



CITY OF GILROY
YOUTH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA



MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM

GILROY SENIOR CENTER
7371 HANNA STREET, GILROY, CA 95020

Chair: Anna Nguyen

Vice Chair: Benedict Pham

Treasurer: Biruh Abaneh

Commissioners: Biruh Abaneh, Alazander Cruz Bermudez, Ashleen Bhandal, Diana Diakova, Logan Gill, Sophia Gutiérrez, Anna Nguyen, Jacob Ortega, Benedict Pham, Maya Sanchez, Thanmay Sarath

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



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The agenda for this regular meeting is as follows:

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. INTRODUCTIONS**
 - 2.1. Welcome Commissioner Sophia Gutiérrez & Icebreaker**
- 3. FLAG SALUTE**
- 4. ROLL CALL**
- 5. SECRETARY'S REPORT**
- 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 6.1. Approval of the Minutes from the September 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission**
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
- 9. OLD BUSINESS**
 - 9.1. Discussion of FY26 Youth Commission Work Plan**
 1. Staff Report:
Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
 2. Public Comment
 3. Possible Action:
Receive and comment on the FY26 Commission Work Plan. A possible motion to approve apparel design.
- 10. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS**
 - 10.1. Reminder to RSVP to the annual Commission Recognition Dinner on Thursday, November 20, 2025 at the Senior Center.**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT**

**City of Gilroy
Youth Commission
Minutes
Monday, September 8, 2025 | 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

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner Alazander Cruz Bermudez, Commissioner Ashleen Bhandal, Commissioner Diana Diakova, Commissioner Logan Gill, Commissioner Anna Nguyen, Commissioner Jacob Ortega , Commissioner Benedict Pham, Commissioner Maya Sanchez, Commissioner Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner
Absent	Gianna Garcia, Commissioner

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting agenda and packet was posted on September 5, 2025.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from August 25, 2025 Special Meeting of the Youth Commission

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Sarath. Commissioner Diakova seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

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 September 1, 2025

Treasurer Abaneh delivered the report about the current balances. Staff liaison Henig explained what each budget represented (i.e., Commission,

Intergenerational, OpportuniTEEN, etc.). Per the commission bylaws, the next treasurer report will be delivered in December.

2. Discussion of FY26 Youth Commission Work Plan

The Commission reviewed its current work plan and decided to establish the following committees:

- Intergenerational Dance Decorations and Food: Abaneh, Diakova, Nguyen, Ortega
- Intergenerational Dance Activities and Music Selection: Gill, Pham, Bhandal, Bermudez
- Apparel Design: Bhandal and Sanchez
- Apparel Clothing Options: Abaneh and Sarath

Each of the committees will meet and provide an update at the next regular meeting in October. It was also discussed that the Commission will brainstorm potential legislative issues to study at the October meeting.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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

/s/ Adam Henig
Secretary



City of Gilroy Youth Commission

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Item Title: Discussion of FY26 Youth Commission Work Plan
Meeting Date: October 13, 2025
From: LeeAnn McPhillips, Assistant City Administrator
Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
Department: Recreation
Submitted by: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager
Prepared by: Adam Henig, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and comment on the FY26 Commission Work Plan. A possible motion to approve apparel design.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the work plan is to serve as a guide for the Commission's goals. During the budget adoption for FY26 and FY27, the Youth Commission approved the following work plan:

1. Identify a legislative issue that impacts youth and teens of Gilroy or community at large.
2. Participate in a Community Clean-up day
3. Organize and host an Intergenerational Dance at the Senior Center
4. Support Breakfast with Santa
5. Assist seniors with their technological devices
6. Organize and host OpportuniTEEN Fair

ANALYSIS

Following the September meeting, two committees were formed to plan and organize the upcoming Intergenerational Dance. The committees were made up of the following commissioners:

- **Intergenerational Dance Games/Music:** Logan, Ben, Ashleen, Aslander

- **Intergenerational Dance Decor/Theme:** Biruh, Diana, Anna, Jacob

Each committee will have up to two representatives who will report to the Commission about its meeting(s). Commissioners who are not on a committee, but would like to join, can still join the Decor and Theme committee, which has four members. In addition, staff will report on the caterer and other event details such as the event start/end time and setup schedule.

Apparel update

Ashleen and Maya were responsible for providing potential designs while Biruh and Thanmay were in charge of providing options for apparel, such as a T-shirt, long-sleeve shirt, or a sweatshirt (with or without a hood). Each group will report to the Commission on their findings.

Legislative

During the September meeting, Staff liaison Henig mentioned that the Commission will be brainstorming potential legislative issues to study at the October meeting. Past issues the Commission presented on was the need for a youth center in Gilroy and the protection of the Loma Prieta flower.

Digital Assistance, Breakfast with Santa

Shifts are available to sign-up for senior digital assistance for the following dates (no more than 5 commissioners per shift):

- Monday, November 24, 9:30-11:00am
- Tuesday, November 25, 9:30-11:00am
- Wednesday, November 26, 9:30-11:00am

Mark your calendar for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at the Gilroy Senior Center from 8am-12pm.

With the addition of Commissioner Sophía Gutiérrez to the Youth Commission, we want to get her input and preferences for committee(s) she would like to join going forward.



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025 - 6:00 PM

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

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