



**CITY OF GILROY
YOUTH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**



MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM

GILROY SENIOR CENTER
7371 HANNA STREET
GILROY, CA 95020

Chair: Alfred James | **Vice Chair:** Maya Beyret
Treasurer: Emily Lai

Commissioners: Biruh Abandeh, Gianna Garcia, Anna Nguyen, Jacob Ortega, Karin Sandoval Rodriguez, Sofia Romero, Thanmay Sarath

Staff Liaison: LeeAnn McPhillips, Assistant City Administrator, and Adam Henig, Recreation Manager



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1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 5.1. December 9, 2024
6. **INTRODUCTIONS**
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
9. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1. Review FY2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) Youth Commission Work Plan
 1. Staff Report: Adam Henig
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action: Comment and review the Fiscal Year 2025 Youth Commission work plan.
10. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**
11. **STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair James called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

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

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting agenda was posted on December 5, 2024.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. November 18, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Anna Nguyen, Commissioner

SECONDER Karin Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Beyret, Commissioner James, Commissioner Sarath, Commissioner Abaneh, Commissioner Ortega , Commissioner Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Romero , Commissioner Lai

Commissioner Nguyen motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Rodriguez Sandoval seconded. The motion passed 9-0-0.

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

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

None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

8.1. Treasurer's Report for the Youth Commission as of December 1, 2024.

Treasurer Lai reported on the Commission's financials, which was included in the staff report. Henig mentioned that the Commission will need to consider applying for grants in the future in order to continue to offer special events like OpportuniTEEN Fair.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Henig presented the staff report about the Commission's FY25 Work Plan:

- OpportuniTEEN Fair – The committee reviewed the vendor list and will start contacting them in January to confirm their attendance. Henig will create a Google document where committee members can update it.
- Senior Tech Week – During the week of December 16, four commissioners signed up to support Senior Tech Week at the senior center.
- Breakfast with Santa – five commissioners (and LeeAnn) supported the Breakfast with Santa event.
- Legislative issue – The committee met before the regular meeting and have assigned themselves the following task:
 - Karin will focus on the issues' (Loma Prieta flower) background and its significance;
 - Maya and Sofia will research what other cities have done on similar topics to show examples passed legislation and/or policies;
 - Jacob will investigate how this native flower impacts Gilroy's environment and what are the effects if protective policies are implemented.
 - The committee will compile their research and make a recommendation within a two-to-three-page memo that will be submitted to the Council.

10. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None

11. **STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Henig requested that members let him know if their Youth Commission T-shirt fits.

12. **ADJOURNMENT** – Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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

/s/Adam Henig, Secretary



City of Gilroy Youth Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Review FY2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) Youth Commission Work Plan

Meeting Date: January 13, 2025

From: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Comment and review the Fiscal Year 2025 Youth Commission work plan.

BACKGROUND

At the October 14 meeting, the Youth Commission adopted its FY25 work plan. It comprised of the following:

- OpportuniTEEN Fair –similar to the previous year’s event, but this time add a college admission component
- Tech Week for Seniors –commissioners will identify days that they can assist seniors with their personal devices.
- Support Breakfast with Santa –commissioners will assist at the annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 7 at the Gilroy Senior Center.
- Environmental issue –identifying a specific environmental issue that impacts Gilroy or Gilroyans.
- Resubmit a letter of support to the City Council in favor of funding a youth center in Gilroy

ANALYSIS

Below is a status update for each of the work plan items.

OpportuniTEEN Fair

It is scheduled for Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Wheeler Center Gym. A committee has been formed (Alfred, Gianna, Thanmay, Biruh, Anna) to lead the event planning efforts. They will be responsible for the following:

- **Recruiting Vendors** – recruit local businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies to table at the event. The committee reviewed the vendor list and will

start contacting the vendors they are assigned to, following this meeting. They'll report back in early February at a committee meeting.

- **Marketing** – spreading the word to Gilroy teens about the event. A marketing strategy will be developed. This will occur once the vendors have been solidified.
- **Logistics** – everything that is needed for the day of the event. This will begin approximately 30 days prior to the event.

Tech Week for Seniors

Commissioners identified days that they can assist seniors with their personal devices at the Senior Center.

- **November 25-27** - Approximately, twelve seniors were assisted by the following commissioners: Karin, Anna, Thanmay, and Sofia.
- **December 16-19** - Approximately fifteen seniors were assisted by the following commissioners: Maya, Jacob, Alfred, and Biruh.

Support Breakfast with Santa

Five commissioners assisted at the annual Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday, December 7 at the Gilroy Senior Center.

Legislative Issue

The Commission's legislative issue will focus on protecting the vulnerable and native Loma Prieta Hoita, a flower that is grown throughout the SF Bay Area, especially in South County. The committee will conduct research about the importance of the flower and will culminate into a brief memo that will be submitted to the City Council at the end of this school year. In addition to an explanation of its importance, the memo should include various types of action the Council can implement. Here are some examples:

- Encourage new housing and commercial developments to plant this flower as part of its landscaped areas.
- Identify city facilities where the Loma Prieta Hoita can be planted.
- Provide information on the City's website and through other means (such as the weekly e-newsletter) to the public about the Loma Prieta Hoita's significance and its many benefits to the community (with the hope that property owners will plant more of it around their property)

The committee members--Karin, Jacob, Emily, Sofia—met before the December regular meeting and assigned themselves the following task:

- Karin will focus on the issues' (Loma Prieta flower) background and its significance;
- Maya and Sofia will research what other cities have done on similar topics to show examples passed legislation and/or policies;
- Jacob will investigate how this native flower impacts Gilroy's environment and what are the effects if protective policies are implemented.

Attachments:

1. 2025 OpportuniTEEN Fair Vendor List

Name of Business/Organization	Job	Internship	Volunteer	Commissioner	Status Update	
Academic & Wellness Center		X	X	Maya		
American Eagle	X			Gianna		<u>Breakdown</u>
Aquatics Provider	X			Adam		Alfred - 7
Brew City	X			Thanmay		Anna - 7
City of Gilroy Emergency Services			X	Biruh		Gianna - 7
City of Gilroy Police Department (Explorers)			X	Adam		Thanmay - 5
City of Gilroy Recreation	X	X	X	Biruh		Biruh - 4
Digital Nest		X	X	Anna		Adam - 3
Diversity Our Narrative- Gilroy Chapter			X	Alfred		Maya - 2
FFA (GHS)			X	Anna		Emily - 1
Gavilan College		X	X	Alfred		
Gilroy Bowl	X			Thanmay		
Gilroy Foundation		X	X	Alfred		
Gilroy Gardens	X			Maya		
Gilroy Library			X	Gianna		
House of Bagels	X			Anna		
Interact Club			X	Emily/Anna		
Journeys	X			Gianna		
Kumon	X			Emily		
Levis'	X			Gianna		
LJB Farms	X			Gianna		
Non-Starbucks Coffee Shops	X			Anna		
Old Navy	X			Anna		

Name of Business/Organization	Job	Internship	Volunteer	Commissioner	Status Update	
O'neils	X			Gianna		
Red Cross		X	X	Anna		
SBARI	X	X	X	Thanmay		
Sixth Street Art Studio			X	Gianna		
South County Task Force		X	X	Adam		
St. Louise Hospital		X	X	Alfred		
Starbucks	X			Thanmay		
TeraBats- Coding Club			X	Biruh		
Tommy Hilfiger	X			Alfred		
TownCats			X	Thanmay		
YMCA Youth Board of Mount Madonna			X	Alfred		
Youth Alliance	X			Biruh		