

# MINUTES

## San Marcos Youth Commission

Monday, August 1, 2017 4:00 PM  
1 Civic Center Drive San Marcos, CA 92069

**CALL TO ORDER CHAIR ANDREWS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:02 PM**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY COMMISSIONER MORRISON**

### ROLL CALL

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Chair	ANDREWS	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	ATHALYE	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	FLATLEY	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	HERNANDEZ	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	ISTVANYI	(1/2) 50%
	Commissioner	JENNINGS	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	VIJAYAKUMAR	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	WILLIAMS	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	JORGE (ALT)	(2/2) 100%
	Commissioner	KAUSHIK (ALT)	(2/2) 100%

**ABSENT:** Commissioner MORRISON (1/2) 50%

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

### PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Butler Staff Advisor for the Plus Club at Mission Hills High School spoke to the Commission about the positive things the club does for the students at school. Mr. Butler would like to see the Plus Club and the Commission collaborate. Mr. Butler has been a teacher for ten years and he loves to teach and high school age group is his favorite age.

Plus is a national organization that has developed a mission to keep school youth safe and a network for youth in crisis to speak to peers who can mentor them.

Plus is about seeing and understanding on a deeper level to get to the heart of the problem for many students on campus dealing with certain issues. Plus has made a pledge to not ignore these students facing hard times.

Plus also conducts surveys to get more information from the student population about what they are facing at school. Plus will have a student forum in September usually held on campus so Mr. Butler told students to watch for the date.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY CHAIR ANDREWS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ATHALYE AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2017 MEETING. COMMISSIONER ISTVANYI ABSTAINED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS**

Commissioners wishing to be elected as Chair or Vice-Chair shared a short speech about themselves and their role on the Youth Commission.

Commissioners voted and Commissioner Flatley will be the new Chair and Commissioner Athalye will be the Vice-Chair.

### **2. SUMMER SAN MARCOS 360 REVIEW**

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

- Family Night – August 2 @ Community Center, 6 pm for Homemade Ice Cream
- Fun Friday Nites! – August 11 @ Community Center & San Elijo Rec Center, 6 to 10pm
- Movie in the Park – August 18 @ Woodland Park, 6:30 pm
- Free Concert in the Garden – August 10, 6:30 pm
- Concert in the Garden – August 26 @ Wood House Garden, 7:30 pm
- #DiscoverSanMarcos photo scavenger hunt ends August 31

### **3. SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE**

Commissioners concurred to move the September meeting to the 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. OUTDOOR DINING/SMOKING BAN**

Staff Advisor Salazar asked Commissioners to finalize the letter in the Google drive. Commissioner Flatley will add the list of restaurants that support the smoking ban.

**CHAIR ANDREWS MOVED TO APPROVE THE SMOKING BAN LETTER TO BE FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL. IF COMMISSIONERS HAVE ANY EDITS THEN IT WILL BE REVISITED AT THE NEXT COMMISSION MEETING.**

## 2. YOUTH COMMISSIONER SUMMIT

Chair Andrews felt the summit was a great experience. Chair Andrews feels like we have a plan for moving forward. Commissioner Athalye really enjoyed interacting with the people in government that attended. Commissioner Williams felt the summit was helpful because each speaker brought a new feature on what the Commission is trying to accomplish. Commissioner Flatley noted it will help the Commission see what issues it needs to focus on. Commissioner Jorge said it was very eye opening to learn about the different services in the community such as the LGBTQ center. Commissioner Kaushik said it was a great experience and very eye opening.

## 3. KEY ISSUE DISCUSSION

Staff Advisor Salazar asked Commissioners to talk about which key issues the Commissioner want to focus on.

Chair Andrews noted with the drug awareness issue we can easily partner with the Plus Club and Yellow Ribbon Week. Commissioner Athalye noted if we discuss mental health first it could support many of the other issues. Commissioner Flatley said the mental health would also bring awareness for suicide prevention.

Commissioners will narrow down their top choices and compile it in the google doc and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

## 4. COMMISSIONER'S CORNER

Chair Andrews said at the summit it was briefly discussed possibly holding a teen music event or competition like battle of the bands. The community does not have a lot of events for teens so it would be nice to hold an event like this. The event could also include a talent, writing and composing aspect to it. Commissioners will form a subcommittee and work out the logistics at the next meeting.

Commissioner Athalye had the idea to have a program much like the Kids Connect to Culture event at the library but would speak about the five main religions in our world. Commissioners Athalye, Flatley, Andrews will be on the subcommittee and Commissioners Kaushik and Vijaykumar can also help with the event.

Commissioner Jorge said it would be great to have an event about environmental protection. The Commission may be able to inform the youth of San Marcos as well as adults on how to solve environmental issues such as global warming. The event could include a fair with booths or stations to get information on different environmental issues.

Next meeting is Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

## REPORTS

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY ANDREWS, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ATHALYE AND CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE SAN MARCOS YOUTH  
COMMISSION AT 5:23 PM.**

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DANA ANDREWS, CHAIR  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS  
YOUTH COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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KRYSTAL MAINPRIZE, SECRETARY  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS  
YOUTH COMMISSION