

YOUTH COMMISSION AGENDA

**Wednesday, April 11, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Operations Service Center – 3333 Busch Road

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of March 14, 2018

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations
Elliot Kallen, A Brighter Day
3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda. *Speakers are encouraged to limit comments to 3 minutes.*

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

If necessary to assure completion of the following items, the Chairperson may establish time limits for the presentations by individual speakers.

4. Community Education Series Review and Recommendations for 2018-19

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION REPORTS

5. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee
6. PTownlife Web Team Sub Committee
7. Youth in Government Day Sub Committee
8. Public Policy Sub Committee
9. PTownlife Resource Network
10. Brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

11. Community Services Update
12. Library Liaison Update
13. Police Liaison Update

FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: May 9, 2018

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Youth Commission Minutes

**Operations Service Center – 3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton, CA
March 14, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Commissioner Patel.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Elise Allari, Russell Ambrosiewicz, Arushi Avachat, Lauren Brown, Lori Franklin, Ajay Immadi, Kate Inman, Nishant Jain, Calla Li, Jonathan Peace, Tess Shotland, Taylor Sowers, and Chairperson Avni Patel.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Nicole Thomas, Recreation Supervisor, Michael Patrick, Management Analyst; Teresa Parham, Senior Librarian Teen Services; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

Representatives: None

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

None.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of February 7, 2018.

Correction: Commissioners Present: Add Kimberly Chew

A motion was made by Commissioner Chew, seconded by Commissioner Allari, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 7, 2018 as corrected. **The motion was approved unanimously.**

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations

None.

3. Public Comment from the audience regarding items not listed on the agenda.

None

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

4. Consider Recommendation to Allocate Community Grant Funds in the Youth Category for Fiscal Year 2018/19

Mr. Patrick provided background information about the grant fund application process and review of the applications through Zoomgrants by Commissioners. He advised that a total of eight (8) applications had been received in the Youth Category for a total of \$50,950 in grant requests and that a total of \$40,000 was available to be granted.

Mr. Patrick commented on the Commission's funding criteria and noted that each of the funding requests met goals of the Youth Master Plan. He commented on "Average Recommended Funding" and "Olympic Average" totals calculated from information collected from the Commission's tentative votes on Zoomgrants.

Chairperson Patel opened the meeting for requested agency presentations at 6:10 p.m.

Amador Friends of Music, Katie Brunner – Amador Valley High-Concert Band Workshops – advised they are seeking funds to be able to provide two workshops for approximately 295 students. One workshop will bring in professional musicians to work with students and a second workshop will be held over two-days and bring in guest conductors. Ms. Brunner commented on meetings goals of the Youth Master Plan, being able treat band members equally by developing mentoring and learning groups and supporting self-expression.

Commissioners were advised by Ms. Brunner that successful workshops have been held in the past and allows for networking with professional musicians in many ways. She advised that Amador Friends of Music has a vast connection with many parents and friends and funds received will help provide benefits to students without needing to ask parents to pay for additional things.

Commissioner Chew asked about equal access to the workshops for band members from other schools. Ms. Brunner advised that this could be a possibility since the workshop would not be on a school day.

Commissioner Allari commented on information in the staff report that indicates a portion of the funding request is for meals that needs to be clarified. Mr. Patrick advised that funded cannot be used to provide meals and Amador Friends of Music would need to either reduce their funding request or reallocate that portion of the funds. Chairperson Patel discussed this concern with Ms. Brunner and it was determined that \$250 was the amount they had determined for meals.

Sunflower Hill, Kathy Layman & Lynn Monica – Special Needs Curriculum/Lesson Development– provided information about a 1-acre Edible Garden/Farm they have on Hagemann Ranch and a City of Livermore Contract to serve the disadvantaged and donate at least 51% of produce grown to food banks and local kitchens. They commented on the number of high school horticulture classes and adult day program classes and special needs interns that participate in the program.

The Commission was advised that Sunflower serves developmentally disabled youth by providing life skills training and encourage learning for the underserved population group in decision-making, communication skills, and social opportunities. They provide fun and productive volunteer and community service opportunities to special needs families, local service organizations and corporations.

Ms. Monica noted that approximately 24 unduplicated Pleasanton residents attended the Horticulture classes and special needs students and low-income families benefit from the program and the produce donations. She also commented on past program challenges.

Commissioner Shotland had questions about funding for teachers that would benefit only 24 Pleasanton students and was advised that Sunflower Hill has approximately 166 Pleasanton individuals that attend classes.

