# YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gill at 6:00 p.m.

## 2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Collins, J. Dhillon, R. Dhillon, Gadamsetti, Gill, Hagler, Kaur, Klassen, Moshiri, Razi, Smith
- b. Absent: Eubanksc. Tardy: None
- d. Adult Commissioners Present: Adult Commissioner Huffman
- e. Staff Present: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator I
- f. Recorded by: Samantha Carr, Recreation Leader III
- 3. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Brian MacDonald, the new Parks and Recreation Director, introduced himself to the Youth Advisory Commission and shared his appreciation for their hard work. Brian also asked the Commissioners to introduce themselves and state what high school they attend.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM Regular Meeting on December 13, 2017

- a. Motion to Approve: Kaur
- b. Second: Collinsc. Abstain: None
- d. Vote: Approved by majority vote
- 5. CORRESPONDENCE: None

## 6. INTRODUCTION OF NEW ADULT COMMISSIONER

Staff Jensen welcomed Adult Commissioner Huffman. Adult Commissioner Huffman introduced himself to the Youth Advisory Commissioners and mentioned that he had some exciting news that would benefit the Commission that he would discuss with the Commissioners at a later date:

#### 7. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Review and Discuss the 2018 Youth Advisory Commission goals and work plan

Commissioner Kaur provided an update on the two new teen events or programs subcommittee and shared that one of the ideas was a teen camp night in the park. Commissioner Moshiri also mentioned a videogame competition, black light teen dance, summer teen swim night, a tech camp, a scavenger hunt camp and as well as trips for teens to different attractions such as the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Staff Jensen asked the Commissioners for feedback. Commissioner Razi asked if any of these teen programs would run in accordance with the already established camps that take place over the Summer. Staff Jensen explained that any camp ideas that were approved would be in addition to the other camps. Commissioner Gill thought the teen dance was a great idea. Commissioner J. Dhillon provided an update on the mentorship program and stated that their idea is to provide a program that aids youth by covering topics such as how to be prepared for high school. Commissioner Razi added that their goal is to hold the program at least once a month. Commissioner Gill discussed the idea of partnering with Tracy High and other high schools to cover the topic of bullying and to include motivational speakers in the program. Brian MacDonald suggested offering mentorship to the private schools as well. A subcommittee meeting for Objective 1.C., to implement new teen and senior programming or events, was scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Gill provided an updated on the SAT/ACT prep course and mentioned that the SAT practice test is

scheduled for February 3rd at 9:00am at the Tracy Public Library. Staff Jensen stated that this is one of the Commissioners current and previous goals and it is important that everyone attends. Staff Jensen also mentioned that she is currently working on a flyer and once approved, she will email it to the Commission. Commissioner Gadamsetti and Commissioner Hagler said they would be able to assist. Commissioner Kaur provided an update on the career training program for teens and discussed setting up mock interviews with the aid of professionals from different fields. Adult Commissioner Huffman offered to meet with those signed up for the mock interviews to give tips and advice on interviewing. Commissioner J. Dhillon discussed the College and Vocational Resource Guide and stated that the subcommittee is currently working on a new format for the brochure before distributing. A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for January 22nd at 5:00p.m. Commissioner R. Dhillon provided an update on a possible new community service project or activity and stated that some of the subcommittee's dea included a birthday party each month at the McHenry House and partnering with local animal rescues or the shelter to encourage adoption and to hold pet supply drives. A subcommittee meeting for Objective 3.C., to participate in the annual Make a Difference Day Project, was scheduled for February 7th at 5:00 p.m. Brian MacDonald mentioned that the City would hold their Arbor Day event in the Spring and the Commissioners should consider that as an option. Staff Jensen will follow up with Public Works for more details. Commissioner Gill stated that it is important to focus on advertising for events such as tree planting because they would be able to get more involved if more knew about the event.

## 8. New Business: None

### 9. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Jensen thanked the Commissioners for participating in the Lolly Hansen Senior Center's Black and White Ball and stated that she received great feedback from the seniors. Staff Jensen also reminded the Commissioners that February 5<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. is the next Intergenerational Program at the Senior Center. Brian MacDonald wanted to inform the Commissioners that Staff Jensen would be working with her supervisor to establish a budget for the Youth Advisory Commission to use for future projects. A budget of \$3,000 was discussed but an update would be be provided at a later date. Adult Commissioner Huffman asked if the funds would be for individual use by Commissioners for projects.

## 10. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION:

Commissioner Hagler stated that Tracy High soccer teams as well as West High leadership are hosting a coin drive for a school that was affected by the fires in Santa Rosa. Commissioner J. Dhillon stated that he is involved in a fundraiser at In-Shape Health Club on January 20<sup>th</sup> that would allow participants to take tennis lessons for only \$20. Commissioner Razi stated that he is working on a campaign with the Muslim Student Association at Tracy High to raise awareness for the Myanmar tragedy and he will follow-up with further information as things progress. Commissioner Gill will be hosting an event through T.P.A.L.S. for underprivileged youth and is also participating in several presentations, one of which is human trafficking.

### 11. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

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12. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting on February 14, 2018, at 6:00pm

a. Motion to Adjourn: Gill

b. Second: Kaur

c. Vote: Approved by majority vote

d. Time: 6:50pm

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on January 4, 2018. The above are summary and action minutes.



