

# AGENDA YOUTH COMMISSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 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

Youth Commission meeting Minutes from November 6, 2017.

**APPROVE**

## REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. Kids Connect to Culture – Subcommittee Report                         | <b>DISCUSS</b> |
| 2. Environmental – Subcommittee Report & Recreation Specialist Questions | <b>DISCUSS</b> |
| a. Jack's Pond & Ranger Collaboration – Date?                            |                |
| 3. Commission Vision Change – Cheryl Salazar                             | <b>DISCUSS</b> |

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** (5 MINUTE LIMIT PER SPEAKER)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 4:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO) ss.

CITY OF SAN MARCOS)

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Date: November 30, 2017

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Cheryl Salazar, Staff Advisor

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# MINUTES

## San Marcos Youth Commission

Monday, November 6, 2017 4:00 PM  
1 Civic Center Drive San Marcos, CA 92069

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY COMMISSIONER ANDREWS**

### ROLL CALL

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Commissioner	ANDREWS	(5/5) 100%
	Commissioner	ATHALYE	(5/5) 100%
	Commissioner	FLATLEY	(5/5) 100%
	Commissioner	HERNANDEZ	(5/5) 100%
	Commissioner	ISTVANYI	(4/5) 80%
	Commissioner	JENNINGS	(5/5) 100%
	Commissioner	JORGE (ALT)	(5/5) 100%
	Commissioner	KAUSHIK (ALT)	(5/5) 100%
	Commissioner	MORRISON	(4/5) 80%
	Commissioner	VIJAYAKUMAR	(5/5) 100%

<b>ABSENT:</b>	Commissioner	WILLIAMS	(4/5) 100%
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**ALSO PRESENT** Youth Commissioner Staff Advisor Cheryl Salazar & Secretary Krystal Mainprize.

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 2, 2017 WERE MOVED BY HCAIR FLATLEY AND SECOND BY COMMISSIONER ANDREWS AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

### REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

#### **1. UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS**

Staff Advisor Salazar reviewed the upcoming events and volunteer opportunities including Veterans Day and Santa's Magical Village.

Commissioner Morrison attended the Jack's Pond Halloween event and noted it was a very fun event and was well attended. She helped children in making a mummy candy craft.

Staff Advisor Salazar reviewed the shifts for Santa's Magical Village and Commissioners signed up for a shift.

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

Commissioner Andrews noted there is two dates available in December and she is leaning towards December 6<sup>th</sup> because the Library already has a LED light craft scheduled and they can tie Kids Connect to Culture into that event. Andrews will prepare the presentation and treat for the kids. Commissioners Jennings and Hernandez can assist the day of the event.

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

Staff Advisor Salazar noted this City Clerk reviewed the agenda and is a little skeptical of this item. Salazar explained the concept and intent the committee has for this item. One option is to tie the program in with Kids Connect to Culture and speak about a certain religion that pertains to the culture being presented. Another option is to have it be an educational presentation from a professor at California State University, San Marcos.

Commissioner Morrison feels it is important for the participants to know exactly what will be covered before they attend. Morrison feels it would be great to have a professional speak on the religion.

Commissioner Athalye said we can certainly tie it into Kids Connect to Culture.

Commissioner Jorge agreed connecting it to Kids Connect to Culture is a good idea as religion can be a sensitive topic.

The Commission concurred to move forward with connecting it with Kids Connect to Culture.

## **4. ENVIRONMENTAL SUBCOMMITTEE**

Commissioner Kaushik and Vijayakumar discussed the vision of the event and decided to hold the event at the Jack's Pond site and have the rangers involved in the event. Kaushik said the event will be around Earth Day. Commissioners are going to go check out the Nature Center and plan out how the event could work with having booths and hands on demonstrations.

Kylee the Nature Center Director could assist with topics of discussion and hands on projects for the kids. The event would also benefit by having community partners involved such as Vallecitos Water District.

## 5. COMMUNITY FORUM

Chair Flatley noted the Commissioners reviewed the survey and made comments to staff to revise. This survey will be sent to San Marcos High Schools for the students to complete.

Commissioner Morrison felt that a resource is needed for students to find internships or work experience especially in the stem field.

Chair Flatley prefers to change the ranking system to allow students to check all that apply or change it to so they can rank each item. Commissioners concurred to change the ranking system to strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, and strongly disagree.

Commissioner Morrison suggested adding in a question about bullying and cyber bullying and also social media should be included. Commissioner Andrews took a survey that also included questions about drugs and she will send the survey to staff.

Commissioner Jorge feels we need a question about how connected do you feel to the community and do you know what programs are offered in the City.

Commissioners discussed how to get the kids to complete the survey. Suggestions included a raffle and get school staff involved to have the students take it during class.

## 6. STAFF RESEARCH OF OTHER COMMISSIONS

Commissioners discussed different options for communicating with each other easily such as through text or email or an online based program such as Slack.

Staff Advisor Salazar noted the Commission wanted to get more people to attend the Commission meetings and a few commissioners mentioned adding a second meeting. The second meeting could be less formal and have speakers or a tour of different facilities and could include more interaction with the public. Commissioners were very responsive to this concept.

Staff Advisor Salazar noted many of the other Youth Commissions spend a lot of time fostering a relationship with other organizations that offer services to the youth in the community. Commissioners can be a liaison with the organization.

Staff Advisor Salazar also mentioned an event another youth commission did a “lock-in” where teens are locked in overnight and come up with a solution for an issue in their community.

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

## WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

**7. Assembly Member Low- Lower the Voting Age to 17**

Staff Advisor Salazar noted this item is on agenda so Commissioners are aware of this.

Commissioner Andrews does not feel compelled to advocate for this based off the fact that she is 17 and just starting to learn about government in her government class so she doesn't feel she is not informed enough to vote.

Commissioner Vijayakumar feels event if you give 17 year olds the right to vote the majority of the youth won't care to vote.

Commissioners concurred to not act on this item.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTARY**

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4, 2017 at 4:00 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY FLATLEY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MORRISON AND CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE SAN MARCOS YOUTH COMMISSION AT 5:31 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