Commissioner Chew was advised that Sunflower Hill donates food to Open Heart Kitchen, Tri-Valley Haven, Shepherds Gate and Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Patrick noted that \$1,000 of the requested funding amount from Sunflower Hill is for benefits that would to be reallocated to be considered. Chairperson Patel was informed by Ms. Monica that this was funds needed to pay employees for sick time.

Chairperson Patel closed the meeting for requested agency presentations at 6:25 p.m. and reopened it for non-requested presentations at 6:27 p.m.

Tri-Valley Haven, Christine Dillman – Healthy Relationships Program and Anti-Bullying Project – advised that Tri-Valley Haven is requesting funds to be able to provide Healthy Relationship presentations for Pleasanton middle and high school students. Ms. Dillman advised that students are engaged in identifying signs of healthy relationships as well as the warning signs of an unhealthy relationship to help prevent them in engaging in dating violence. She advised the focus is to empower teens and change behaviors.

Tri-Valley Haven is seeking funds for their Anti-Bullying Project that provides classroom programs for Pleasanton high and middle school students. The project informs and engages students in identifying unacceptable bullying and provides techniques that help them to avoid and/or intervene safely. The focus is to change behavior and empower teens. Ms. Dillman commented on 71% of students saying bullying is a problem and one out of ten students dropping out of school because of bullying issues.

Commissioner Shotland discussed with Ms. Dillman the number of students finding bullying to be a problem and the number of students dropping out of school because of this issue. Ms. Dillman noted that numbers had been provided by the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Commissioner Chew was advised by Ms. Dillman that the Anti-Bullying project they provide at Village High School is modified slightly from what is provided at the other high schools.

Commissioner Inman questioned on how students reach out for help and was advised by Ms. Dillman that Tri-Valley Haven project presenters are available for students to contact. Ms. Dillman also commented on the number of students they can reach with the project based on the funding they may receive.

Commissioner Franklin confirmed with Ms. Franklin the number of times they present the program to each class and Commissioner Li confirmed that funds being requested were to pay for staff.

Ms. Dillman advised Commissioner Inman that if they did not receive funding from the City of Pleasanton it would require Tri-Valley Haven to work further with the Pleasanton Unified School District.

Child Care Links, Kelly O’Lague Dulka and Vanessa Dilks – Community Engagement for High School Students and Essential Language/Literacy for Toddlers – providing information about the Community Engagement programs that involves providing high school students with opportunities to explore community and service by participating in their Diaper Pantry program. She commented on the number of low-income families that are trying to reuse disposable diapers because they can’t afford to buy more and how this program will take that stress away. Ms. Dulka discussed the skills that can be developed by teens working with other groups and businesses.

Commissioner Chew asked about funding requested for a staff person to train students and the kinds of jobs that students would be doing. Ms. Dulka indicated that this is to be a leadership development program and they would be learning ways of accessing diaper supplies and then distributing to families. The language/literacy program will provide reading materials/books to the low-income families, so they have the tools and resources needed to help them improve language development. The program will be tailored for individual students.

Commissioner Chew was informed by Ms. Dulka that if funding is received the goal is to be able to have 250 students participate in the program but believes that number could increase.

Ms. Dilks provided information about the language/literacy program, noting that many low-income families in the community do not have resources available to them and this program will help make sure that babies born into these families will have the best opportunities to grow up to be successful. She also commented on partnering with other groups to provide low-income parents with additional parenting help and guidance.

Commissioner Allari questioned the \$1,500 request for supplies and whether this would be for the purchase of books. Ms. Dilks advised that it was for books and discussed a calendar that promotes different items.

Teen Esteem, Susan Timms – PUSD Elementary/Middle School Assemblies – advised that funds are being requested to enable them to schedule the delivery of assemblies at elementary and middle schools on challenges that are facing students. Ms. Timms commented on the importance of the spoken word and the effects of social media and that providing information through assemblies they hope to be able to reach 5,000 students.

Commissioners discussed with Ms. Timms how assemblies would be made interesting to younger students.

Commissioner Allari was informed by Ms. Timms that funding would be used to pay for speakers to develop content for the program and staff would work with schools to do survey collection.

Commissioner Chew advised she has seen some of the presentations and thought they were great. She asked about results of surveys and whether information was being provided back to the schools, so they could work on them. Commissioner Franklin asked about the grades that participate in the assemblies.

