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City of Gilroy
Youth Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 10, 2025 | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

James called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Maya Beyret, Commissioner Alfred James, Commissioner Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner (late, 6:10pm) Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner Jacob Ortega , Commissioner Karin Sandoval-Rodriguez , Commissioner Anna Nguyen, Commissioner Gianna Garcia, Commissioner Sofia Romero , Commissioner Ethan Diep, Commissioner
Absent	Emily Lai, Commissioner

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Meeting agenda was posted on March 7, 2025.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. February 10, 2025

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner

SECONDER ,

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Lai

6. **INTRODUCTIONS**

None.

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

AAUW Jan Guffey encouraged commissioners to attend an Earth Day event on Saturday, April 19 at San Ysidro Park.

8. **NEW BUSINESS** - none.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Henig went over the staff report. James led the discussion about the final planning for the OpportuniTEEN Fair, which will be held on March 22 at Wheeler Gym. The following was mentioned:

- Henig will forward the vendor confirmation letter to commissioners, who will send it to the vendors that they reached out to and are planning to attend. Henig recommends they follow-up again two days before the event.
- Marketing – The Commission plans to pass out flyers and create a promotional video. James will create the video and have it ready by the end of the week to be used to promote the event.
- Gift basket for vendors – commissioners will arrive on March 20 at 4:30pm at the Senior Center to compile the gift basket.
- Event setup will occur on Friday, March 21 at Wheeler Gym. It will include setting up tables and chairs, creating signage, and making a balloon arch.
- Commissioners will arrive at 9am on Saturday for the event. Karin and Anna have offered to be the emcees. Gianna and Maya will be the photographers.

The legislative committee is about half-way done with their report. They will need one or two more committee meetings to complete it before presenting it to the Commission at the April meeting.

9.2. Youth Commission Workplan for Fiscal Years 2026 and 2027

The Youth Commission agreed to propose the following work plan items for FY26 and FY27:

- OpportuniTEEN Fair
- Senior Tech days
- Support Breakfast with Santa
- Identify a legislative issue that impacts youth and teens of Gilroy or community at large.
- Participate in a community clean-up day
- Senior/Intergenerational Dance

Commissioner Sandoval-Rodriguez motioned to submit the above items as their work plan for FY26 and FY27. Commissioner Romero seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Karin Sandoval-Rodriguez , Commissioner

SECONDER Sofia Romero , Commissioner

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Lai

9.3. Youth Commission and City of Gilroy’s Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Budget Development

The Youth Commission agreed to propose the following budget development items:

1. Priority #1 – Funding Request for the OpportuniTEEN Fair, \$2,000
 - FY26 – \$1,150 (\$300 for food/snacks, \$300 for professionally-made sign, \$100 for raffle items, \$250 for vendor thank you gifts; \$100 for decorating; and \$100 for Peachjar payment to advertise at schools)
 - FY27 – \$850 (same as FY26 but no sign; one-time fee)

2. Priority #2 – Funding request for Senior/Intergenerational dance at the Senior Center for 125 people (including commissioners), \$4,150
 - FY26 – \$2,075 (Catered appetizers, 125 people x \$15/person = \$1,875 ; \$200 for decorations)
 - FY27 – \$2,075 (same as FY26)

3. Priority #3 – Funding request for apparel for Youth Commissioners to wear at events and conferences, \$880
 - FY26 – \$550 Sweatshirts (11 x \$50/person)
 - FY27 – \$330 (11 x \$30/person)

Commissioner Ngyuen motioned to approve to submit the commission’s budget request for FY26 and FY27. Commissioner Sandoval-Rodriguez seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Anna Nguyen, Commissioner

SECONDER Karin Sandoval-Rodriguez , Commissioner

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Lai

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Henig informed the Commission the annual presentation to City Council will be held on Monday, May 5.

11. STAFF/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – Henig mentioned the Civic Center Master Plan workshop series.

12. ADJOURNMENT – James adjourned the meeting at 7:03 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