

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF  
THE YOUTH COMMISSION**

**CITY OF POMONA  
TELECONFERENCE VIA “ZOOM”**

**THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021  
6:00 P.M.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Arias-Pulido called the Youth Commission meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**II. FLAG SALUTE**

Chair Arias-Pulido led the flag salute.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Chair Arias-Pulido asked staff to take roll call for Commissioners.

**Present via Zoom:**

Orlando Arias-Pulido, Chairperson	District 1
Natalie Alvarado, Vice Chairperson	Mayoral Appointee
Victor Tessier, Commissioner	District 2
Joseph Santhosh, Commissioner	District 5

**Absent:**

Mario Portillo, Commissioner	District 4
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**Vacancies:**

District 3 and District 6

**Staff present via Zoom:**

Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager  
Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor  
Monica Belloso, Technical Specialist II

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Chair Arias-Pulido shared that he attended the Heroes of Pomona speech contest.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**VII. UNFINISHED AND/OR NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Update on Summer Programming**

Community Services Manager asked if staff could add “winter programming” to Agenda Item 2.

**MOTION BY CHAIRPERSON ARIAS-PULIDO, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TESSIER, CARRIED 4-0, to add winter programming to agenda item 2.**

Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor provided an overview of current summer programming, events and partnerships, including information on City pools hours and dates, Movies in the Park, and specialty camps. Specialty camps are 1-2 weeks long and include a writing camp, STEAM, an art camp, sports, water, and a life skills camp. There are also virtual community center classes each day of the week offering classes in fitness, STEAM, art and crafts, and library story time. Partnerships include Bright Prospects, Tri-City, and the dA Center of the Arts.

Mr. Osoff stated cooling centers are being offered at Washington Park and the City Library when temperatures reach over 95 degrees.

Mr. Valdez shared information on the City offering youth the opportunity to participate in a free, weeklong camp in Big Bear. Mr. Valdez provided information on registration, eligibility, dates, activities, and parent info night.

Mr. Osoff reported that the Community Services' Instagram account now has 530 followers and asked the Commission to help spread the word to increase followers.

**2. Discussion on Fall/Winter Special Events and Programming**

Mr. Osoff stated that staff likes to obtain input from the Commission during the planning of upcoming seasonal events and activities. Mr. Osoff stated that a fall event that Community Services hosts is an annual Haunted House, a two-night event held on a Friday and Saturday that provides a guided tour with lots of scary props and actors. Mr. Valdez shared details of the Haunted House.

Mr. Osoff stated winter events include a City employee tree-decorating event, Holiday at the Plaza, and the Tree Lighting event. The Holiday at the Plaza, in collaboration with DPOA's [Downtown Pomona Owners Association] Christmas Parade, includes Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, snow, sledding, art and crafts, rock climbing, live music, and a variety of photo backdrops. The Tree Lighting event is held during the first December City Council meeting. The Mayor and Council do a countdown to light the City Hall tree. Mr. Osoff stated staff welcomes feedback and suggestions for these or other activities.

**VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION**

The City Council approved the 2021/2022 budget, which included two additional full-time Recreation Coordinators. One will focus on collaborations and classes, which will be funded under a Proposition 64 grant and the other is for Senior programming. There will be a full-time Maintenance Technician position, two part-time custodial positions and two part-time Community Services Specialists positions.

In working with Senator Connie Leyva's office, the City was awarded \$1.1M in funding for a playground at Civic Center Plaza.

Mr. Osoff recognized City staff and Adrian Valdez efforts from for summer programming.

Commission meetings will be moving toward in-person meetings soon.

Unspent funding from last fiscal year received approval to be used toward improvements on community center roofs, city pools, community centers, and the purchase of supplies.

The mentoring program for the Youth Commissioners will be begin as soon as the Commission vacancies are filled.

Ms. Belloso stated that the City submitted five separate grant applications through Proposition 68 and will be meeting with a project officer for site visits next month.

**IX. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COMMISSIONERS**

Chair Arias-Pulido asked for presentation by Pomona Police on youth arrest data.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Arias-Pulido adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Youth Commission will be Thursday, August 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

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Michael Osoff,  
Community Services Manager

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Orlando Arias-Pulido  
Youth Commission Chairperson