clean and Green will have their Earth day event (citywide cleanup)! If you would like to come please sign up with the online form. There will be free lunch and you can get community service hours! He also wanted to share the Adopt-A-Block program, where people can “adopt” a block by committing to keeping a block clean for 2 years! The city will supply you all necessary materials when you fill out a form on the Hayward website.

6:37 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Patel made the motion to approve the minutes from 3/9/2026, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Singh: Approve: Unanimous , Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0.

6:37 GUEST SPEAKERS

Alex Sandoval is an assistant professor from CSUEB who came to speak about Jobs in Parks & Recreation. She brought her senior student Armando Garibay. Her visit was dedicated to explain possible jobs when pursuing a degree in Parks and Recreation. Working in parks and recreation is a phenomenal way of becoming involved in your community as well as being paid for doing so. It also looks good on your resume since it brings you essential skills that can be used throughout your career and life. There are certain benefits of doing a recreational job: you can learn new skills, expand your network as well as make money and get good career advice from professionals who may be able to inspire you. The minimum age for working here at HARD is 15 with a work permit. For a part time job,



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it is 16. Armando had started as a criminal justice major, however, he began to fall in love with organizing events. He entered HARD as a softball field attendant and then continued on as he began helping out with other programs. He never thought that he would engage in outdoor recreation. When working, he focuses on things like making sure that everyone has equal access to these programs. For example, he has ensured adding a wheelchair-friendly ramp so that people who use wheelchairs can come along. As he's finishing up his internship, there is an invitation for a Youth Summit which is for 9th - 12 graders.

7:05 SACRAMENTO TRIP REVIEW

Commissioner Cervantes said that she really enjoyed the pinball towards the end of the day as a way to wind down after the long day.

Chair Ogunkanmi explained how she had enjoyed the tour guide being incredibly unique as well as being able to explore new parts of the capital building compared to years prior.

Advisor Padilla apologizes for the cards being unable to work on the trip.

Overall, everybody had a good time at the field trip despite mild allergies.

6:50 END OF YEAR DISCUSSION/CELEBRATION

In previous years, we had barbecues and golf trips. This year, it is preferred to take place on the weekend. Chair Ogunkanmi proposed having our celebration on June 6 since that is when most of us are done with school.

Chair Ogunkanmi made the motion to allot up to \$2000 for our end of year celebration and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Singh: Approve: Unanimous , Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 0.

7:10 AGENCY AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

HUSD: Advisor Ewings shared that there will be a YAC showcase on Saturday April 18th from 8:45-1:30. He needs one more volunteer to help be a judge at the event. Commissioner Gikanga signed up to be a volunteer!

Library: Advisor Padilla shared that the HYC can put down our name to support the creation of a new law creating smoke free rules in multi-unit housing.

Commissioner Salgado made the motion to put our name down/endorse the new law that prohibits second hand smoking in multi-unit housing and Commissioner Kyama seconded that motion: Approved Unanimous, Disapprove 0, Abstain 0.

On April 29, the City of Hayward group will host their Alcohol And Tobacco Workshop for Teens event which happens at 4:30-6:30. Please share the details with friends and people at school. There will be a raffle prize including a gift card.

HARD: Advisor Tibbetts shared that Chair Ogunkanmi earned Volunteer of the Month last month because of her work! Please congratulate her. She also shared that two flyers for the ASCENT Program and the Youth Summit are available online. Advisor Padilla said that it was an amazing



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experience and it is what led him to where he is today. The advisor shared that on May 22, there will be a Teen Pickleball event. There will be food, drinks, and a DJ! Please look at the slideshow for the flyer with all the details.

7:15 PLANNING PROJECTS

City of Hayward: This group will host a Tobacco and Alcohol Workshop on April 29. All commissioners are expected to attend. Please share the word at schools and with friends

HUSD: This group is finalizing the event this coming Wednesday. This group plans to host an event in the city hall on March 11. It will be a virtual tour of the city hall. Additionally, members of YAC will be able to see a HYC meeting in session. They might need extra volunteers to help them.

HARD: On Saturday, this group had their teen makers market which was very successful! Now, they are planning what they want to do next. HARD just opened a ropes course in the rodeo in Castro Valley. They hope to host an event related to its recent opening.

7:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA DETAILS

There have been multiple changes to HYC for 2026-2027. There will be no new members next year due to staffing limitations.

8:00 COOKIE DETAILS

For our 5/11/25 HYC Meeting, we will be using our budget to help with cookie details.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Temi adjourned the HYC at 8:06 pm.

APPROVED:

Jen Tibbetts, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
Hayward Area Recreation & Park District



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ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
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