

# City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave  
Pomona, CA 91766

## Regular Meeting Minutes

### YOUTH COMMISSION

*Chair Marilyn Camacho  
Vice Chair Joseph Santhosh  
Commissioner Natalie Alvarado  
Commissioner Orlando Arias-Pulido  
Commissioner Jared Jordan  
Commissioner Mario Portillo  
Commissioner Carimel Valenzuela*



#### 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.*

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Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Camacho called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Camacho led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### III. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Marilyn Camacho  
Commissioner Orlando Arias-Pulido (arrived at 6:25 p.m.)  
Commissioner Jared Jordan  
Commissioner Natalie Alvarado (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)  
Commissioner Carimel Valenzuela  
Vice Chair Joseph Santhosh

Absent: Commissioner Mario Portillo

Staff present: Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager  
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst  
Florycell Valenzuela, Technical Specialist I (Special Events)  
Valerie Lopez, Technical Specialist I (Special Events)

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

#### V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

None.

## **VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was recommended that the Youth Commission approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2023.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR SANTHOSH, CARRIED 4-0 TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2023.**

## **VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR**

**MOTION BY CHAIR CAMACHO, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN, 4-0 TO move Discussion Item No. 2 to No. 1.**

### **1. Commendations for Outgoing Youth Commissioners**

Community Services Manager Mike Osoff and Management Analyst Monica Belloso thanked Vice Chair Santhosh, Commissioner Alvarado, and Commissioner Portillo for their public service. Mayor Sandoval and Councilmembers Garcia, Lustro, and Preciado commended the Youth Commissioners and wished them well in their future endeavors. Fellow Youth Commissioners also expressed appreciation and wished them well.

[Commissioner Arias-Pulido arrived at 6:25 p.m. and Commissioner Alvarado arrived at approximately 6:30 p.m.]

No Public Comment.

### **2. 2023 Heart of the Foothills Pomona Hub Recap**

Mr. Osoff presented a short recap video of the Heart of the Foothills event and provided an overview of the various types of attractions, activities, partners, vendors, and performers at Palomares Park, which was Pomona's hub. Mr. Osoff asked the Commission to share their feedback about the event, while staff took notes.

- Increase and provide a variety of food options, like kettle corn, funnel cakes, tamales, chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, and corndogs.
- Provide similar activities to other special events, like the Haunted House.
- Appreciated the free water from the Water Department.
- Liked the resource fair on Arrow Highway.
- Recommended placing traffic signs at major entry points to the City.
- Provide activities for adults.
- Create promotional videos in Spanish and other languages.
- Provide more shade and seating.
- If done on a quarterly basis, have the events at different parks.
- During the summer, have an event at Ganesha Park because of the pool.
- Have the events themed.

No Public Comment.

### VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

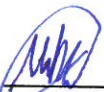
- Tri-City Mental Health Services awarded a grant proposal for a 10-month tolerance series project for youth. The project will provide monthly tolerance workshops, a fieldtrip, and the opportunity for participants to plan a human library event.
- Pools will be opening up. The pool slide was redone at Ganesha pool and a rock-climbing wall is to be installed at Washington Pool. Both pools will offer swim lessons.
- About 80-100 summer day camps will be offered. An overnight weekend residential camp sent over 100 people or 20+ families to Big Bear. For several weeks, a couple of hundred kids will be sent to two overnight camps in Big Bear. Staff is trying to get other camps in place. Camps are free to Pomona residents.
- The Mayor and City Council allocated \$400,000 for the next four years to provide concerts. A kickoff concert event will be June 3 and performers will include Jordi, Selenamos, Daydream Time Machine, Alejandro Aranda, and surprise performer. Concerts will be on the last Friday of June, July, August, and September.
- Movies in the Park will feature a movie in each district and end with a dive-in movie at Ganesha Park.

### IX. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Camacho adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Thursday, July 6, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chuck Bader Conference Room (next to City Council Chambers).

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:



Mike Osoff  
Community Services Manager



Marilyn Camacho  
Chair of the Youth Commission