

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF
THE YOUTH COMMISSION**

**CITY OF POMONA
TELECONFERENCE VIA "ZOOM"**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 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
Victor Tessier, Commissioner	District 2
Javier Rodriguez-Rivera, Commissioner	District 3
Mario Portillo, Commissioner	District 4
Ryan Houston, Commissioner	District 5

Absent:

Natalie Alvarado, Vice Chairperson	Mayoral Appointee
Roman Macias, Commissioner	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 stated he attended a Just Us 4 Youth bar-b-que where the topic of what it means to be a community leader was discussed.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. UNFINISHED AND/OR NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Pomona Unified School District's Student Engagement Methods During the Pandemic.

Mr. Osoff welcomed and thanked Assistant Superintendent for Pupil and Community Services Dr. Walks-Harper and Assistant Superintendent for Education Services Lilia Fuentes of Pomona Unified School District for attending this evening's meeting. Mr. Osoff stated that the Youth Commission was interested in learning about how the district has been engaging students during the pandemic.

Dr. Walks-Harper and Ms. Fuentes spoke on the number of collaborations with local partners and the coordination of community resources and services, including addressing mental health needs for students and families during the pandemic. These services included increasing counselors, issuing referrals and housing vouchers, hosting food distributions, providing arts and music programming, and providing informative webinars on reopening safely. Dr. Walks-Harper apologized to the Commission for the presenter of last month's meeting for being unable to attend.

2. Discussion of Transportation and Pomona's Youth

Recreation Supervisor Adrian Valdez welcomed and thanked Linda Apodaca and Josh Landis from Foothill Transit for joining in and presenting transportation services that Foothill Transit provides to the community.

Linda Apodaca, Community Engagement Manager and Josh Landis, Planning Manager provided information and facts on buses in service, local and express routes, area served, and ridership numbers. Ms. Apodaca also spoke about the benefits of a TAP Card and provided information on Class Pass, a discounted TAP Card that provides students of local colleges and universities unlimited access to local buses each semester, including contact information for services, passes, and booklets.

3. Youth Commissioners: Expiring Terms for Graduating Seniors

Mr. Osoff stated that Youth Commissioners from Districts 3, 5 and 6 are ending their terms this month because they are graduating seniors. Staff and the Commission used this time to thank and congratulate Commissioner Rodriguez-Rivera, Commissioner Houston, and Commissioner Macias on their involvement and role in the Youth Commission. Staff and Commissioners wished them well in their future endeavors and Mr. Osoff asked the Commissioners to keep everyone updated on their successes.

VIII. STAFF COMMUNICATION

- The 2021 summer recreation guide will be available online and guides will be mailed out to Pomona households.
- Summer specialty camps include STEAM, a writing camp, water camp, and sports camp.
- There will be four Movies in the Park.
- City pools open next week.
- Funding was identified to send up to 150 youth to a weeklong overnight summer camp. Additional information will be provided for signups.

IX. MATTERS INITIATED BY CITY COMMISSIONERS

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Arias-Pulido adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Youth Commission will be Thursday, July 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.



Michael Osoff,
Community Services Manager



Orlando Arias-Pulido
Youth Commission Chairperson