

# AGENDA YOUTH COMMISSION

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2017  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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## CALL TO ORDER PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE ROLL CALL

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (5 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER)

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Youth Commission meeting Minutes from September 11, 2017.

**APPROVE**

## REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. Upcoming Volunteer Events – Cheryl Salazar     | <b>DISCUSS</b> |
| 2. Kids Connect to Culture – Subcommittee Report  | <b>DISCUSS</b> |
| 3. Kids Connect to Religion – Subcommittee Report | <b>DISCUSS</b> |
| 4. Environmental – Subcommittee Report            | <b>DISCUSS</b> |
| 5. Community Forum – Subcommittee Report          | <b>DISCUSS</b> |

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

6. Staff Report – San Marcos Youth Orchestra

**NOTE & FILE**

Next Meeting: Monday, November 6, 2017 at 4:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO) ss.

CITY OF SAN MARCOS)

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Date: September 28, 2017

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Cheryl Salazar, Staff Advisor

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# MINUTES

## San Marcos Youth Commission

Monday, September 11, 2017 4:01 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>	Commissioner	ANDREWS	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	ATHALYE	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	FLATLEY	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	HERNANDEZ	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	ISTVANYI	(2/3) 67%
	Commissioner	JENNINGS	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	JORGE (ALT)	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	MORRISON	(2/3) 67%
	Commissioner	VIJAYAKUMAR	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	WILLIAMS	(3/3) 100%
	Commissioner	KAUSHIK (ALT)	(3/3) 100%

### ABSENT:

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

### SPEAKER SLIPS

Jeremy Yu, Waugh Chang, Jong Ru, Monique Ricardo, Mona Yeh, Mia Carroll, Jessica Sanchez, Jerry Mason, Houa Chang, Benny Ricardo spoke in support of the San Marcos Youth Orchestra.

Chair Flatley asked staff to add San Marcos Youth Orchestra on the agenda for the next meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS

None.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOVED BY CHAIR FLATLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ANDREWS AND CARRIED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 1, 2017 MEETING. COMMISSIONER MORRISON ABSTAINED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. FALL SAN MARCOS 360 REVIEW**

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

- Double Peak Challenge – Sept. 30 @ San Elijo Hills Park, 7 am
- Family Night – Oct. 4 @ Community Center, 6 pm
- Fun Friday Nites! – Oct. 6 @ CC & SERC, 6 pm
- Halloween Party – Oct. 21 @ The Wood House, 6:30 pm
- Breakfast with the Littlest Pumpkin – Oct. 14 @ Community Center, 7:30 am
- Horse Heritage Festival – Oct. 15 @ Walnut Grove Park, 8:30 am to 3 pm
- Kick Off Halloween – Oct. 31 @ Jack's Pond Nature Center, 5 pm

### **2. KIDS CONNECT TO CULTURE**

The subcommittee will consist of Andrews, Flatley, Morrison and Williams.

Commissioner Andrews and Athalye went to the library to check available dates for the event but Sandy was not in so they will go back on Friday to speak with her.

### **3. KIDS CONNECT TO RELIGION**

The subcommittee will consist of Andrews, Athalye and Flatley.

### **4. ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

The subcommittee will consist of Kaushik and Vijayakumar. They will discuss how they want to proceed with the event and discuss at the next meeting.

### **5. OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST- WHO WILL TAKE ON**

Commissioner Morrison suggested assisting teens with gaining positive enrichment in opportunities including college and career choices. A combined college and career fair could be put on and have speakers on certain careers. Commissioner Andrews suggested partnering with the high schools to collaborate with them at their career fair.

Commissioner Andrews is attending a Plus Forum and she will reach out them and see if we could partner with them for Yellow Ribbon Week next year. Commissioner Williams mentioned October is mental health awareness month if it's too soon this year we could start on something for next year. Commissioner Andrews will see if we can assist the schools in anyway.

Commissioners want to start planning a battle of the bands for a future date and Commissioners Andrews, Istvanyi, Jorge, and Morrison will start working on the initial plan.

Commissioners don't want to spread themselves thin and not complete what the tasks that are most important to them so they will table some of the other topics they want to work on until next year.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner Flatley called over 20 restaurants and heard back from most of them. Restaurants that said we can use their name in support of the smoking ban are ihop, Slaters 50/50, Applebees, O's American Pizza, McDonalds in Lake San Marcos. Commissioner Morrison will add these restaurants in the letter of support to the Community Services Commission.

