



San Pablo Youth Commission

MEETING MINUTES

November 16th, 2017 5:00-6:00 P.M
 Youth, School & Community Partnerships, Bldg. 6

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

YOUTH				
	Fiza Ali		Priscilla Galvez	Marlen Munoz
	Liliana Bernal		Karla Garcia Perez	√ Kimyatta Newby
	Jennifer Cardenas		Jessica Gonzalez	√ Bryant Rodriguez
	Estrella Casas	√	Vicente Mancia	Ivette Zepeda
	Elham Esquivel-Cruz		Kimberly Mata	
√	Ruby Gallegos		Kyla McKinney	
STAFF		√	Elise Veliz	Astrid Flores
			Bertha Romo	
PRESENTER				
		√	Valentino Cooper*	√ Jonathan Gonzalez*
		√	Dana Reyes*	Shreejal Luitel*
		√	Jaqueline Gaytan-Regaldo*	Ashley Santos*
			Elena Mendoza*	Allison Cubillas*
			Kimberely Fernandez*	Cesar Santos*
			Max Haro*	

*indicates non-appointed members.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Did Not Meet Quorum

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Raquel Trinidad: Bay Area Quality Management- Raquel informed the Commissioners about the YES! Conference, which will be held on Saturday, February 24th, 2018 at Laney College, 900 Fallon Street. This is an event where youth can contribute any ideas that they might have to benefit the environment and its sustainability. The event is open

only to the first 1,000 teens. Youth can register for the free event on Eventbrite.

- Jim Zahradka: Richmond Composite Team-The Richmond Composite Team is looking to create a mountain bike racing team. They are currently recruiting high school members. Richmond Composite is hosting a “fun ride” on November 26th from 10:30am-12:00pm in the parking lot at Point Pinole Park. Bicycles and gear will be provided.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

- SPYC Design- During the SPYC Design Meeting, Staff and Commissioners discussed a plan for the future of the Youth Commission. This plan considered possible future partnerships with community groups, such as the RYSE Center, internship opportunities, and more. Commissioner Vicente said that the meeting was fun and it was an overall enjoyable experience. Staff Liaison Elise stated that the design of the SPYC will be elaborated on a document, and will then be shared with the Commissioners. If the Commissioners approve, it will then be presented to City Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- Termination of Members- Commissioner Vicente discussed the By-Laws and reminded Commissioners that those who do not show up to three consecutive meetings will then be placed on the agenda of the following meeting, and their continuance in the program will be left to decide by a vote of the appointed commissioners. Commissioners then discussed the termination of three members: Jessica, Priscilla, and Fiza. Due to attendance, the Youth Commission will be terminating these three members. This will allow the Commission to accept new members.
- Appointments by City Council- Staff Liaison Elise elaborated on the process of appointments. The appointments by Council will be held on November 20th, 2017 at 6 p.m. Commissioner Bryant and Commissioner Vicente explained the differences between being appointed and being un-appointed. Commissioners are invited to attend.
- Senior Center Thanksgiving- Commissioner Bryant stated that last year’s Thanksgiving event was fun and heartwarming. He also stated that he enjoyed holding discussions with the Seniors. This year, the event will be held on November 21st, 2017, at Maple Hall. Commissioners are asked to wear their SPYC shirts and they will be served dinner after the event.
- Meals on Wheels Holiday Cards- Staff Liaison Elise stated that the Meals on Wheels program delivers meals to individuals who were unable to prepare the meals themselves. Commissioner’s Vicente and Bryant discussed how the Commissioners committed to making 100 holiday cards to be distributed with holiday meals. Staff Liaison Elise informed the Commissioners that the cards must be submitted December 8th. The Commission then discussed dates and times to make the cards.
- City Tree Lighting- Commissioner Dana stated that she arrived before the lighting of the tree last year. She said that the event overall was a fun experience. The Commission has been asked to support the arts & crafts and snacks for the event. The Commissioners will also be collecting letters to Santa. The event will be held on Friday, December 1st, in Maple Hall.
- Family Giving Tree-Commissioner Ruby said that she assisted with passing out the snacks last year, and that the event was fun. Staff Liaison Elise informed the Commission that the event was dedicated to giving gifts to the community and their families. She also

noted that the event setup will be in Maple Hall from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on December 18th. The event itself will be held on December 19th. Some designated duties include arts and crafts, distribution of snacks, donation of books from West County Reads, calling the raffle. Commissioners informed Elise that they are interested in supporting the event.

OLD BUSINESS

- City Hall-o-ween- Commissioner Ruby said that the event was crowded. She listed a few of the themes which included, Snow White, Harry Potter, Sports, and Marvel. Staff Liaison Elise noted that the execution of the event was significantly more difficult due to a lack of attendance and communication from the Commissioners, and she requested for the Commissioners to have better communication for future events. Elise asked the Commission what she could do to assist the communication of the group. Multiple Commissioners recommended a SnapChat group. Elise informed the Commission that she would look in to this.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Bank of America Internship 2018- Flyers were distributed to current juniors and seniors.
- Get Real Academy –Discussion was tabled because no senior girls were present.
- Potential Project 2018- Commissioner Kimmy read the information provided about the project. Flyers were distributed.
- Honoring Young Women Award- Commissioner Kimmy read the criteria to apply for the award.
- Cash for College- Commissioner Bryant informed the Commissioners about the program. Flyers were distributed.
- Art for RYSE-Commissioner Kimmy read the criteria for having youth art displayed at the RYSE Center.
- Scholarships 2018-Staff Liaison Elise distributed scholarship information to seniors.
- Birthdays- The Commission recognized Estrella's birthday.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, December 7th, 2017

MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm

Minutes brought to you by Jonathan Gonzalez

And edited by Staff Liaison Elise Veliz