

City of Gilroy
Youth Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair James called the meeting to order at 6:04 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 Sofia Romero , Commissioner Emily Lai, Commissioner (late) Anna Nguyen, Commissioner
Absent	Karin Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner Gianna Garcia, Commissioner

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. December 9, 2024

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Anna Nguyen, Commissioner

SECONDER Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Beyret, Commissioner James, Commissioner Sarath, Commissioner Abaneh, Commissioner Ortega, Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Nguyen.

ABSENT: Commissioner Rodriguez Sandoval, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Lai.

Commissioner Nguyen motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Sarath seconded. The motion passed 7-0-0.

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

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

None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

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** – Commissioners will begin reaching out to prospective vendors about tabling for the March 22 event. The vendor list has been sent. Commissioners will update the status of the vendors that they have been assigned to. The committee will meet prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting to discuss the status of their assigned vendors.
- **Senior Tech Week** – Completed. Commissioners might do it again when they are off from school.
- **Breakfast with Santa** – Completed.
- **Legislative issue** – The following updates were provided by commissioners.
 - Maya cited a sample policy that was developed by East Bay Regional Parks District. Although the report was about a different issue (feral cats), it could be applied to the Loma Prieta flower. For example, she cited an education campaign that was instituted by the District, where they posted signage and distributed brochures to residents. The agency also created a policy that enforced a “no feeding” of feral cats.
 - Sofia discussed how Monterey County created a program around the protection of a specific flower. The County focused its efforts on encouraging its residents to allow it to grow in its natural habitat. Monterey County received logistical assistance from the State of California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
 - Jacob explained the connection of climate change and how it is having an adverse impact on local species such as the Loma Prieta flower.

The committee will meet prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting where they will compile their research and identify next steps in their project.

10. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING** – none.

11. **STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Henig plans to meet with both the OpportuniTEEN committee and the Legislative committee prior to the next regular meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 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