



SARATOGA YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

MAY 11, 2021

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7:00 PM YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

ROLL CALL 7:02 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Attendees: Lauren Pettipiece, Shaan Sridhar.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Youth Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from the April 27, 2021 meeting.

Leung motioned to approve the April 27 minutes. Raamkumar seconded the motion.

AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Leung, Liu, Lu, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none.

ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 9-0.

2. Housing Element Update

Recommended Action:

Receive an informational presentation on the Housing Element Update.

- **Saratoga currently evaluating to construct around 1,700 new housing units built between 2023 to 2031**
- **Spring 2021 official draft allocations, summer 2021 allocation appeals, January 2023 deadline to submit housing elements**
- **Saratoga is subject to Senate Bill 35, a bill streamlining housing construction in California counties that fail to build enough housing by specified dates**
- **City council hoping to garner resident feedback and comments on housing element update process before January 2023; more information will be revealed during June community meetings and the upcoming appeal process**
- **Commissioners and community members to check out www.saratoga.ca.us/housing for useful information**
- **Commission members to encourage friends, neighbors, and family to get involved in the housing element update, consider posting on NextDoor and Instagram**
 - **Opportunities to sign up for the newsletter, watch video series, and attend future community meetings**

3. Youth Council Virtual Summit

Recommended Action:

Receive any updates from staff regarding the virtual summit that will be held on June 5th for Youth Commissioners. The free Santa Clara County Behavioral Health sponsored event is being hosted by Youth Impact Partnership (YIP), Bill Wilson Center's youth council. This will be held virtually, and staff can register Commissioners who are interested in attending.

- **Staff liaison will be issuing signups for Youth Commissioners in the coming days**

4. Treasurer Report and Fundraising Update

Recommended Action:

Discuss the budget study session meeting and receive a report from the Youth Commission Treasurer. Discuss options for inclusive swing recommendations to take to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

- **Checked in with Saratoga Rotary Arts Club; \$450 grant secured**
- **Commissioners to continue fundraising - goal of at least \$50 each and researching swing models**
- **Three options:**
 - **Expression swing: parent and child seating (first choice)**
 - **We-Go-Swing: wheelchair friendly seating (second choice)**
 - **Alta Glide Flex: larger playground complex, wheelchair friendly (third choice; option if Commission gets enough funds)**

Commissioner Raamkumar motioned to accept the rankings for the proposed swing models. Commissioner Huang seconded the motion. AYES: Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

5. Saratoga Speaks Subcommittee

Recommended Action:

Receive report from the subcommittee (Aria, Nivi, Jacob) and schedule of upcoming episode release date.

- **Currently working on mayoral interview for May/June**
- **Subcommittee to email the mayor with interview information**

6. Toga Trails 2021

Recommended Action:

Receive report from subcommittees and the final (updated) registration count from staff. Reminder of schedule for emails and drawing.

- **Logistics and registration subcommittee**
 - **Around 25 photo submissions**
 - **Subcommittee has drafted 3 email templates**
 - **Photos can be posted on Commission social media**
- **Marketing subcommittee**
 - **Each trail to be featured every week on Commission social media for a total of 4 trails**
 - **May 31: last day to submit photos**
 - **Subcommittee to plan a Toga Trails follow-up video**
- **Prize subcommittee**
 - **“Spin the wheel” random drawing with participant names or photos**
 - **Consider compiling all the pictures of the participants and having a separate post with all the winners**
 - **Discuss having a graphic/photo of the prizes**
 - **Subcommittee to find a good photo shuffling website if possible**
 - **By next meeting, subcommittee to bring back a plan for compiling participants, selecting winners, and drafting an email to send out to winners**
- **Over 240 registrations!!**

7. End of the Year Presentation and Celebration

Recommended Action:

Work on the presentation of the Youth Commission's FY 2020/21 workplan accomplishments and review logistics for the June 2, 2021 City Council Meeting. Receive update for the end of the year celebration location and reminder of the Joint Meeting on June 8, 2021.

- **June 2 City Council meeting: special presentation, commendations for outgoing Commissioners**
- **Youth Commission presentation to be sent to staff liaison by May 26**
- **Work on Commission slides for the next 2 weeks**
- **May 19: Oath of Office for incoming Commissioners**
- **June 8: Joint Meeting**

Liu motioned to accept the Council slides presentation as discussed. Huang seconded the motion. AYES: Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-0.

8. Future Agenda Items

Recommended Action:

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for May 25, 2021.

- **Toga Trails subcommittee updates**
- **City Council slides presentation runthrough and finalization**
- **Discuss recommendations for swing models**
- **Treasurer report**
- **Joint meeting preparation**

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Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst

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