

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

YOUTH COMMISSION

*Chair Marilyn Camacho
Vice Chair Carimel Valenzuela
Commissioner Sasha Jimenez
Commissioner Orlando Arias-Pulido
Commissioner Jared Jordan
Commissioner Rosa Paredes
Commissioner Catherine Vargas*



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, September 7, 2023

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Valenzuela led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Carimel Valenzuela
Commissioner Orlando Arias-Pulido
Commissioner Jared Jordan (arrived at approximately 6:17 p.m.)
Commissioner Sasha Jimenez
Commissioner Rosa Paredes
Commissioner Catherine Vargas

Absent: Chair Marilyn Camacho

Staff present: Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager
Adrian Valdez, Recreation Supervisor
Jordan Sanchez, Recreation Coordinator
Monica Belloso, Management Analyst

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

V. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Arias-Pulido stated that Hamilton Park has finally opened and thanked staff's efforts for applying for grant funding and providing project updates throughout the process. There are restrooms, a soccer field, a basketball court, two playgrounds, a walking trail, and lighting. He asked Public Works to consider placing a sidewalk between Hamilton and Monterey because the dirt path is uneven. He asked if community centers near high schools could host writing workshops to help students prepare for college applications and essays.

Commissioner Vargas shared that she is a part of Clean & Green, an environmental activist group in Pomona. She spoke of key priorities related to updated zoning codes, such as banning polluting facilities (new, not existing), checking facility and distribution centers greater than 22,500 square feet, and limiting the size of new industrial buildings to help increase green space in the City.

Vice Chair Valenzuela shared that she went to the back to school skateboarding event at Palomares Park. There were many giveaways, such as backpacks, skateboards, and school supplies. She said she also attended the Concert at Civic Plaza on August 25, 2023 and saw The Grinns, Hate Drugs, and Violet Minefield and it was a great event.

Commissioner Arias-Pulido added that he met with his mentor; they spoke about going from high school to college, adulthood, and advice for future endeavors.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

It was recommended that the Youth Commission approve the meeting minutes of August 3, 2023.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER ARIAS-PULIDO, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JIMENEZ, CARRIED 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes of August 3, 2023.

VII. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. An Overview of the Outdoor Equity Grants Program

Management Analyst Monica Belloso provided an overview of the funding opportunity and provided a description of the criteria, guidelines, and proposed project details.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JORDAN, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER VARGAS, CARRIED 6-0 to approve the submittal of an Outdoor Equity Grants Program application.

No Public Comment.

2. 2024 Spring Planning of City Events, Programs, and Activities

Recreation Supervisor Adrian Valdez and Recreation Coordinator Jordan Sanchez provided an overview of spring events, programs, and activities. The Commission provided ideas and feedback for spring events, while staff took notes.

No Public Comment.

VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- The After School Recreation Program sites are now open.
- The Youth Employment program is seeking to fill two vacancies.
- Inclusion Aides are being hired and some are starting next week.
- Staff Development training will begin through Tri-City Mental Health Services.
- Winter camps will be during winter break.
- Haunted House planning is underway with the help of the Youth Commission Ad-Hoc Committee.
- Fall youth sports have begun.
- Approximately 700 people attended the back to school skate event.
- Twelve students went to a Paul George basketball clinic at California State University, Dominguez Hills.
- Staff will be sharing a recap of summer activities at the October meeting.
- Inclusive Pomona, a grant-funded project will host an inclusion symposium on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 for youth-serving organizations.
- The Los Angeles County Youth Commission will be hosting a Listening Session on October 7, 2023 from 11am – 3pm at Palomares Park Community Center. Youth Commissioners are invited.
- If Youth Commissioners are interested, staff could organize a tour of the City's Hope for Home shelter during Thanksgiving break.
- Los Tigres del Norte will be performing September 8, 2023 in front of the Fox Theatre from 6pm – 9pm.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

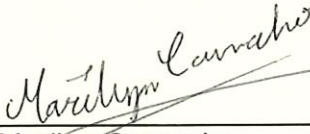
Vice Chair Valenzuela adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:



Mike Osoff
Community Services Manager



Marilyn Camacho
Chair of the Youth Commission