



SARATOGA YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 26, 2021

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7:00 PM YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None.

Members of the public: None.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Youth Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from the January 12, 2021 meeting.

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

2. Mayor Roundtable Discussion

Recommended Action:

Engage in a roundtable discussion with Mayor Zhao. Youth Commissioners will provide update on work plan and ask any questions they have regarding City policies and programs related to youth and teens.

● **COVID-19 Update**

- **City provides free COVID-19 testing for our residents**
- **Stay-at-home order is lifted by the state but not the county**
- **1 million confirmed cases at Santa Clara County; 12,078 deaths**
- **Saratoga: (pop. 32,000) 506 confirmed cases**
- **County is in phase 1B (currently distributing vaccines to people 65 yr and older, people working in education; earlier phase was essential workers and nursing rooms)**

● **Local Businesses**

- **Giving some grants to Chamber of Commerce to help local businesses**
- **Looking at ways to balance budgets**

● **Housing**

- **~1700 housing brand new units must be added by state law**
- **YC can possibly encourage participation**
- **28% of the budget is for the police; safety is first priority of Council**

● **What is a general plan?**

- **A law for the city**
- **In a general plan there are several chapters**
 - **One of the chapters is the housing needs**
 - **Circulation**
 - **7 different chapters**
 - **This year council is working on a housing element**
- **Fundraising suggestions**

- Alternative Color Dash to raise funds, YC hosted
 - Saratoga Climate Action Plan
 - Hired consultant to give suggestions
 - City installing e-charge stations
 - Encourage electric cars
 - Encourage solar panels
 - Returning to school
 - Up to each school district to determine whether it's safe to go back to school
 - County's goal to get everyone back to school in fall
 - State & federal government have money set aside for school to go back to normal

3. Treasurer Report and Fundraising

Recommended Action:

Receive report from the Youth Commission Treasurer.

- Commissioners to:
 - Make sure to send out GoFundMe's emails and texts
 - Share GoFundMe on social media
 - Recommendation: ask people to share the GoFundMe rather than asking directly for money

4. Saratoga Speaks Report

Recommended Action:

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

- Finished recording episode 1, planned release day is Friday 1/29/21

5. Inclusion Subcommittee Report

Recommended Action:

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

- Subcommittee and Kayla to provide more information about event next meeting

Madhan motioned to set the Emergency Preparedness event for March 27th. Hicks seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Madhan, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 9-0.

6. Kindness Week Subcommittee Report

Recommended Action:

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

- Had joint meeting with Campbell and Cupertino
- Thinking of 3 days instead of 5 days of activities from February 17-19 (Wed-Fri)
- Haven't figured out exact dates but will continue thank you cards
- Doing a city food drive for all 3 of the days
- Chalk art on Monday to kick off the week

- Will start promoting early in February

7. Hiking Scavenger Hunt

Recommended Action:

Discuss hiking trails to include in the community event and/or fundraiser. Discuss prizes and incentives for the public to participate. Designate subcommittees if the Commission desires.

- **Event suggestions and outline**
 - **Downsize the event (1-3 trails instead of multiple)**
 - **Staff recommendation: discuss feasible trails with staff and bring back to discussion next meeting**
- **Event outline**
 - **Joe's Trail, Quarry Park, Montalvo, Castle Rock (bonus trail)**
 - **Make sure parking is accessible and family friendly**
 - **Make sure trails are inclusive**
 - **Price range for event (goody-bags, raffle): \$20-\$30**
 - **Alternative: complete one hike and reward based on completion**
 - **Adjust for difficulty levels/checkpoints**
 - **Reward participants halfway through the hike to later be entered into the raffle**
 - **Honor system via Google form (submit photos)**
 - **Materials for kits**
 - **Water bottle**
 - **Charger**
 - **Silicon wristbands/sweat bands/bracelets**
 - **Hand sanitizer**
 - **Flashlight**
 - **Personalized hike stickers**
 - **Personalized keychains**
 - **Raffle ideas**
 - **Airpods, Beats headphones**

Leung motioned to direct staff to come up with a hiking program outline for the next meeting. Zhai seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Lu, Liu, Madhan, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

8. SED Talks: Entrepreneurship

Recommended Action:

Discuss potential speakers for the SED Talks Spring event.

- **Speakers:**
 - **Henry Weng (DeltaX, Youth Economics Initiative)**
 - **Saratoga business restaurant owner**
 - **Startup entrepreneur for a global company**
- **Topic: overcoming obstacles in starting your own business**
- **Format: 15 min per speaker and panel Q&A**

9. Future Agenda Items

Recommended Action:

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2021.

- **Form subcommittees for hike event**
- **Brainstorm for hiking trails and sticker ideas**
 - **YC to think of defining pieces of hiking trails that can be used as sticker designs for Color Dash alternative**
- **Staff to explore practicality of various trails and bring back hiking event updates from city**
- **Recap for Saratoga Speaks episode**
- **Inclusion update for March event**
- **SED Talks speaker and event update**

ADJOURNMENT 9:00 p.m.

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Signed this 21st day of January 2021 at Saratoga, California.

Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst

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