

CITY OF SANTA CLARA
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES
October 15, 2013

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for a special meeting on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California, in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: Commissioners: Ajaipal Chahal, Karla Cisneros, Devleena Das, Jeff Hara, Emily Packer, Sheryl Ratnam, Andrew Rauschhuber, Hannah Villalpando, Michelle Vo, Shana Vu, Ryan Winter, and Ashley Wong

Absent: Rafal Saeed - Excused
Vyvy Nguyen – Excused
Samia Abbasi - Excused

Guests: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb – Recreation Supervisor

Matters for City Council Action – None

- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeff Hara at 6:04 pm.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – None
- III. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27 AND SEPTEMBER 10 MINUTES –
 - A. Karla Cisneros made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: August, IV. E – Bellarmine is spelled incorrectly. September, V. G – Buchser is spelled incorrectly. Sheryl Ratnam seconded the motion. Ryan Winter made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Andrew Rauschhuber.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
 - A. Santa Clara High School
 1. October 11 – Staff vs. Students, “Trivia Smack down”
 2. October 18 – Football vs. Milpitas (Academic Night)
 3. October 25 – Renaissance Rally
 4. October 25, and November 1, 2 – Fall Drama, “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown”
 5. October 31 – Halloween Costume Contest
 6. November 6 – Harvest Concert
 7. November 8 – 22, Canned Food Drive
 8. November 8 – Football vs. Wilcox (Teacher Appreciation Night)
 - B. Wilcox High School
 1. October 21-25, Homecoming Week
 2. October 23 – Homecoming Rally

3. October 24 – Homecoming Float Building Night
4. October 25 – Homecoming Parade and Game
5. November 4 – Beginning of Toy Drive for George Mayne Elementary School
6. November 6 – Open House

C. Archbishop Mitty High School

1. October 4 – Senior Liturgy
2. October 11 – 12, 17 – 19: Fall Musical, “Legally Blonde”
3. October 16 – College Fair and PSAT
4. October 21 – Fall Concert
5. October 23 – 25, Visit Mitty Days
6. October 23 – Divisional meetings for Spirit Week
7. October 24 – Fall Sports Rally and Football vs. St. Francis
8. November 2 – Black and Gold
9. November 6 – 8, Visit Mitty Days
10. November 6 – Powder Puff Football
11. November 8 – Spirit Rally
12. November 9 – Homecoming Dance

D. St. Francis High School

1. October 7 – Immersion Information Night
2. October 9 – Fall Band & Choir Concert
3. October 20 – Open House
4. October 23 – 25, Senior Retreat
5. October 28 – November 2, Homecoming Week
6. October 31 – Night of Acoustics
7. November 1 – 22, Thanksgiving Food Drive
8. November 2 – Homecoming Dance

E. Bellarmine College Preparatory

1. October 7 – 11, Spirit Week
2. October 13 – Freshman Retreat
3. October 15 – Justice Assembly
4. October 17 – 20, Wilderness Retreat
5. October 22 – Sophomore Retreat
6. October 25 – 27, Urban Plunge
7. November 1 – 3, 7-9, Fall Drama, “Amadeus”
8. November 1 – All School Liturgy

F. Buchser Middle School

1. October 10 – Motivational Speaker, “Homeless by Choice”
2. October 16 – Picture Make-up Day
3. October 18 – ASB Dance
4. November 11 – West Valley Jazz Festival

V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – none

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Election of Officers – The Youth Commission held elections and the following Youth Commissioners were selected:

