



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the San Marcos Youth Commission

Monday, March 6, 2017 4:00 PM

1 Civic Center Drive San Marcos, CA 92069

Regular Commission Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR ANDREWS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:04 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY COMMISSIONER MADHAVA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:	Chair	ANDREWS	(9/9) 100%
	Commissioner	ATHALYE	(7/9) 78%
	Commissioner	FLATLEY	(7/9) 78%
	Commissioner	MADHAVA	(8/9) 89%
	Commissioner	MANIKA	(7/9) 78%
	Commissioner	MORRISON	(9/9) 100%
	Commissioner	VIJAYAKUMAR (ALT)	(7/9) 78%
	Vice Chair	VONGSACHANG	(9/9) 100%

ABSENT:	Commissioner	HERNANDEZ	(6/9) 67%
	Commissioner	ISTVANYI	(8/9) 89%

ALSO PRESENT Youth Commissioner Staff Advisor Cheryl Salazar & Secretary Krystal Mainprize

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 6, 2017 WERE MOVED BY CHAIR ANDREWS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORRISON. COMMISSIONER VIJAYAKUMAR ABSTAINED.



NEW BUSINESS

1. WINTER SAN MARCOS 360 REVIEW

Further Details can be found in the Recreation Guide of the San Marcos 360 Magazine.

- Theatre West Production: Princess & the Pea – Show March 16 - 19
- Friday Fun Nites – March 10 @ SM Community Center & San Elijo Rec Center
- Family Night: St. Patrick's Day Party – March 15 at 6 pm @ SM Community Center
- *Spring Egg Scramble – April 15 @ Walnut Grove Park

2. COMMISSIONERS CORNER- INTRODUCTION

Chair Andrews told Commissioners that this is something new and Commissioners can bring up issues or topics they would like to address. Commissioners discussed different topics they would like to address and some they have addressed before and would like to revisit.

Chair Andrews noted that afterschool kids will go to Hollandia Park and smoke cigarettes and marijuana and feels the Park Rangers program will help this issue.

Commissioner Vongsachang will update the Commission on a group he is involved in called National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and next week is mental illness awareness week and they are working on a TEDX Talk.

Commissioner Flatley would like to start TED Talks for teens and try to make this happen at one of the high schools.

Staff Advisor Salazar noted City of Encinitas holds a leadership event that is a TEDX style half day conference that the Youth Commissioners sponsored and teens in Encinitas attend. Youth Commissioners are invited to attend on May 19th and they will be sending out an invitation soon. The Commission could consider doing an event like this in the future.

Commissioner Athalye noted drugs and alcohol are an issue on campus and there have been over 100 suspensions at San Marcos High. It would be great to take some action in the community as this is a serious problem. Commissioners all agree this is an issue and it would be great to offer support to help youth get off drugs and making better choices. Staff Advisor Salazar asked if the schools have any peer counselors or clubs that are already addressing this issue that the commission could partner with. Chair Andrews noted her school has PLUS. Commissioner Vongsachang will reach out to the NAMI president and see if she has any connections.

3. SOCIAL MEDIA REQUESTS

Staff Advisor Salazar noted the Office of Communications has denied the request for the Youth Commission to have their own social media account. Salazar noted the Commission can still submit posts and will go on the City social media.



OLD BUSINESS

1. COMPOSTING PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner Manika noted Family Night is on April 5th at 6pm and he needs a little help after the meeting cutting the water bottles and preparing the skit for the event. If you can attend the event please let Commissioner Manika know. Commissioners Andrew, Athalye and Vijayakumar can attend.

2. KIDS CONNECT TO CULTURE

Commissioner Vongsachang noted the library has the event flyers posted. Commissioner Madhava noted the first culture is India and the snack will be mini samosas, read them a book on India and a coloring or art project. The event will be held on March 23rd at 4pm and volunteers would need to arrive at 3:30pm to set up. Commissioners Athalye, Manika, and Morrison can attend.

3. COMMISSION GOALS & ACTION ITEMS UPDATE

Chair Andrews asked Commissioners to go through each goal and evaluate each goal and update the document. Commissioners discussed what changes and updates they want to make. Commissioners concurred that the Goals still apply but the action steps do need to be updated.

Commissioners discussed all the changes they feel are needed to get the document updated and Staff Advisor Salazar will make the changes and bring the updated document to the next meeting.

REPORTS

1. 26TH ANNUAL SAN MARCOS TRAILS DAY

Commissioner Manika said the event went very well and he assisted with handing out water and snacks and he said everyone was happy to be hiking Double Peak and enjoying the services the City was providing.

2. SAN MARCOS ALIVE EVENT

Commissioner Andrews attended the event and helped with set up and clean up. Andrews said there seemed to be quite a few people in attendance and the entertaining and performances were held indoors because of the chance of rain. Overall the event was a success and was very cultural with the different handmade items and performances.

3. CITY OF ENCINITAS YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

Staff attended the last Encinitas Youth Commission meeting because she recently worked with Nick Buck the Advisor of the Youth Commission. They had just done their presentation to the City Council and will now have a City Council Liaison attend all their meetings.



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At the meeting they had a speaker from the Rancho Coastal Humane Society, they discussed issues they were looking into and reviewed what they wanted to accomplish. The Commission is creating a video of what to expect when becoming a Youth Commissioner and Staff Advisor Salazar would like to create a video as well to highlight some of the Commissioners and what the Commissioners participate in throughout the year. Their Commission sponsors a Youth of the Year award.

Staff Advisor Salazar said the Encinitas Youth Commission is working on collaborating with other Commissions in their City. They are also interested in a north county summit with surrounding cities Youth Commissions and Councils to create a summit to collaborate on ideas and events.

Staff Advisor Salazar would like to implement a workshop for the Youth Commission after July when the new members are appointed on a Thursday or Friday in the summertime to go over the goals for the year and start planning out the course of the year.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

NONE

ORAL COMMUNICATION

NONE

COMMISSION COMMENTARY

Next meeting is Monday, April 3, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CHAIR ANDREWS, SECONDED BY VONGSACHANG AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE SAN MARCOS YOUTH COMMISSION AT 5:32 PM.

DANA ANDREWS, CHAIR
CITY OF SAN MARCOS
YOUTH COMMISSION

ATTEST:

KRYSTAL MAINPRIZE, SECRETARY
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YOUTH COMMISSION