

August 8, 2012

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

Staff Johnston started the introductions by introducing herself and Staff Amanda Tavares, Recreation Leader III, who will be recording minutes for the commission. Following, the commissioners went around the room introducing themselves and explained their hobbies and interest in school, volunteering, and community. Commissioner Gill and Goulart volunteered to be nominated for Chair. Adult Commissioner Huffman suggested that they stand in front of everyone and say why they would be the best choice. Approved by majority vote, Commissioner Gill became Chair and Commissioner Goulart became Vice-Chair.

2. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Gill at 6:15 p.m.**3. ROLL CALL:**

a. **Present:** Fuller, Gill, Goulart, Hong, Khinda, McGuinness, Shah, Shibata

b. **Absent:** None

c. **Adult Commissioners Present:** Huffman

d. **Staff Present:** Laura Johnston, Recreation Coordinator

e. **Recorded by:** Amanda Tavares, Recreation Leader III

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING ON July 11, 2012**

a. **Motion to Approve:** McGuinness

b. **Second:** Shibata

c. **Abstain:** Fuller, Khinda

d. **Vote:** Approved by majority vote.

6. CORRESPONDENCE: None**7. OLD BUSINESS:****a. Discuss the status of the Youth Advisory Commission's participation in the upcoming DARE to Care: Positive Alternative Day, September 22, 2012**

Staff Johnston would like a subcommittee of 3 commissioners to be formed in order to coordinate with Council member Abercrombie to move forward with YAC's participation on DARE to Care: Positive Alternative Day. Staff Johnston also noted that she believed date changed to September 29th in conjunction with the Tracy Sutter Health and Resource Fair. Staff Johnston would like to make this event a YAC mandatory event pending the commissioner's schedule. A confirmation email will be sent for the commissioner's to confirm working the event. A subcommittee of Commissioner Goulart, Shibata, Fuller and Gill was formed.

b. Discuss the status of the Youth Advisory Commission's participation at Make A Difference Day on October 27, 2012, Assign commissioners to tasks and discuss the charities' proceeds allotment

Commissioner Hong began by explaining what ideas Staff Johnston, Staff Tavares and herself accomplished at their meeting. Commissioner Hong stated that she believed that marketing, as well as a friendly school competition, would help to make this project bigger and capable of reaching all the high schools. She also noted that spending the whole month of October dedicated to collecting recyclables, not only from the high schools but from middle schools and elementary schools as well, would result in larger donations and

more participation. Staff Johnston mentioned spending Making A Difference Day, October 27, at the Transit Station with large dumpsters arranged so that the community may participate in donating water bottles. Staff Johnston also explained that the involvement of service clubs would also be a possible to help YAC accomplish their goals. Commissioner Fuller and Adult Commissioner Huffman believe that having a collection center at the West Valley Mall would be the ideal place to collect bottles throughout the month of October to help bring it to the attention of the community because of the amount of foot traffic. Commissioner Shibata stated that on the final Make A Difference Day, the schools' could make some type of sculpture to show how many bottles were collected from their school. Commissioner Gill would also like the actual Make A Difference Day to take place at the mall where all of the schools can be invited out to see who collected the most bottles and enjoy the mall as well. Besides accepting donations at the mall, Commissioner Gill would also like to have collection bins in each high school's cafeteria for those students who may not be able to make it out to the mall. Staff Johnston suggested perhaps doing 50/50 as reward for the school that collects the most water bottles. Commissioner Shah recommended doing raffles for gift cards or prizes. Staff Johnston would like YAC to decide how much they would like to donate, percentage or dollar amount, to each organization. Commissioner Gill and Goulart would like to donate 50/50. Commissioner Shibata proposed some of the money go back to the schools. Commissioner Shah suggested that the school that donates the highest amount of bottles would get 50% back of what they donated.

Commissioner Shibata motioned to approve YAC's decision to split the donations 50/50 between Tracy Interfaith and Military Moms of Tracy.

Second: Goulart

c. Discuss the status of the 2011/2012 YAC Annual Report that will be presented to the Parks and Community Services Commission and the Tracy City Council and receive input from commissioners

Staff Johnston explained that the Annual Report has been completed and is ready to be presented. She would like the commissioners to have a brief run through closer to the presentation dates. Commissioner Gill and Commissioner Fuller volunteered to present the annual report to the Parks Commission on October 4th and City Council on October 16th.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Review, Discuss and approve the 2012/2013 Youth Advisory Commission's goals and work plan and assign commissioner to tasks

Staff Johnston went through each of YAC's Goal's and Work Plan and discussed which were completed and which steps YAC needed to work on in the new year. The goals were kept the same as last year per request by the commission. Staff Johnston explained that per goal 1.1.C, two summer camps were created but were unable to take place due to low enrollment. She also stated that it was most likely due to the lack of marketing. Goal 3.3.C. was successful last year but happened at only at 1 high school. Staff Johnston would like to reach all of the high schools this year with more on-campus events. Staff Johnston explained that last year Mayor Ives suggested that YAC come up with a 4th goal to recommend to council if there are any issues that they would like to change or bring up to the council. Commissioner Goulart suggested a possible teen center. Commissioner Gill liked the idea of the teen center because of the lack of library hours and shortage of computers at schools for teens to utilize. Staff Johnston used the example of downtown not being teen friendly or having a teen forum to get an idea from the teen community of

what they would like Tracy to offer them. Commissioner McGuiness suggested using Facebook as a way to ask teens what they would like Tracy to have. Commissioner Hong felt strongly about having a section of the survey's that would allow teens to put down their own opinion and not just use what was written on the form. Commissioner Goulart also brought up the idea of possibly having organized trips to a location outside of Tracy for those teens that have no way of getting there. The Youth Advisory Commissioner came to an agreement that a hard copy of a survey would be handed out at each of the high school English classes and then collected and tallied at a future meeting.

Staff Johnston explained that since some of the goals had changed, commissioner would not be assigned to an objective at this time. After the goals are updated, YAC will then have the opportunity to approve them and assignment be made.

9. ITEMS FROM STAFF

Staff Johnston asked YAC to make sure that they arrange meetings with their Activities Directors before the following commission meeting on September 12th. She would also like the commission to be aware of their attendance and make sure that they do not miss more than three in a calendar year. If a commissioner cannot attend a meeting, it must be submitted in writing and Staff Johnston must be notified ahead of time.

Staff Tavares mentioned that volunteers are needed for the Movies on the Plaza Friday, August 10th. Commissioners may arrive any time after 5pm and stay for as long as they would like.

10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Hong, Fuller, Shah, Goulart, and Khinda had no report.

Commissioner Shibata felt that it was a really productive meeting and hopes that the year continues as planned.

Commissioner McGuiness is very excited for this year and hopes that YAC is able to get a lot done like last year.

Commissioner Gill welcomed the new commissioners and feels that YAC has a lot of great things planned and is confident that YAC will be able to accomplish a lot of it by the end of the year.

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: Next regular meeting on *September 12th, 2012*

- a. **Motion to Adjourn:** Shibata
- b. **Second:** Shah
- c. **Vote:** Approved by majority vote
- d. **Time:** 7:44 p.m.