

MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021
SARATOGA YOUTH COMMISSION
7:00 P.M. REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Jain called the virtual Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. via teleconferencing through Zoom.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bradley, Hao, Hicks (7:43 p.m.), Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia.

Chair Cameron Hicks (late), Vice Chair Aria Jain, Marketing Chair Timothy Leung, Secretary Nicole Lu, Treasurer Jacob Huang, Commission Members Linnea Bradley, Nicole Hao, Saket Kelkar, Aniket Singh, Alex Xia.

(All Commission Members appearing via teleconference)

ABSENT: Ashly Henry.

Commission Secretary Nicole Lu confirmed all Commission members could hear the meeting proceedings and no doubts were expressed regarding the identities of the individuals representing themselves as Commission Members.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Youth Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from the September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting and from the October 10, 2021 Special Meeting.

LEUNG/JAIN MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 28 and OCTOBER 10 MEETING.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry, Hicks.

2. Scarecrow Project

Recommended Action:

Review the Commission's scarecrow and the process of building it. Share any other updates related to the Youth Commission Scarecrow. Select 2-3 Commissioners to take down the scarecrow ideally either this weekend or next week.

JAIN/XIA MOVED TO **APPROVE FOR JAIN, HUANG, AND LEUNG TO TAKE DOWN THE YOUTH COMMISSION SCARECROW.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry, Hicks.

3. Recap of the Special Meeting with City Council

Recommended Action:

Share what you learned from the Special Meeting with City Council and other City Commissions that was held on October 25, 2021. What did you learn or what were your key takeaways? Any other feedback?

We all are looking forward to seeing how the City Council will deal with diversity and inclusivity in their mission statement and code of ethics. The Youth Commission is curious to see what the different City Commissions will bring back to the table in future city reviews.

4. Approve Youth Commission Fundraising Plan

Recommended Action:

Approve the Youth Commission Fundraising Plan and for the treasurer to attend and represent the Commission with City staff at the November 3, 2021 Regular City Council Meeting.

KELKAR/BRADLEY MOVED TO **APPROVE THE YOUTH COMMISSION FUNDRAISING PLAN AND FOR HUANG TO REPRESENT THE COMMISSION AT THE NOVEMBER 3 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry, Hicks.

5. State of the City 2021

Recommended Action:

Discuss logistics and the role of the Youth Commission for the State of the City event. Review the questions (Kahoot) that will be used to engage the audience at the beginning of the event and recommend any final ideas for prizes if desired.

First place: Patagonia backpack, second place: city swag merchandise, third place: Toga Trails/Commission swag merchandise

JAIN/LEUNG MOVED TO **APPROVE THE KAHOOT QUESTIONS, WALK-IN, AND KAHOOT PRIZES.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry.

6. YAC Social

Recommended Action:

Discuss YAC Social and ideas of speakers or sessions that we would like to see at the YAC Attack (teen conference) that will happen in March 2022.

YAC Social: Saturday November 20 in Burlingame at Washington Park
YAC Attack: March 26 in Los Altos

7. Housing Element Update Community Meetings

Recommended Action:

Join the Planning Commission for the upcoming series of community meetings where you can share your input on the Housing Element Update. The Youth Commission can help in this process by sharing ideas for possible opportunity sites and housing policies before the Planning Commission makes a recommendation to the City Council.

8. Subcommittees and Assignments

Recommended Action:

Identify subcommittees to support the approved 2021-2022 work plan and assign roles.

Suggest to meet a couple of times before the next November Youth Commission meeting. Subcommittees to schedule meetings or start email threads with staff liaison if necessary to discuss dates, times, places, and events.

Subcommittees:

- SED Talks Subcommittee: Linnea, Timothy, Alex
- Saratoga Speaks Subcommittee: Jacob, Aria, Aniket
- Interactive Activities Subcommittee: Saket, Nicole L., Cameron
- Study Session Subcommittee: Nicole H., Ashly

JAIN/LU MOVED TO **APPROVE COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE AFOREMENTIONED SUBCOMMITTEES.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry.

9. SED Talks

Recommended Action:

Discuss the event duration, dates and topics of discussion for this school year's SED Talks in collaboration with the Saratoga Library's Teen Advisory Board.

January 22, 3:00-4:30 p.m.: self-care, mindfulness, and academic stress

- Two speakers from Saratoga High: student who practices mindfulness, CASSY faculty

March 19: sustainability as a business, taking care of the environment

10. Role at Community Events

Recommended Action:

Approve new roles of engagement at the upcoming community events, Tree Lighting Ceremony and Celebration of Light. Assign 3-4 Commissioners for each upcoming event.

Tree Lighting Ceremony: November 26, Blaney Plaza, 4:00-6:15 p.m.

- Monitor DIY activities workshop
- Timothy, Cameron, Saket, Jacob

Celebration of Light: December 11, 4:45-6:15 p.m.

- Assemble, distribute, and manage candles
- Alex, Timothy, Aria, Jacob

XIA/HUANG MOVED TO **APPROVE COMMISSIONER ASSIGNMENTS FOR UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry.

11. Youth Commission Apparel Status

Recommended Action:

Share status update on the Youth Commission apparel and determine pick up dates.

Pick-up date to be scheduled for November 5 at State of the City rehearsal.

12. December Meeting Schedule

Recommended Action:

Re-schedule the Youth Commission's Regular Meeting in December to be earlier in the month. Staff recommended dates are either Monday, December 13th, Monday, December 20th or Tuesday, December 21st.

SINGH/KELKAR MOVED TO **CANCEL THE REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING AND ADD A SPECIAL MEETING FOR JANUARY 11.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry.

13. Future Agenda Items

Recommended Action:

Review the agenda planner and consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next Regular Youth Commission meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2021.

Minutes, Housing Element Community meetings, subcommittee check-ins, treasurer report, marketing chair report, State of the City recap, YAC Social recap.

ADJOURNMENT

HAO/JAIN MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:04 P.M.** MOTION PASSED BY VERBAL ROLL CALL. AYES: Bradley, Hao, Henry, Hicks, Huang, Jain, Kelkar, Leung, Lu, Singh, Xia. NOES: none. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: Henry.

Minutes respectfully submitted and reviewed:

Kayla Nakamoto, Administrative Analyst

City of Saratoga