

**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kaur at 6:02 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. Present: Bhattacharyya, Kaur, Mahendran, Shah, Strickland, Syed, Su, Tatari
 - b. Absent: McAdams
 - c. Tardy: Kala
 - d. Adult Commissioners Present: Amezquita-Javier
 - e. Staff Present: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator and Thomas Freeman, Recreation Services Supervisor
 - f. Recorded by: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Kaur.

4. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

There were no items from the public.

5. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**

- a. Review and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2023.

ACTION: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Shah and seconded by Commissioner Mahendran. A roll call vote found Commissioner Bhattacharyya, Kala, Kaur, Mahendran, and Shah in favor. Abstained: Commissioner Strickland, Syed, Su, and Tatari. Passed and so ordered.

6. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS:**

Staff Jensen asked for all of the Commissioners to introduce themselves, their grade, what school they attend, and their current favorite subject.

Commissioner introductions followed.

7. **PRESENTATION: YOUTH ACTION CHALLENGE**

Wes Huffman, from the Tracy Friends for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Foundation, presented the Commissioners with a challenge to come up with a project to serve the community. Each Commissioner, should they choose to participate, would be granted \$500 from the Foundation, to complete the project.

8. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR 2023-2024**

Staff Jensen conducted a vote to select Chair and Vice Chair Positions. Commissioner Kaur received the most votes for Chair and Commissioner Shah received the most votes for Vice Chair.

9. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Review and Discuss the Youth Advisory Commission Goals, Objectives, and Action Steps for 2023.

Staff Jensen explained to the new Commissioners that Attachment A is YAC's goals for 2023

and that the attachment helps YAC reach their goals by following the action steps and setting completion dates. Staff Jensen mentioned that the subcommittees meet on a monthly basis and provide updates on their assignments and projects to the Commission at each meeting.

Chair Kaur reviewed the 2023 Youth Advisory Commission Goals, Objectives, and Action Steps with the Commission. Commissioner discussion followed.

The Commission discussed the following Goals and Objectives:

1. Goal - Program Enhancement

1.A.1. - Plan and implement an event or program within the teen community.

Commissioner Kala and Vice Chair Shah provided an update from the subcommittee meeting. They shared that the subcommittee had hoped to host an event this fall at either the Sports Complex or at Clyde Bland Park. The event would include sports, games, and food trucks.

Commissioner Su volunteered for the subcommittee. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for October 17th.

1.B.1. – Work with city staff and local high schools to develop ideas and marketing strategies.

Commissioner Strickland volunteered for the subcommittee. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for September 28th.

1.C.1. – Develop ideas and implement one new program or event.

Commissioner Kala and Vice Chair Shah provided an update from the subcommittee meeting. They shared that the subcommittee is working towards offering an intergenerational Ping Pong Tournament with each team of two, having one teenager and one senior citizen.

Commissioner Syed and Chair Kaur volunteered for the subcommittee. A follow-up meeting was scheduled for October 16th.

1.D.2. – Work with staff to brainstorm ideas to include local teens in a Rollin' Rec based event.

The subcommittee shared they would like to partner with an existing Rollin' Rec date to offer activities to local teens such as basketball or kickball.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled in the next coming months to gear up for the Spring.

2. Goal – Community Outreach

2.A.1. – Work with local service clubs and organizations to offer a community service opportunity to local teens.

Commissioner Mahendran provided an update from the subcommittee meeting. She shared that the subcommittee meeting was working on a peanut butter, jelly, and hygiene drive that would benefit Tracy Interfaith Ministries.

Commissioner Bhattacharya volunteered for the subcommittee. A follow-up meeting was

scheduled for September 18th.

Staff Jensen stated all Commissioners would receive calendar invites for upcoming subcommittee meetings.

b. Provide an Update on the Summer Youth and Teen Camp Programs

None of the present Commissioners attended any of the Summer Youth or Teen Camp Programs.

Staff Jensen reminded the Commission that they voted to approve assisting at the various camps.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discuss the Purpose of the Youth Advisory Commission Annual Retreat and Proposed Dates

Staff Jensen explained the purpose of the annual retreat and asked the Commission to discuss the two proposed dates, and which would work better for the majority.

Commissioner discussion followed.

ACTION: A motion was made to approve holding the annual retreat on Monday, September 18th with the time change to 3pm to 5pm by Commissioner Kala and seconded by Vice Chair Shah. A roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

11. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

a. Review YAC Binders

Staff Jensen reviewed the YAC binders with all the Commissioners.

12. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

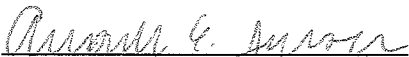
Commissioner Kaur shared that the counselors at her school, Kimball High, is having a Mental Health Week and today was Water Wellness Wednesday. She shared that it was a lot of fun and engaging and they got stickers for their water bottles. She also shared that the school will be having their school club carnival Friday, September 22nd from 1pm-3pm and anyone is invited to attend. Commissioner Tatari shared that she is a part of a non-partisan, grassroots organization, trying to have voter registration at her school, Tracy High, for this first time. She wanted to let anyone interested that they are hoping to offer it in the next couple weeks.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 7:14pm

ACTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Kala and seconded by Vice Chair Shah. Roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on September 7, 2023. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.


Amanda Jensen, Staff Liaison