

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes



YOUTH COMMISSION

Chair Carimel Valenzuela
Vice Chair Sasha Jimenez
Commissioner Ruby Dias
Commissioner Angel D. Aguilar-Andrade
Commissioner Kimberly Velazquez-Garcia
Commissioner Vincent M. Jones
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, October 3, 2024

6:00 PM

Pomona City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Valenzuela called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Jimenez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT

Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager
Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst
Ricardo Aguilar, Recreation Coordinator

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Vice Chair Jimenez shared that she met with her mentor, Sam Wong, the Director of Information Technology, who provided a tour of the IT department.

Commissioner Jones reported that he attended Metro's Youth Summit on September 19, 2024 to learn about resources that could enhance Pomona's public transit system.

Commissioner Dias reported that she met with her mentor where they discussed her goals and what is happening in the City.

Commissioner Cabrera said she met with her mentor Shar Perez and they had a great time getting to know one another. She said she learned about her mentor's role in the City and she looks forward to meeting with her again.

Chair Valenzuela said she met with the Haunted House planning ad-hoc committee last month and she is excited for the community to attend the Haunted House event on October 25th and 26th and see all the fun things the event will have. She shared that she received a stole from Girl State and certificates for participating in the American Legion and from her Assembly Member and Senator. She said her parents purchased a home outside Pomona, which means she will have to resign from the Youth Commission. She shared that she is taking a Political Science course and she encouraged everyone to vote.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was recommended that the Youth Commission approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2024. **Motion made by Vice Chair Jimenez, second by Commissioner Cabrera, passing with a vote of 7-0.**

VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Community Services 2024 Summer Recap of Activities, Events, and Programs

Staff presented a PowerPoint presentation recapping offerings, activities, events, and attendance numbers during the summer.

2. An Overview of Outdoor & Active

Recreation Coordinator Ricardo Aguilar introduced himself and provided an overview of his background, his role, and oversight. He oversees Outdoor & Active, a youth sports program for students ages 4-17, offered at 13 parks that are adjacent to a school. The program is funded by Pomona Unified School District and administered by City recreation staff.

3. Chair and Vice Chair Selection

Vice Chair Jimenez was selected as Chair and Commissioner Jones was selected as Vice Chair.

VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- The fall/winter recreation guide is now available online on the City’s website.
- Community Services staff tabled at the Children’s Festival and will table at the Kindness Carnival.
- Community Services is offering teens opportunities for employment, service-learning, and community service.
- The Haunted House will be October 25th and October 26th at Palomares Park from 6pm to 9pm. Volunteers are needed for the haunted house and family-friendly areas.
- Kennedy Park just installed skate amenities and will have a grand opening in November.
- The Park Ambassador Pilot Program will conclude in October. Staff will prepare and submit a report to City Council and request funding and guidance if Council decides to keep the program going.
- Staff is conducting park walkthroughs to improve surveillance camera location and placement.
- Outdoor & Active is now open for registration for Little Kickers for ages 4-7, skateboarding, and tennis.
- Staff thanked Chair Valenzuela for serving on the Youth Commission and wished her well in her future endeavors.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Valenzuela adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. to the next meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:

Monica Belloso
Management Analyst

Chair/Vice Chair of the Youth Commission