

City of Pomona

505 S. Garey Ave
Pomona, CA 91766

Regular Meeting Minutes

YOUTH COMMISSION



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

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, August 4, 2022

6:00 PM

City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Alvarado was absent and with the vacancy of a Vice Chair, City staff member Monica Belloso called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Belloso led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Orlando Arias-Pulido
Commissioner Jared Jordan
Commissioner Marilyn Camacho
Commissioner Mario Portillo
Commissioner Joseph Santhosh

Absent: Chair Natalie Alvarado

Staff Present: Mike Osoff, Community Services Manager
Monica Belloso, Technical Specialist II

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. Selection of Vice Chair for the Youth Commission

Ms. Belloso announced there is a vacancy for Vice Chair. Per the Bylaws, the Commission may select a Vice Chair with at least one year of experience serving on the Commission, by majority vote.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PORTILLO NOMINATING HIMSELF FOR VICE CHAIR, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ARIAS-PULIDO, CARRIED 4-1.

2. Discussion of Fall/Winter City Special Events and Programming

Community Services Manager Mike Osoff provided an overview of the City's fall/winter special events and programming, which includes the Haunted House and Holiday at the Plaza. Mr. Osoff invited the Commissioners to provide input on ways to enhance seasonal events and share ideas for enhancing current activities or establishing new activities. Below is a list of Commission suggestions:

Haunted House

Host activities at Washington Park

Pumpkin carvings

Corn maze

Partnering with high schools for volunteer opportunities in haunted house or family-friendly area

Holiday at the Plaza

Snow sledding

Ice-skating

Gift donations

Activities

Shakespeare in the Park

Feature local music bands before concerts and movies in the park

Feature high school bands/orchestras to perform at City events

Holiday movie night

Drive-inn movie at The Village

Babysitting services in December

Panel of college alumni from UC and Ivy League universities to share their experience

Event promoting healthy living

Offer unique sports activities (bat mitten, racquetball, etc.)

Carnival/Fair

Hike-a-thon

Mental health / peer counseling

Human Library

Backpack giveaways

Dances

Talent show

Public Comment

Ana Portillo spoke about the City offering youth dance classes that include jazz, R&B, ballet, and ballet folklorico. Ms. Portillo said she would like to see a family weekend overnight campout at a local park and a youth scavenger hunt.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commission Arias-Pulido said he attended The California Endowment Youth Awards conference in Oakland with Gente Organizada on July 23, 2022. He said he would like to see a presentation on youth pre-arrest/youth diversion program and an update on the Hamilton Park project.

Commissioner Jordan asked for information on street repairs near Martin Luther King, Jr. Park.

Commissioner Camacho asked to discuss the conditions of park restrooms and homelessness.

Vice Chair Portillo requested a Tri-City representative to share information on mental health services for youth.

Commissioner Santhosh asked for Youth Summit information.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

The Youth Summit will be held on Monday, August 8, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. connecting youth-serving providers and partners for asset mapping and gaps analysis interactive exercises. The day will include presentations, data sharing, information regarding policies for using City and school district facilities, a video presentation, and youth keynote speakers.

Community Services will be providing a recap of summer programs, activities, and events that staff will be presenting at an upcoming Commission meeting.

The City contracts with the YMCA of Orange County for summer operations for the City's pools. Due to a national lifeguard shortage, they were unable to provide a sufficient number of lifeguards to have the City's pools consistently opened.

There will be City pool improvements and will include a rock-climbing wall and a new diving board at Washington Pool and a new diving board and slide at Ganesha Pool.

This Friday, August 5, 2022, Movies in the Park will be at Westmont Park featuring *Big Hero 6*. The last movie will feature *Luca* at Ganesha Pool on Friday, August 12, 2022.

The City offered a Summer Beautification youth employment program to 16 high school students as Jr. Recreation Leaders for a four-week program beautifying local parks and creating their own service projects. Projects included a beach cleanup, installing trashcans, and planting succulents. They participated at National Night Out and provided resources on composting to the community. This evening, Jr. Rec Leaders will be presenting to their family, the projects they completed.

City staff submitted a Youth Community Access grant application through Proposition 64. Staff will be providing information on an upcoming grant opportunity through Measure A's Recreation Access Program at the following meeting.

Mr. Osoff stated that Commissioner attendance and arriving on time is important, out of respect

for fellow Commissioners and the community and to provide their input on City events and functions.

ADJOURNMENT


Ms. Belloso adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Thursday, September 1, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers.

Respectfully submitted,

ATTEST:



Mike Osoff
Community Services Manager



Natalie Alvarado
Chair of the Youth Commission