



# SARATOGA YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

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## 7:00 PM YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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**ROLL CALL 7:03 p.m.**

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

**Absent: None.**

**Members of the public: David Jang, Karthik Sangameswaran, Rohit Vasantha, Amith V., Sarah Zhou.**

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

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## **AGENDA ITEMS:**

### 1. Youth Commission Minutes

#### **Recommended Action:**

Review and approve the minutes from the January 26, 2021 meeting.

**Leung motioned to approve the January 26 minutes. Wang seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, 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.

- **\$1,390 dollars fundraised through GoFundMe**
- **Rest of Commissioners to join and promote the GoFundMe page**
- **Commissioners to continue sending invites**

### 3. Saratoga Speaks Report

#### **Recommended Action:**

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

- **Climate change episode 1 released 2/10, commissioners to post on Instagram**
- **Proposed topics: universal healthcare, city council roundtable, gun control, racial wealth gap and income inequality**

**Liu motioned for the YouTube subcommittee to explore universal healthcare, city council roundtable, and racial wealth gap and income inequality in Saratoga Speaks projects. Zhai seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, 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.

- **Explore hosting event in the morning to resolve timing conflicts**
- **Items will available at City Hall for pickup**
- **Use updated city logo for flyers and promotional material**

5. Kindness Week Subcommittee Report

**Recommended Action:**

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

- **Teen Kindness Week 2/15-2/19**
  - **2/15: Thank-you cards**
  - **2/17: Chalk art games**
    - **Locations: Saratoga Village, Wildwood Park, Saratoga High School, etc.**
  - **2/19: Virtual kindness wall; post images on Instagram with the hashtag #TeenKindnessWeek**
- **Blue Hills and Foothill elementary schools to write thank-you cards; Commissioners to drop them off at El Camino Hospital**
- **Cookbook submissions and compilation moved to next fall**

6. Hiking Scavenger Hunt

**Recommended Action:**

Receive report from staff on community event, hiking fundraiser. Discuss prizes and incentives for the public to participate. Designate subcommittees if the Commission desires.

- **Staff report: month-long scavenger hunt; locations set as Montalvo, Fremont Older Preserve, Quarry Park, and Joe's Trail**
- **Fundraising money to go to inclusive playground equipment**
- **SWAG items to go into the registration packet: designed stickers, power banks, bracelets, etc.**
- **Honor system, have attendees submit photos per trail category**
  - **Google form for attendees to fill out; each trail walked would count as one entry in the raffle**
- **Subcommittee Assignments**
  - **Logistics/registration: Alex, Nivi, Jacob, Carolyn**
    - **Determine ticket pricing, create registration packets, and establish checkpoints**
  - **Marketing: Michelle, Nicita, Timothy, Cameron**
    - **Design promotional material, goodie bags (one significant Saratoga Hikes sticker, shirts, power banks), and scavenger maps to hand out to participants**
  - **Sponsorships/prizes/donations: Aria, Linnea, Nicole**
    - **Check out 4imprint.com and bring back the cost and color of power banks for 200, 250, and 300 participants; think about process of the raffle/random drawing (ie. tagging photos or Google form submission); brainstorm virtual prizes**
- **Event name ideas: HikeToga, Saratoga Hills/Trails, Saratoga Scavengers, TogaTrails, Saratoga Scavenges**

**Raamkumar motioned to name the event TogaTrails and to adopt the aforementioned subcommittees. Leung 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.

- **Potential speakers: Manny Cappello (business owner and former Saratoga mayor), TeaLyfe business owners, son of local Hong's Gourmet restaurant, Saratoga High School junior Samantha Weisner or parents, Bai Tong business owners or daughter**
- **Incentive for attendees: all participants are entered into a raffle for a gift card**

8. Future Agenda Items

**Recommended Action:**

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021.

- **Monta Vista High School junior Akanksha Roy to present a website on youth vaping project**
- **Treasurer report and fundraising updates**
- **Recap of *Saratoga Speaks*, Inclusion, and Holiday subcommittees**
  - **Recap of Teen Kindness Week**
- **Further discuss plans for TogaTrails**

**Liu motioned to put Akanksha Roy's presentation on the agenda for the next Youth Commission meeting. Jain seconded the motion. AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 11-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT 9:09 p.m.**

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*Signed this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021 at Saratoga, California.*

*Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst*

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