

**City of Gilroy
Youth Commission
Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 6:02 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner
Alazander Cruz Bermudez, Commissioner
Ashleen Bhandal, Commissioner
Diana Diakova, Commissioner
Sophia Gutiérrez, Commissioner
Anna Nguyen, Commissioner
Jacob Ortega, Commissioner
Maya Sanchez, Commissioner
Logan Gill, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner
Benedict Pham, Commissioner

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting packet was posted on April 3, 2026.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from March 9, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission

There were two edits that needed to be made to the March Minutes—an extra space by Commissioner Ortega's name and the misspelling of Commissioner Gutiérrez name. Ortega motioned to approve the minutes with the amendments. Gill seconded.

Motion passed 9-0-0.

6. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Report for the Youth Commission as of April 1, 2026

Treasurer Abaneh reviewed the Treasurer's report. He reported that OpportuniTEEN Fair spent \$594.90, well below what was budgeted. He also informed the commission that each of the Youth Commission's budgetary accounts did not exceed the amount allocated from Council.

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. Receive and comment on the FY26 Commission Work Plan.

Chair Nguyen provided an update on the Commission's work plan.

- Overall, the Commission is on track to complete all its work plan items for this term.
- For the Legislative Committee, each of the committee members (Gill, Nguyen, Ortega, Bhandal, Sanchez) presented a draft to the Commission. They each spoke on a specific section of their proposed policy, which is a recommendation to Council to fund protective bicycle barriers when new traffic safety projects are proposed near schools and high traffic areas. The following areas were discussed: challenges, barrier options, scientific studies, comparable projects in other cities, and advocacy.
- The 2026 OpportuniTEEN event, overall, was a success. There were 23 vendors and 184 participants. There were a few suggestions for next year's event:
 - Adjust the microphone so it's louder and clearer.
 - Create a schedule for the raffle prizes.
 - Offer gluten free food for vendors.
 - Try to recruit more "job-based" vendors.
 - Market the event sooner.
 - Commission assignments should be decided upon in advance and provide opportunity for them to roam the event too.
- Lastly, the Commission is encouraged to participate in the Creek clean-up event on Saturday, May 16 from 9am-12pm.

10. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Henig requested that the entire Commission be present for the end-of-year presentation to City Council on Monday, May 4 and to wear the [Youth Commission T-shirt](#).

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.