1. Chair – Jeff Hara
2. Vice Chair – Ajaipal Chahal

3. Secretary – Sheryl Ratnam
4. Treasurer – Andrew Rauschhuber

B. City of Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival, September 13 - 15

1. Loading/unloading, September 13 & 15 – The Youth Commission assisted vendors load and unload their supplies for a fee of \$8.00/load. The money raised will go towards the Community Service Scholarship fund, sponsored by the Youth Commission. This money will be awarded to deserving juniors and graduating seniors in May.
2. Hot Dog Booth, September 14 & 15 – The Youth Commission sold hot dogs and bratwursts, juice boxes, and chips in the Hot Dog Booth. The money raised will go towards the Community Service Scholarship fund, sponsored by the Youth Commission. This money will be awarded to deserving juniors and graduating seniors in May.
3. Finalize 2013 – 2014 goals – The Youth Commission revisited their brainstorming from the August 27 meeting. After careful consideration, the Youth Commission chose the following projects for the 2013-2014 term:
 - a) Santa Clara's Got Talent - The Youth Commission will host the 5th annual Santa Clara's Got Talent as a way to showcase the talent in our community.
 - b) A.E.D. (automated external defibrillator) Project – The Youth Commission would like to continue working on their video that they filmed two years ago. Next steps involve editing and a final approval. The purpose of the video is to create a P.S.A. as well as a teaching tool to be used in the schools or by the Fire Department. The hope is that it will help to increase awareness about A.E.D.
 - c) Outdoor Movie Night – The Youth Commission would like to host another family movie night out at Don Callejon School in the Spring, as a way to encourage families to do something together.
 - d) Fun Run/Walk – The Youth Commission would like to organize a youth event, in conjunction with the “Let's Move” Campaign, as a way to encourage young people to be more active and get outdoors.
 - e) Youth Commission Sponsored Community Service Scholarship.
 - f) Parent Resource Workshops at the Teen Center.
4. Develop calendar of events – Based on the current commitments of the Youth Commission, the group chose the following tentative dates for their projects.
 - a) Parent Resource Workshops – November, January, March, May, at the Teen Center
 - b) Fun Run/Walk – November 17
 - c) Santa Clara's Got Talent – January 18
 - d) Intergenerational Dance – March 15
 - e) Community Service Scholarship – April 5

5. Form committees – Jennifer worked with the Youth Commission to establish committees based on the goals and/or projects of the Youth Commission. Jennifer reminded the Youth Commission that only seven members were allowed to serve on a committee. Committee times were chosen by the Youth Commission. Committee meetings were held on Tuesday, September 24.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fun Run/Walk – the Committee met and picked up where they left off from last year. The Committee would like to have the event in mid-November, possibly the 17th, at 9:00am. Ideas for registration fees are between \$7.00 and \$10.00. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 pm.
- B. Intergenerational Dance – the Committee met to begin brainstorming ideas for an Intergenerational Dance for high school students and senior citizens. The Youth Commission is proposing to hold it at the Senior Center. Jennifer Herb will talk with Phil Orr. The Committee would like to hold the event on Saturday, March 15, from 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Entrance for the dance will be free to encourage more attendance. Refreshments such as cupcakes, coffee, cookies and/or punch would be served. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 6:00 pm.
- C. Parent Resource Workshops – the Committee met and began to develop details for the workshops. The committee has suggested holding the workshops on Wednesday from 6:30-7:30 pm, at the Teen Center. Workshops would be free and open to all Santa Clara residents. The goal is that the committee would hold 3 workshops between January and May. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 6:30 pm.
- D. Santa Clara’s Got Talent – the Committee met to develop the details of the event. The event is scheduled for Saturday, January 18 at the Community Recreation Center, from 7:00-9:00 pm. Tickets will be \$7.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door. Auditions will be held at the Teen Center on December 2, 3, and 5. Tickets for the show will go on sale December 16. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 22 at 7:00 pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Headless Homecoming Dance – Friday, October 25 – The Teen Center is holding the Halloween Dance in connection with Wilcox’s Homecoming. Entrance to the dance is \$5.00 with a costume, Homecoming T-shirt, football game ticket stub, or Teen Center Card. \$10.00 without. Dance begins at 9:00 pm.
- B. Halloween Party – Thursday, October 31, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm –The Youth Commission will be selling concessions for the City Halloween Party and the Youth Activity Center. Concessions will be sold from the Teen Center Café. Youth Commissioners will sign up for a shift during the event.
- C. Brainstorm teambuilding ideas and dates – Jennifer is working with the Youth Commission to establish a date for a teambuilding activity.
- D. Youth Commission T-shirts
- E. November Committee meetings, November 19 – Due to the Thanksgiving week, committee meetings will be moved to November 19.
- F. YAC Social, November 21 – The Youth Commission has been invited to attend the CPRS District 4 – YAC Social on Thursday, November 21. All Youth Commissions

from San Francisco to Gilroy have been asked to participate. The evening will consist of ice-breakers, Youth Commission panel discussion, dinner, and YAC Attack planning.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None

X. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Hannah Villalpando to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Devleena Das seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, December 9, at the Teen Center.

Minutes Prepared by: _____

Jennifer Herb
Youth Commission Staff Liaison
Recreation Supervisor