



CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

2/9/26, 6:30 PM

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at around 6:36 pm by Vice Chair Josue Barrera.

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Barrera volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at around 6:37pm.

6:35 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Josue B., Mateo B., Florencio B., , Zoe K., Erik A., Remy M., Temiloluwa O., Julia P., Nishant S., Jeremiah W., Ameera B., Cesar C., Amelie H., Rachel M., Ezekiel N., Teresa R., Shyla R., Elisabet B., Israel M., Anaya S., Ivan R., Isla S., Arianna C., Shreya R., Leilani S., Michelle V., Lydia D., Alaia S.,

ABSENT: Alexa C., Eliam G., Peter G., Jacob J.

6:36 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Micheal from the Keep Hayward Clean and Green commission shared that there's an event coming up and there's a meeting on the 26th of February

Jessie Gen, the Vice chair of community services, shared that there is a climate empowerment learning initiative here in city hall next Thursday in order to connect students & people who are interested in environments and climate change(i.e.) as an initiative to allow these people/students to look at possible careers in this field. Shreya Ramashandan is someone who speaks about these topics and talks about this on a global scale.

6:37 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Isla made the motion to approve the minutes from 1/9/2026, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Nishant: Approve: 24, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 2.

6:50 GUEST SPEAKERS

Iain Raleigh from Small Time Society came to speak about the society. Small Time Society is an artist collective in the Castro Valley area. Their founder Paul was not able to make the meeting today. Ian wanted to give an idea of where Small Time Society is headed in order to inspire our generation and spread the word. Ian shared that Small Time Society loves artists. Currently, they predominantly work with musicians. It was initially a place for artists to come together and share their art. The society went from a place who took artists in to a place who gave those artists opportunities to go out and meet other people. So far the society has hosted over 500 events. Rather than trying to serve the Bay Area, their focus is here in San Leandro, Hayward, Castro Valley, and the local area. That is why the society is called the Small Time Society. As lockdown continued, the society transitioned into this format called



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“The Lab”. Once a month on Wednesdays, the society features an artist where they play for 30 minutes which is followed up by an interview. They have recorded all of these events and have uploaded them online. These shows are now a playlist. The lab is organized by a bunch of volunteers that Bo Sonnenberg finds. Whoever is featured at the lab receives a live recording of their performances, an important tool for the artist’s career.

In their current moment, the Small Time Society is in a shifting phase. Small Society currently works under a church, but the direction that they want to proceed in is going to be hard to complete due to the fact that working underneath a church makes it difficult for grands to be accepted as an artist organization. There are three pillars that they want to uphold. They want to create an artist development pipeline through utilizing their lab. They are also trying to expand beyond simply musicians and into any forms people can express themselves. Another pillar is to begin a nonprofit music label .The goal of this pillar is to use the label to support artists and not the other way around. It is the antithesis of how the entire music industry is shaped right now. Currently, artists only make a tenth of a penny for every time their music is streamed. In this light, everything is currently stacked against musicians. Their final pillar is to get art out there in the world since their motto is “ Just create space, and invite the community in. ” If there's any way that you express yourself, the Small Time Society invites you to share.

7:10 AGENCY AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

HARD: Advisor Tibbets shared that there will be a V.I.P. event on Saturday February 14. There are also 3 teen events coming up! The first one is Cache Quest, which is a teen adventure hent. The second event is a sneaker customization workshop. The last event is a teen pickleball event! A fun way to explore the newly constructed park.

Library: Advisor Padilla shared that this Saturday there will be a Neighborhood cleanup. You need to register through Keep Hayward Clean and Green. It will be 8am-noon.

HUSD: Advisor Ewings said that there is an Earth Day Poster & Writing contest coming up for Earth day.

7:25 PLANNING PROJECTS

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

HUSD: This group plans to host an event in the city hall on March 11. It will be a virtual tour of the city hall and people will get 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

Advisory Ewings shared all the finalized details for our Sacramento Field Trip. Please let him or Advisor Padilla know if you can go, immediately.



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7:46 COOKIE DETAILS

Commissioners Florencio, Commissioner Ariana and Commissioner Eric have volunteered for the 3/09/25 HYC Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Josue adjourned the HYC 8:06 at pm.

APPROVED:

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

ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
City of Hayward