

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

YOUTH COMMISSION

*Chair Sasha Jimenez
Vice Chair Vincent M. Jones
Commissioner Ruby Dias
Commissioner Angel D. Aguilar-Andrade
Commissioner Kimberly Velazquez-Garcia
Commissioner Gladis Cabrera*



VISION STATEMENT

Pomona will be recognized as a vibrant, safe, beautiful community that is a fun and exciting destination and the home of arts and artists, students and scholars, business and industry.

Thursday, January 23, 2025

6:00 PM

Chuck Bader Conference Room

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jimenez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Jimenez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Sasha Jimenez
Vice Chair Vincent Marcel Jones
Commissioner Ruby Dias
Commissioner Angel D. Aguilar-Andrade
Commissioner Kimberly Velazquez-Garcia
Commissioner Gladis Cabrera

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager
Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst
Stephanie Lobo, Recreation Coordinator
Flor Valenzuela, Recreation Coordinator
Paul Verdugo, Recreation Coordinator

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Diaz shared that she met with her mentor, Shandy Dittman, and went to a staff meeting with her.

Commissioner Cabrera said she met with her mentor Shar Perez, and they spoke about some of the books on finance that Shar shared with her.

Vice Chair Jones informed that he participated in the Christmas Parade with Chair Jimenez and Commissioner Aguilar-Andrade. He said he connected with the Chair of the Police Oversight Commission and was invited to be in an ad-hoc committee between the two commissions to bring more community awareness. He asked how items are placed on the Youth Commission agenda. He asked to discuss making potential changes in the mentoring program and starting an internship pathway after serving on the youth commission. He mentioned a winter relief program that offers packages to the unhoused, and he would like to include giving packages to unhoused youth.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was recommended that the Youth Commission approve the meeting minutes of November 7, 2024. **Motion made by Vice Chair Jones, second by Commissioner Aguilar-Andrade, passing with a vote of 6-0.**

VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Seasonal Planning: Spring City Activities, Events, and Programming

Community Services Manager Mike Osoff asked the Commission for ideas for spring activities and programming, while staff took notes. Discussion included ideas for youth programming, teens, and City events.

VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- The Recreation Coordinator for Specials Events has been filled, and Paul Verdugo is in the role. The Program Assistant for Communication position is in the process of being filled.
- An obstacle-style playground is being installed at Ralph Welch Park.
- The Youth Commission Info Night will be Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 6pm at Council Chambers.
- Community Services was awarded grant funding for \$28,000 from Parks California for a project to take youth to California Parks and Beaches. The funds will pay for drivers and fuel for 40 trips through December 31, 2025.
- Staff will be submitting a proposal to the school district for Outdoor & Active for the 2025-26 school year.
- Staff asked the Youth Commission if they would recommend rescheduling the July 3, 2025 meeting because it lands on a City holiday. The commission recommended

scheduling to a date that works for staff and the commission.

- The holiday lighting ceremony at Civic Center Plaza had a good turnout with performances from the SAE and Garey HS. The Holiday at the Plaza event had thousands of people come through and featured family-friendly activities, snow sledding, and a rock climbing wall.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jimenez adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to the next meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Monica Belloso
Management Analyst

Chair/Vice Chair of the Youth Commission