

City of Gilroy
Youth Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Beyret called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Maya Beyret, Vice Chair Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner Jacob Ortega , Commissioner Karin Sandoval Rodriguez, Commissioner Sofia Romero , Commissioner Anna Nguyen, Commissioner Emily Lai, Treasurer
Absent	Gianna Garcia, Commissioner Alfred James, Chair Aiden Francis, Commissioner

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting agenda was posted on October 10, 2024.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. September 9, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Anna Nguyen, Commissioner

SECONDER Karin Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner

AYES: Vice Chair Beyret, Commissioner Sarath, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Abaneh, Commissioner Ortega, Commissioner Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner Romero , Commissioner Nguyen, Lai, Treasurer

ABSENT: Commissioner James, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Francis

Commissioner Nguyen motioned to approve the September 9, 2024 minutes.

Commissioner Rodriguez-Sandoval seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 8-0-0 vote (James, Garcia, and Francis were absent).

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner Romero introduced herself since it was her first meeting as a commissioner.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

9.1. Discuss and Adopt FY2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) Youth Commission Work Plan

Henig presented the staff report. The Commission continued their discussion about adopting a work plan for FY25. They divided themselves into three groups, where they discussed what they want to see on the work plan. All three groups were in favor of hosting OpportuniTEEN Fair again. One group was supportive of taking on a legislative assignment that had to do with the environment. Another wanted to help out with Breakfast with Santa and supporting seniors with their personal technological devices.

Commissioner Sandoval Rodriguez motioned to organize OpporutniTEEN Fair; be involved with community events such as Breakfast with Santa and Senior Tech Day or Week; Resubmit a letter of support to the City Council in favor of funding a youth center in Gilroy; and identifying an environmental issue that impacts Gilroy (e.g., protecting native plants that are endangered) and submit a memo/white paper to the City Council about it. The Commission agreed that it would research possible environmental issues before the next meeting and report back about it. Vice Chair Beyret seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 8-0-0 vote (James, Garcia, and Francis were absent).

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Karin Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner

SECONDER Vice Chair Beyret

AYES: Vice Chair Beyret, Commissioner Sarath, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Abaneh, Commissioner Ortega, Commissioner Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner Romero , Commissioner Nguyen, Treasurer Lai

ABSENT: Commissioner James, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Francis

Beyret, Nguyen, and Sandoval Rodriguez, will contact the local chapter of American Association of University Women (AAUW), who had expressed interest in collaborating with the Commission, to see if they had any specific ideas. Lai, Sarath, and Abandeh, will conduct research on what other youth commissions have done that is related to this topic. Ortega, Romero, and Sandoval Rodriguez will look into specific environmental issues that the Commission could take on. The commissioners who are absent will be assigned to a group.

10. **STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

There was a question about commissioners using other means of communication to talk with one another outside of meetings. In order to avoid violating the Brown Act, Henig explained that it is best when not in a meeting to only communicate with those in your group on this topic.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Beyret adjourned the meeting at 6:51p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Youth Commission of the City of Gilroy.

Adam Henig
Secretary