Commissioner Allari asked about the cost of the program for the different schools and Commissioner Shotland wondered how this program differed from others being presented at schools.

Chairperson Patel closed the meeting for presentations at 7:00 p.m. and suggested a 10-minute break. The meeting resumed at 7:08 p.m.

Commissioner Pearce felt that the Commission should review and consider the grant applications as they had discussed and decided upon at the previous meeting. Ms. Thomas indicated that staff thought is not to change the recommendations that were discussed but rather to streamline the process and go with the recommendations Commissioners had provided through Zoomgrants. Mr. Patrick advised that the reason is the Commission has already considered everything through Zoomgrants and can still discuss and use this as a baseline.

Commissioner Pearce expressed concern because not all Commissioners had reviewed the applications through Zoomgrants and Commissioner Allari felt the louder speaking Commissioners might overshadow others who then wouldn't have a chance to discuss. Mr. Patrick felt the results would be the same no matter what process was used. Chairperson Patel asked for a show of hands to determine the process for reviewing and discussing the grant applications and it was agreed the Commission would follow the same process as had been used in previous years.

Teen Esteem discussions: - Commissioner Chew felt the program should be made available equally between the schools and was advised that this would require discussing with the PUSD administration.

Commissioner Li commented on the inequity between scholarships and things not being equal. She also commented on arts in schools always being underfunded. Commissioner Pearce commented on PUSD not provided funding for band.

Commissioner Chew indicated that she would like to see this offered for students from other schools. She was also unsure how this meets the goals of the Youth Master Plan and didn't understand the implementation and benefits of the program.

Child Care Links – Commissioner Allari agrees this project offers volunteer and leadership opportunities for students. Ms. Dulka advised that the funding requested would be for a staff person for two hours per week to help develop the leadership program that would be a valuable learning experience. She discussed sustainability of the program with the focus being getting teens involved in the program.

At the request of Chairperson Patel Commissioners then provided their recommended donation amount for each of the funding requests and the average was determined by the number of Commissioners eligible to vote.

A motion was made by Commissioner Pearce, seconded by Commissioner Immadi, recommending the following funding amounts for FY 2018/19 Community Grant Program for the Youth Category:

\$ 1,400.00	Amador Friends of Music – Amador Valley High Concert Band Workshops
\$ 2,041.00	Child Care Links – Community Engagement for High School Students
\$ 7,318.00	Child Care Links – Essential Language and Literacy Development for Toddlers
\$ 7,090.00	Pleasanton Unified School District – College Preparation Readiness Program
\$ 5,881.00	Sunflower Hill – Special Needs Curriculum and Lesson Development.

\$ 4,725.00	Teen Esteem – PUSD -Elementary and Middle School Assemblies
\$ 5,500.00	Tri-Valley Haven – Anti-Bullying Program
\$ 6,045.00	Tri-Valley Haven – Healthy Relationships Program
\$40,000.00	TOTAL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Ambrosiewicz, Avachat, Brown, Franklin, Immadi, Inman, Jain, Pearce, Shotland, Sowers, and Chairperson Patel.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

COMMISSION REPORTS

5. Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trails Committee

No report.

6. Other reports on meetings, conferences, and/or seminars

Ptownlife Web Team Subcommittee – Commissioner Li advised the Subcommittee is looking to make some changes and do newsletters. Ms. Thomas advised that Ptownlife members can subscribe for the newsletter. Focus is going to be put on the newsletter, but the website will still be available. Commissioner Li noted that volunteer boards will be in the newsletter which will be distributed to about 1,200 people.

Commissioner Pearce questioned if there was going to be a way to determine how many people look at the newsletter and Ms. Parham asked if concerns had been raised about the website and the volunteer information.

Commissioner Li also provided information about an ‘Open Mike’ night event held at Inklings and another one planned for some time in the fall. She also provided information about plans for an Earth Day contest. Commissioner Allari indicated the ‘Open Mike’ had been a good event to attend.

Youth in Government Day Subcommittee – Commissioner Pearce and Chairperson Patel advised that plans for this event have been finalized and job shadowing assignments have been set. A total of 87 students are planning to participate and a social media contest is to be hosted. The Subcommittee is looking for Commissioner photos from the Job Fair and Mayors Dinner.

Commissioner Ambrosiewicz questioned if he would be able to leave the event to attend a middle college interview.

Public Policy Subcommittee – No meeting. Commissioners were encouraged to fill out a form for the Amendment to the California Constitution on the matter of lowering the voting age to seventeen.

