



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the San Marcos Youth Commission

Monday, April 3, 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 4:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY VICE CHAIR VONGSACHANG

ROLL CALL

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| PRESENT: | Chair | ANDREWS | (10/10) 100% |
| | Commissioner | ATHALYE | (8/10) 78% |
| | Commissioner | HERNANDEZ | (7/10) 67% |
| | Commissioner | ISTVANYI | (9/10) 89% |
| | Commissioner | MANIKA | (8/10) 78% |
| | Commissioner | VIJAYAKUMAR (ALT) | (8/10) 78% |
| | Vice Chair | VONGSACHANG | (10/10) 100% |

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| ABSENT: | Commissioner | FLATLEY | (7/10) 78% |
| | Commissioner | MADHAVA | (8/10) 89% |
| | Commissioner | MORRISON | (9/10) 100% |

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

PRESENTATIONS

K.C. Strang from the San Marcos Prevention Coalition shared with the Commission the mission and goals of the Coalition. K.C. also discussed the top three drugs abused by the youth nationwide and here in San Marcos and how local change and advocacy through the Coalition can help reduce the use of drugs in the community.

Gena Knutson from Vista Community Clinic spoke to the commission about her policy work over the past 10 years for tobacco control. Gena noted California is a leader on tobacco laws and she is currently working on a ban for outdoor dining areas. Nine cities in San Diego County have adopted the policy, mostly coastal cities. A public opinion poll was conducted and 97% of the 433 people polled were in favor of the ban.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

NONE



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 6, 2017 WERE MOVED BY CHAIR ANDREWS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MANIKA. COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ AND ISTVANYI ABSTAINED.

NEW BUSINESS

1. WINTER SAN MARCOS 360 REVIEW

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

- San Marcos City Hike – April 1 @ San Elijo Hills Park, 8:30 am
- Fun Friday Nites! – April 7 @ Community Center & San Elijo Rec Center, 6 to 10 pm
- Spring Egg Scramble – April 15 @ Walnut Grove Park, 7:30 am to 11:30 am
- Beauty and the Beast – April 20 to 23 @ Community Center
- April Pool's Day – April 22 @ Las Posas Pool, 12:30 to 4:30 pm

2. SOCIAL MEDIA REQUEST

- San Marcos Youth Ambassador & Commissioner open application period is open now until May 4th.
- Commissioners discussed what Youth Commission and City events they would like to see posted on City social media.
- Please submit requests for the following month to Staff Advisor Salazar.

OLD BUSINESS

1. COMPOSTING PROJECT SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner Manika said the event will be held this Wednesday at the Community Center. The event will focus on why it is important to help the environment with Earth Day coming up, assemble composting kits and read a book with the children.

2. KIDS CONNECT TO CULTURE

Commissioner Vongsachang noted the next event will be held on May 25th and will feature the Hispanic Culture. Vongsachang noted the Indian culture event went well and Commissioner Madhava, Vongsachang and Athalye ran the event and dressed in ethnic clothing. They served the children somosas, read a couple of books, and talked about the culture. Commissioner Athalye said about 15 children attended and they had lots of questions and were very interested and engaged.



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3. COMMISSION GOALS & ACTION ITEMS UPDATE

Chair Andrews asked Commissioners to look it over and to see if there are any changes or additions. Commissioners concurred they are satisfied with the goals.

REPORTS

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

NONE

ORAL COMMUNICATION

NONE

COMMISSION COMMENTARY

Next meeting is Monday, May 1, 2017.

Vice-Chair Vongsachang noted we should discuss substance abuse to discuss strategies that we can implement in the community. Commissioners concurred that drugs and alcohol are an issue with the youth these days and they have issues with this on their school campuses. Staff Advisor Salazar will contact the City Public Safety Coordinator to see what information she can provide.

Staff Salazar asked if the Commission was interested in supporting the Vista Community Clinic outdoor area/patio smoking ban. Commissioners concurred they would like to support this ban.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CHAIR ANDREWS, SECONDED BY VONGSCHANG AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE SAN MARCOS YOUTH COMMISSION AT 5:19 PM.

DANA ANDREWS, CHAIR
CITY OF SAN MARCOS
YOUTH COMMISSION

ATTEST:

KRYSTAL MAINPRIZE, SECRETARY
CITY OF SAN MARCOS
YOUTH COMMISSION