

**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2022**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kaur at 6:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Cherukuri, Ha, Karthikeyan, Kaur, Mahendran, McAdams, Randhawa, Razi, Satishkumar
- b. Absent: Andrews, Vice Chair Dhillon, Chair M. Kala, S. Kala, Xiao, Bai
- c. Tardy: None
- d. Adult Commissioners Present: Arbogast
- e. Staff Present: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator
- f. Recorded by: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Kaur

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Melinda Ramirez from Community Medical Center discussed the services that are offered to the homeless population including; free therapy, dental, and health care. Ms. Ramirez asked the Commissioners if they were aware of any youth or teens that were in need of these services to please share that all information is confidential. Ms. Ramirez also asked for feedback on what services are currently missing for teens.

Commissioner Kaur stated that she does not think that there are enough mental health opportunities and that there is a lot of stigma around it and offering free, confidential services is great.

Ms. Ramirez also shared that she is on the Youth Continuum of Care Committee, a new County wide homeless provider group made up of youth to discuss services.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- a. Review and approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 9, 2022.

ACTION: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Razi and seconded by Commissioner Ha. A roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Review and Discuss the Youth Advisory Commission Goals, Objectives, and Work Plan for 2022.

Commissioner Kaur reviewed the 2022 Youth Advisory Commission Goals, Objectives, and Work Plan. Commissioner discussion followed.

The Commission discussed the following Goals and Objectives

- 1. Goal – Program Enhancement
 - 1.A.1. – Plan and implement a mental health awareness event or program.

Staff Jensen provided an update that a lunch time activity for this year's finals week would not be able to be coordinated in such short time. Staff Jensen also mentioned that the minimum

days would not offer a lunch period for the Commission to be on campus. The subcommittee will discuss new ideas at the next subcommittee meeting.

1.A.2. – Work with the various high school clubs to further promote mental health awareness.

The subcommittee provided an update on potential ideas. Ideas include; having school clubs assist with marketing and participating at a lunch time event and incentive poster project.

1.B. – Participate with the Parks & Recreation Department to offer one new teen event, program, or camp.

The subcommittee provided an update the most popular idea, teen movie night. Ideas include; having the event on the plaza and food truck vendors in the parking lot.

b. Discuss the Forever Young Prom Event that was held on April 6, 2022.

Commissioner McAdams shared that the two friends she invited, and their grandma really enjoy themselves and allowed them to bond together. She also enjoyed listening to their perspective of what their high school prom was like, and it was eye opening and humbling.

Commissioner Kaur thought it was a great turn out. The decorations and music were very good.

Staff Jensen expressed her gratitude for the Commissioners that attended the event and especially for those that brought friends. Staff Jensen shared that this year event had the most teen participation yet.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discuss and Approve the Youth Advisory Commission's Participation in the 3rd Annual Tracy Earth Day Event Co-Sponsored by the City of Tracy and Tracy Earth Project Inc. on April 23, 2022.

Staff Jensen explained the logistics of the event and explained that Commission is being asked to assist City staff with marketing Parks & Recreation programs as well as help with the bike rodeo.

Commissioner discussion followed.

Adult Commissioner Arbogast, who is also a part of Tracy Earth Project Inc., explained more information on the bike rodeo and bike helmet giveaway. He also mentioned that there will be a movie called "Kiss the Ground" showing after the event as well.

Commissioner Cherukuri asked for a digital flyer that she can share with her friends and classmates.

Commissioner McAdams asked who the contact would be for students needing community service hours.

Staff Jensen clarified that anyone needing community service hours can come to the City booth and be directed where they are needed.

Commissioner Ha stated that he would help market the event on his schools remind app.

Commissioner Kaur opened public comment.

Melinda Ramirez, who is also a part of the Tracy Bike Life Youth Program, which is taking part in the event, stated that they will be teaching the kids how fix bikes in addition to the bike rodeo.

ACTION: A motion was made to approve participating with the 3rd Annual Tracy Earth Day Event by Commissioner Cherukuri and seconded by Commissioner McAdams. A roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

8. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

a. Calendar

Staff Jensen reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming Rollin' Rec dates taking place during Spring Break. Staff Jensen also discussed the Movies on the Plaza dates and notified the Commissioners that if they know anyone interested in volunteering, they can sign up to help.

9. ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:

Adult Commissioner Arbogast mentioned that Tracy Interfaith Ministries is always looking for volunteers if Commissioner's know of anyone needing community service hours.

10. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There were no comments from the public.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 6:57pm

ACTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner Kaur and seconded by Commissioner Ha. Roll call found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

The above amended agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on April 7, 2022. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks and Recreation Department.


Amanda Jensen, Staff Liaison