

August 14, 2013

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Recreation Coordinator Laura Johnston at 6:10 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:**
 - a. **Present:** Cho, Elmore, Fuller, Gonzaleaz, B. Hall, K.Hall, Khinda, Oliveri, Salaymeh, Yang
 - b. **Absent:** Amador
 - c. **Adult Commissioners Present:** none have been chosen at this time
 - d. **Staff Present:** Laura Johnston, Recreation Coordinator
 - e. **Recorded by:** Beatrice Amezquita- Javier, Recreation Leader III
3. **ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Lori Souza, community activist, spoke about some of the organizations that she is involved in, and those that need the communities' help. She mentioned a volunteer project called 'Case for Kids'. Case for Kids helps foster youth by supplying plastic bins filled with needed supplies to foster children, ages 0-18 years old. There are over 200 youth in Tracy alone who are in foster care that need help. 'Sow a Seed' is looking for teen's grades 10th-12th to lead youth and mentor them one-on-one. An interesting community service project has recently been started by a CSU Stanislaus student, who has entered pageants herself and wants young girls to experience the pageant setting. Along with the pageant, she wants to create a free cheer clinic. After the young women learn the choreography at the cheer clinic, the young women will perform at the Tracy Bean Festival. The young women who want to participate in the pageant can either pay the entrance fee and the payment is donated to the young women and the pageant or they can donate 10 can foods. 'Brighter Christmas' is an organization who always needs volunteers. They provide gifts to families who are less fortunate. Ms. Souza said she would gladly help YAC with any of the projects she mentioned or a project YAC is passionate about.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM REGULAR MEETING ON June 10, 2013**
 - a. **Motion to Approve:** B. Hall
 - b. **Second:** Fuller
 - c. **Abstain:** none
 - d. **Vote:** approved by majority vote
5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** none
6. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:**

Commissioners voted B. Hall as chair and Fuller as vice-chair.
7. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a. **Discuss the purpose of the YAC annual retreat to be held September 16, 2013 and assign two Commissioners to be on the subcommittee to plan the retreat**

The purpose of the retreat is to measure the Youth Advisory Commission's progress, and to create its goals for the upcoming year. A subcommittee was chosen consisting of Commissioners Elmore, Salaymeh, Khinda, and Cho. It was then motioned to have the retreat scheduled at the regular scheduled meeting. This was due to the date and time not working with all participants schedule. The subcommittee will meet August 22, 2013 on Thursday at 5:00pm

Motion to approve: To move the retreat from September 16, 2013 to the regular scheduled meeting of September 11, 2013

- a. **Motion to Approve:** Fuller
- b. **Second:** Khinda
- c. **Abstain:** none
- d. **Vote:** approved by majority vote

b. Discuss and approve the Youth Advisory Commission’s participation in Make a Difference Day project on October 26, 2013 and select a project that benefits the Tracy community

Ms. Johnston mentioned that the Commission can use one of Ms. Souza’s ideas for Make a Difference Day. Ms. Johnston also told the Commission if they are passionate about an organization that they would like to help out for Make a Difference Day, they can mention that to the commission. Commissioner B. Hall asked if any Commissioners had any ideas. Commissioner Fuller mentioned collecting recyclables again. Ms. Souza mentioned having a coin drop at each high school. Commission Oliveri recommended a fun run. Ms. Johnston said the fun run idea is great, but may need to be postponed until the spring due to weather and planning. Ms. Johnston mentioned the Linus Project where the community would donate blankets. Ms. Souza mentioned the Pregnancy Resource Center and donating supplies to them. The commission voted on a coin drop project. The subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Elmore, Oliveri and Fuller will meet August 29th at 5:00pm. Commissioner Oliveri volunteered to create a flyer.

Motion to approve: Host a coin-drop drive for Make a Difference Day.

- a. **Motion to Approve:** B. Hall
- b. **Second:** Khinda
- c. **Abstain:** none
- d. **Vote:** approved by majority vote

c. Appoint a subcommittee to begin drafting the 2012-2013 YAC annual report that will be presented to the Parks and Community Services Commission and the Tracy City Council

Commissioners Fuller, B. Hall, Khinda, and Salaymeh formed the subcommittee who will draft the 2012-2013 YAC Annual Report. Their first subcommittee meeting will be Friday, August 30 at 4:00pm.

8. Items from Staff:

a. Introductions of new Commissioners

Ms. Johnston asked the six new Commissioners to introduce themselves. Ms. Johnston also asked the new Commissioners to attend a council meeting on October 1, 2013 at 7:00pm to receive their certificates.

b. Arrange meetings with city staff and school activities coordinators

Ms. Johnston asked Commissioners to meet with their respective school’ activities director. Ms. Johnston said she will arrange to meet with each school activity director, and invite the Commissioners from that school to the meeting.

c. Review 2013/2014 calendar

- YAC retreat at regular meeting, September 11
- Make a Difference Day on October 26

d. Review bylaws

Ms. Johnston reviewed the YAC bylaws.

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION: Commissioner K. Hall said he enjoyed his first meeting, Cho

said she is happy to be a part of the Commission, Fuller welcomed the new Commissioners and she is excited to meet the new Commissioners, see their enthusiasm, and ideas at the first meeting. B. Hall said welcome to all.

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Ms. Souza mentioned the organization ‘Sow a Seed’ again and how they need the help of teens to mentor youth in our community. The mentors will be trained. ‘ If any YAC member or their friends are interested they can attend an orientation at Healthy Connections on Friday, August 16th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

11. ADJOURNMENT: Next special meeting on **September 11, 2013 from 6:00pm-8:00pm**

- a. **Motion to Adjourn:** Khinda
- b. **Second:** Fuller
- c. **Vote:** Approved by majority vote
- d. **Time:** 7:07 pm