



SARATOGA YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

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7:00 PM YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Call to order (7:05 p.m.)

ROLL CALL Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

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action on such items. However, the Youth Commission can schedule the item for discussion at a future meeting.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Youth Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from the August 18, 2020 meeting.

[Memo](#)

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

2. Work Plan 2020-2021

Recommended Action:

Develop the Youth Commission 2020-2021 Work Plan.

Fall/Winter Ideas

- **SED Talks: 1-2 hour event possibly hosting over Zoom, collaboration with Saratoga Library TAB (big project, winter)**
 - **can use speakers from last year (college students/adults)**
 - **potential topics: motivation, dealing with isolation, screen time, college admissions, business skills**
 - **make appealing to middle schoolers and parents**
 - **multiple small sessions, freedom of choice**
- **Creating the scarecrow in lieu of the Witchy Walk**
 - **identify Commission members to decorate scarecrows, discuss for next agenda**
 - **submission deadline is October 15**
- **YouTube or podcast channel using the Saratoga City Council account (Subcommittee)**
 - **updates on global, national and local issues, targeted for youth**
 - **hosted by teens, can bring other guests to talk**
 - **two-person anchor, discussion style vs. interviews with people who are affected**
 - **conversely, can bridge local city government issues and global topics (interview city council members)**
- **Cookbook (Subcommittee)**
 - **target audience: seniors**
 - **opening up submissions from the community/seniors every other week for recipes**
 - **would need to be online for records and incorporated into city website (required)**
 - **PDF/online version(using websites such as issuu.com)**
 - **Topics: holidays vs. cultures**
- **Competitions/social media challenges (photography, film-making, music, art, etc.)**
 - **challenges could tie into a holiday/month and keep people active**
 - **competitions: find judges (ie. teachers from Saratoga High)**

- **Giving back to the community during the holidays (healthcare workers, hospitals, care centers)**
 - **making cards, care packages, letters, digital creations**
- **Kahoot/Game night**
 - **Zoom breakout rooms, incentives (Hydroflasks, gift cards, YC apparel)**
 - **focus on marketing!**
- **Virtual fundraising**
 - **YC apparel, Bobatoga (socially-distanced; boba kits, Saratoga boba or postpone till spring)**
 - **clothes/food/book drive**
 - **donate funds to causes**
 - **wildfire damages, COVID-19 relief, etc.**
 - **hope to continue fundraising for inclusive playground equipment**
 - **can partner up with Chipotle or other chain restaurants (brainstorm for next meeting)**
- **Figuring out alternative activities/events for individuals with disabilities**
 - **workshops or game nights that are special-needs friendly**
 - **virtual talent shows, show-and-tells, art projects**
- **Tree Lighting drive-through (replacement)**

Spring Ideas

- **WOW replacement online**
- **Color Dash on hold**
- **Kindness week: contacting seniors (calling, cardmaking), sharing stories**
- **partnering up with local student-run nonprofits (ie. SaySmile)**

Overarching Themes for Work Plan:

- **inclusivity**
- **mental health**
- **building community**
- **education**

3. Pizza & Politics 2020

Recommended Action:

Receive potential formats for the Pizza & Politics 2020 event from the staff liaison. Review ideas for the event that will be held virtually this year and select dates for potential planning sessions with Campbell and Cupertino's Youth Commissions.

- **first PnP joint meeting planned for September 21, 6-7:30 p.m.**
- **PnP mandatory prep w Cupertino YC: October 5**
- **PnP event: October 9, 6-8 p.m.**

4. Joint Meeting Presentation

Recommended Action:

Review the process and roles for the Joint Meeting and presentation that will be on September 16, 2020.

- **Introduce Commission members to the Council**
- **Present slides for the 2020-2021 Work Plan**
- **Discussion with Councilmembers**

- **Get familiar with city website (www.saratoga.ca.us/yc)**

5. Youth Commission Apparel

Recommended Action:

Discuss the type of apparel for the Youth Commission 2020-2021 year.

Green apparel: AYES: Bradley, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Lu, Zhai. NOES: Liu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 7-4.

Hoodie: AYES: Hicks, Huang, Jain, Leung, Liu, Lu, Madhan, Raamkumar, Wang, Zhai. NOES: Bradley. ABSTAIN: none. PASSED 10-1.

Front Option #2: PASSED 6-5

Back Option #2: PASSED 5-3

6. Future Agenda Items

Recommended Action:

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2020.

- **discuss plans and roles for scarecrow building in October**
- **think of local chain retailers to partner up with for fundraising (ie. Chipotle)**

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

ADJOURNMENT (9:45 pm)

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Signed this 2nd day of September 2020 at Saratoga, California.

Kayla Nakamoto, Analyst

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