Staff will look into and see if there is a law or city ordinance on smoking.

### **2. KEY ISSUE DISCUSSION**

Community Forum & Ted Talks subcommittee is Andrews, Jorge, Morrison and Williams.

## **REPORTS**

None

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

None

## **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTARY**

Commissioner Morrison said her and Commissioner Williams are both attending a leadership event in Ohio through Girl Scouts.

Commissioner Andrews went to a school lecture on social media and the the biggest thing she took from the lecture is students should create a professional profile showcasing your community service, athletics, talents, achievements. Colleges and future employers can look at that like it is a part of your resume.

Community Center staff wants to know if the Commission is still interested in doing the photo booth at Santa's Magical Village on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will need 8 volunteers at all times from 8am – 8pm. Commissioners concurred they will be able to attend and want to volunteer at the event.

Next meeting is Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY CHAIR FLATLEY, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER MORRISON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE SAN MARCOS YOUTH COMMISSION AT 5:46 PM.**

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ISABELLA FLATLEY, CHAIR  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS  
YOUTH COMMISSION

ATTEST:

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KRYSTAL MAINPRIZE, SECRETARY  
CITY OF SAN MARCOS  
YOUTH COMMISSION

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# STAFF REPORT

**Meeting of the Youth Commission**

**MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 2, 2017**

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON SAN MARCOS YOUTH ORCHESTRA (SMYO)**

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Note and File

## **SUMMARY:**

The San Marcos Youth Orchestra (SMYO) is a program started by local San Marcos high school students in 2007. Their mission is to provide free music education to improve the quality of lives of San Marcos youths. SMYO gives students the opportunity to learn, perform at events and to earn community service hours by volunteering as student teachers. SMYO initially approached the San Marcos Youth Commission to garner support for their mission and locate a place to practice and perform.

The City of San Marcos and Youth Commission have always been supportive of the mission of the SMYO and their use of City facilities. However, following an audit of facility use, it has come to the attention of City staff that SMYO had not been brought under the proper protocol and process for City facility use. The policy for City facility use requires adult supervision for underage program attendees, insurance and liability release forms. All groups that use City facilities are required to meet these minimum standards. In their attempt to ensure that all facility use meets these requirements, the Community Services Department staff reached out to SMYO to assist in finding an amicable solution that fits the needs of all parties.

The Community Services Department Director, Mr. Buck Martin, has made several attempts to contact Mr. Vongsachang, Monique Ricardo, and Jeremy Yu to discuss options to allow the SMYO to continue to fulfill its mission while properly adhering to City policy. Staff has received responses only to confirm the receipt of Mr. Martin's numerous communication attempts along with a note that the SMYO would not be present on 9/22 and 9/29. In the meantime, staff will make necessary arrangements for the SMYO to be in compliance with policy for a 9 month period (remainder of the school year). This temporary resolution includes:

- At no cost to the SMYO, the City will provide an adult staff member (18+ yrs. old) to supervise the group while they are at the community center.
- Practice and show times will continue as scheduled.
- All SMYO participants will continue to pay a \$25 per semester fee (as they have since 2012)

As currently structured, the main issues that the city and SMYO need to resolve include, but are not limited to:

- Adult Supervision - SMYO has no adult supervision. There is no designated adult responsible for the orchestra. It is City policy for a responsible adult to supervise youth groups. NOTE: this policy is common practice amongst government agencies across the US.
- No standing facility use permission - The youth orchestra is not a "City" program; it is not operated and managed by City staff. This means they are using the facility for free. The City has fair and impartial policies in place to avoid bias practices. By allowing the SMYO to use the facility for free, the City is not providing equitable service to all public groups using City facilities.

SMYO is not a "project", rather it's a program. The Youth Commission has not and does not adopt or create programs. The Youth Commission, in collaboration with the Community Services Department, reviews, plans, organizes, attends and participates in a variety of youth activities, issues, events and projects in the City. Commissioners advise the City as to its proper role and participation in the development of youth programs and promotes the general welfare of the young people in the City of San Marcos. The facility use of the SMYO is an administrative issue that Community Services staff will work to resolve amicably. Staff has communicated to the orchestra the necessary steps to take if they would like to be on the agenda and/or present at the October meeting, but have not received any response or formal requests.

City staff will continue to reach out to the SMYO to resolve these issues understanding their mission and values to San Marcos youth.