PTownlife Resource Network – No meeting.

Health and Wellness Subcommittee – Commissioner Inman provided information about a 'Less Stress' panel and panel of students and alumni that will be talking on this subject. A guest speaker will be speaking and attending students from Amador Valley High School will earn extra credit. She also commented on a middle school event April 5th with students and parents. Ms. Thomas advised that volunteers are needed to help with this event.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

None.

STAFF COMMENTS

7. Community Services Update –

Ms. Thomas advised that the City of Pleasanton is hiring for many part-time positions, information is available on the city's website and students need to be 15 1/2 years old to apply. She also noted that the Leader and Training Program is accepting applications on Ptownlife.

8. Library Liaison Update –

Ms. Parham commented on:

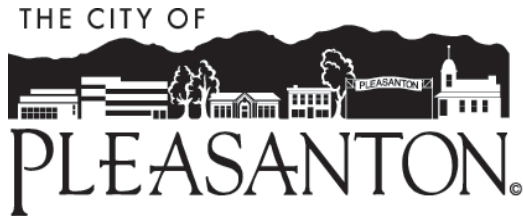
- A. The Library book sale March 23-25, 2018 – volunteers are needed.
- B. Author Allie Carter will be at the Library on March 29, 2018.
- C. The Library will be closed on April 4, 2018.
- D. The Child Care Links Volunteer Program with managing volunteers being not only a case of getting teens to obtain job skills.

11. Police Liaison Update –

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business a motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.



Youth Commission Agenda Report

April 11, 2018
Item 4

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY EDUCATION SERIES REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2018-19

SUMMARY

The Community Education Series hosts approximately eight to ten workshops for students and parents each year in partnership with the Pleasanton Unified School District and the Pleasanton PTA Council. These workshops are a direct outcome of the Youth Master Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Youth Commission support the Community Services staff proposal to continue workshops for the 2018-19 school year and give feedback and/or additional recommendations on the proposed topics.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

There is no immediate cost associated with this action however, the Community Education Series is funded through the City budget process, as well as funds from the Pleasanton Unified School District.

BACKGROUND

On November 13, 2013 the Youth Commission voted to approve the Youth Master Plan Implementation Work Plan. One work plan item was to provide parent and student forums and workshops on high interest topics affecting youth and parents in Pleasanton. This program has evolved into the Community Education Series.

The Community Education Series began in 2014 and is a popular resource for students and parents. The Community Education Series presents eight to ten workshops per school year in partnership with the Pleasanton Unified School District and the Pleasanton PTA Council. Participation in the Parenting Forum and all other workshops is at an all-time high, confirming the need for local community education.

Below is a list of the 2017-18 Community Education offerings, including number of attendees:

Sept 28: **Funding Your Future:** UC Berkeley Financial Aid Advisor (110)
Oct 25: **Unity Day Ask Annie - Student Event:** Annie Fox (53)
 Raising Kindness - Parent event: Annie Fox (15)
Nov 15: **Plugged-In Parents:** Liz Kline, Common Sense Media (16)
Jan 17: **High School...The Real Deal:** PUSD/Parent Panel (140)
Feb 03: **Overloaded and Underprepared:** Dr. Denise Pope (225)
Mar 28: **Stress Less for Success:** Student Inter-schools Action Council and
 Pleasanton Youth Commission (150)
Apr 25: **Transition to Middle School (English, Spanish & Mandarin):** City and
 PUSD Staff and panel
May 16: **Transition to Kindergarten: TBD**

DISCUSSION

Each year, the Youth Commission reviews and recommends topics and selects presentation formats (authors, educational films with panel discussions, workshops, or student led forums) for the Community Education Series. Staff is planning to host workshops on the third Wednesday of the month throughout the 2018-2019 school year, excluding December. Additional days may be considered, as available. Depending on the topics, the workshops can be directed towards students and/or parents.

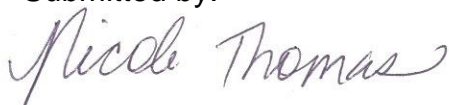
2018-19 Proposed Topics:

- Transitions: Elementary, Middle School and High School
- Student Wellness
- Dealing with Stress
- Staying Connected to your Tween/Teen
- College Preparation (Application, Financial Assistance, Transition)
- Drug and Alcohol Use / Education

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

Any other action as determined by the Youth Commission.

Submitted by:



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