

City of Gilroy
Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 28, 2023, | 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Nguyen.

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

The flag salute was led by Chair Nguyen.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Maya Beyret, Commissioner Aiden Francis, Commissioner Alfred James, Commissioner Saed Mustafa, Commissioner Jaimee Nguyen, Chair Crystal Pablo, Commissioner Melanie Reynolds, Commissioner Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner Lavender Hwang, Commissioner
Absent	Sophie Gong, Commissioner Winston James, Vice Chair

4. **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The meeting packet and agenda was posted at the City Hall Kiosk on Monday, September 25, 2023.

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

5.1. Monday, August 28, 2023

Commissioner Hwang motioned to approve the September 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Pablo seconded. Motion passed 9-0-2.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Lavender Hwang, Commissioner

SECONDER Crystal Pablo, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Beyret, Commissioner Francis, Commissioner James, Commissioner Mustafa, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Pablo, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Sarath, Chair Hwang

ABSENT: Commissioner Gong, Vice Chair James

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 September 22, 2023.

Commissioner Francis shared the 801 balance reserves for the 2023-2024 term. The Commission will be strategic with the funds available. An expected expense will be a Youth Commission T-shirt for the commission and staff. The Commissioners requested a darker color t-shirt using the Youth Commission State of California logo. Staff will contact vendors and provide a quote at the next meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1. Election for Vice Chair on 2023-2024 Youth Commission

Commissioner Pablo announced that she was pulling herself out from becoming a nominee for Vice Chair, which enabled Commissioner Reynolds to run unopposed. Commissioner Hwang motioned to select Reynolds as the vice chair. Pablo seconded. Motion passed 9-0-2.

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Lavender Hwang, Commissioner

SECONDER Crystal Pablo, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Beyret, Commissioner Francis, Commissioner James, Commissioner Mustafa, Chair Nguyen, Commissioner Pablo, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Sarath, Chair Hwang

ABSENT: Commissioner Gong, Vice Chair James

9.2. Discuss and Adopt FY2024 and FY2025 Youth Commission Work Plan

Staff provided examples of other Youth Commission issue-focused projects. The information included short videos and a slide of each city's accomplishment. The examples included:

- *City of Cupertino:* Developed a political forum for teens and run by teens prior to an actual election.
- *City of Gonzalez:* Created a survey for young residents during the pandemic to determine what is the state of mental health among youth and teens. Worked with CSU Monterey Bay and received a grant.
- *City of South Pasadena:* Recognized that older adults in their community needed assistance with technological devices such as an iPhone or iPad.

The Commission discussed several potential topics to incorporate into their work plan, but narrowed the list to the following:

- *OpportuniTEEN fair*
 - Host a day-long event featuring local community-based organizations tabling to promote teen-focused job opportunities, internships, volunteering, and resources.

- Develop and maintain a website year-round dedicated to providing job and volunteer opportunities for local youth and teens.
- *Usage of racial slurs among youth & prevention of violence in schools/youth settings*
 - Citywide Fun Run event. Potential fundraiser component, with money raised donated to like-minded organizations.
 - Host speaker(s) and community organizations at the event.
- *Tech Day*
 - Support older residents with technology tutorials while bridging intergenerational digital divide.
 - Create a sense of community.

It is important that the Youth Commission come prepared to the next meeting and share ideas about what they would like to focus on this year. Commissioner Mustafa motioned to table adopting the proposed work plan until the next regular meeting on October 9. Francis seconded. Motion passed 8-0-3 (Commissioner Pablo left).

RESULT: Pass

MOVER: Saed Mustafa, Commissioner

SECONDER Aiden Francis, Commissioner

AYES: Commissioner Beyret, Commissioner Francis, Commissioner James, Commissioner Mustafa, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Reynolds, Commissioner Sarath, Chair Hwang

ABSENT: Commissioner Gong, Vice Chair James, Commissioner Pablo

10. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The following items will be added to the October regular meeting agenda:

1. Discuss and adopt 2023-24 Youth Commission Work Plan
2. Update on Youth Commission Apparel

11. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Recreation Coordinator Bautista reminded commissioners about the upcoming commission appreciation event.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 7:34 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.

Vince Bautista, Jr.
Secretary