



SARATOGA YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 12, 2021

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7:00 PM YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL: 7:02 p.m.

Present: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai.

Absent: None.

Members of the public: Amnah Khan.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Youth Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from the December 8, 2020 meeting.

Raamkumar motioned to approve the minutes. Zhai seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

2. Treasurer Report and Fundraising

Recommended Action:

Receive report from the Youth Commission Treasurer.

● **GoFundMe Inclusion update:**

- **\$0 raised so far**
- **Each commissioner should send 10 emails/texts by next meeting**
- **Inclusion Subcommittee to take over the GoFundMe fundraiser**

Madhan motioned for the Inclusion subcommittee to take the lead on the fundraising plan and accept the Treasurer Report. Leung seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

3. YouTube Subcommittee Report

Recommended Action:

Receive updates from the YouTube Subcommittee. YouTube Series: Nivi, Jacob, Aria.

● **3 tentative release dates for podcasts**

- **Jan 29: Climate Change and Sustainability Podcast**
 - **Harker Green Team**
- **Feb 5: Wildfire Podcast**
 - **Interview local firefighters**
- **Feb 12: Alaskan Tongass National Forest**

Wang motioned to accept the YouTube subcommittee update. Liu seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

4. Inclusion Subcommittee Report

Recommended Action:

Receive updates from the Inclusion Subcommittee. Inclusion: Nicole, Nicita, Carolyn, Cameron.

- **Winter Craft Social Feedback:**
 - **What went well?**
 - **Enjoyed the crafts, videos, and live instruction**
 - **Event was very inclusive**
 - **Participants who attended were very happy**
 - **Liked the holiday music in the background**
 - **What could have made it better:**
 - **Better marketing; Reach out to schools, teachers, or school clubs and reach out earlier**
 - **Plan for a longer event next time because the ending felt rushed**
 - **Interact more with attendees**
 - **Work on music volume, spotlighting**
 - **Not necessarily have all the commissioners attend**
- **Next Craft Social in Spring**
 - **Plan for an event at the end of February/early March**
 - **Have Inclusion Subcommittee bring an event with specifics to be adopted next meeting**
 - **Charge minimal fee or send kits to incentive people to attend**

Zhai motioned to accept the Inclusion subcommittee report and move forward with the Spring crafts event. Leung seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

5. Holiday Subcommittee Report

Recommended Action:

Receive updates from the Holiday Subcommittee. Holiday Subcommittee: Michelle, Alex, Timothy, Linnea.

- **Teen Kindness Week Update:**
 - **Saratoga is partnering with Campbell and Cupertino commissions to host a kindness week from Feb. 15-19**
 - **Monday: Be kind to yourself**
 - **Tuesday: Write thank you cards for essential workers and neighbors**
 - **Wednesday: City food drive**
 - **Thursday: Trash pickup day**
 - **Friday: Kindness day**
 - **Trash Pickup Possible Locations:**
 - **Wildwood Park**
 - **Locations in Campbell or Cupertino**
- **Card Making kits**
- **Holiday Cookbook Update:**
 - **~24 submissions**
 - **Cookbook will stay online based on submission feedback**
 - **Commissioners should sent out cookbook form to give personal touch**
- **Boba Kit Updates:**

- Tentative target date: May
- Boba grams
 - Ship boba kits
 - Provide option with a card to ship as a present
- Possibly move to Inclusion Subcommittee later

Liu motioned to accept Holiday subcommittee’s Teen Kindness week, Spring cookbook program, and boba fundraiser. Bradley seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

6. Color Dash Discussion

Recommended Action:

Discuss alternatives for Color Dash community event and/or fundraiser.

- **Color Dash Update:**
 - Traditional event will not be held this year
- **Alternative hike event**
 - Possible locations: Villa Montalvo, Quarry Park, Stevens Creek Trail
 - If Commission to fundraise for inclusive playground equipment then, plan for hikes to be inclusive
 - 3-4 weekend challenge
 - Participation prize options (mailed or handed out):
 - Stickers inspired by trails
 - Mailed certificates
 - Rubber bracelets
 - Big prize ideas (TBD at next meeting):
 - Running Shoes
 - Gift Card
 - Subscription to Audible or Spotify
 - Air Pods
 - Fit Bit/Watch
 - Tentative date: weekends in April
- **3 potential subcommittees: marketing, registration/logistics, prize/donations**
- **YC to think about each subcommittee and choose which one they’d prefer to be on next meeting; think about suitable trails and prizes**

Huang motioned for the YC to move forward with a hike as an alternative to the Color Dash and for subcommittees to be assigned next meeting. Hicks seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 11-0.

7. SED Talks: Entrepreneurship

Recommended Action:

Discuss potential speakers for the SED Talks Spring event.

- **Event topic: Business/Entrepreneurship**
 - **Potential speakers: Henry Weng (national economics organization), Females for Finance founders, Naisha Agrawal (Singing for Smiles nonprofit), Sue’s Cafe (local business owners)**

- **Feedback: cool to listen to high school entrepreneurs, business owners (Sue's; La Fondue), tech entrepreneurs from Silicon Valley**
- **Tentative date: March 20 around 4pm (time tbd)**
- **Possible things to improve for SED talks:**
 - **Speaker websites**
 - **webinar/google form for questions beforehand?**
- **Circle back to subcommittee next meeting**

Leung motioned to accept the SED talks report. Zhai seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 11-0.

8. Future Agenda Items

Recommended Action:

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2021.

- **Next meeting: subcommittee updates, Kindness Week updates, SED Talks Spring event updates, potential mayor conversation with YC (prepare two or three questions for the mayor next time)**

ADJOURNMENT 9:04 p.m.

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Signed this 7th day of January 2021 at Saratoga, California.

Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst

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