



YOUTH COMMISSION AGENDA

**Wednesday, April 10, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

**Operations Services Center Conference Room
3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton**

CALL TO ORDER

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2013.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations
 - a. Ptownlife.org essay contest winners, Claire Shao and Becky Laurence
 - b. Clean Water Project, Eric Arellano
 - c. PLUG INTO LIFE/Pleasanton Community Play Day, Terri Maxoutopoulos
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.

None

COMMUNICATIONS

COMMISSION REPORTS

4. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee
5. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee
6. Youth in Government Day Committee

7. Youth Master Plan Implementation Oversight Committee
8. Cultural Arts Master Plan Steering Committee
9. Brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

STAFF COMMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

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Youth Commission Minutes

**Operations Services Center
3333 Busch Road, Conference Room, Pleasanton, CA
March 13, 2013 - 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chairperson Malindzak.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Lori Franklin, Diane Hadley, Neha Nirkondar, Katie Olmo, Jonathan Pearce, Erica Utikal, and Chairperson Shannon Malindzak. (Taylor Sowers arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Jackson Fialho, Michael Liamos, Kaitlyn Mallie, and Yandi Wu.

Staff Present: Becky Hopkins, Recreation Supervisor; Kathleen Yurchak, Community Services Manager; Rachel Mariscal, Recreation Coordinator; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

There were none.

MINUTES

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of February 13, 2013

A motion was made by Commissioner Olmo, seconded by Commissioner Hadley, to approve the February 13, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was approved. Commissioner Sowers abstained.

MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2. **Introductions/Awards/Recognitions**

There were none.

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

There were none.

MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION

4. **Approve the Transition of Oversight of the Youth Master Plan from the Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee (YMPOC) to the Youth Commission**

Ms. Hopkins reviewed with the Commission information about the establishment of the Youth Master Plan Oversight Committee (YMPOC) in 2011 to transition oversight of the Youth Master Plan from the Youth Master Plan Implementation Committee to the Youth Commission. She advised that having the Youth Commission oversee this implementation would allow for communication between the Commission and staff to be streamlined and eliminate the need to provide and receive information from multiple commissions and committees.

The Commission was further advised by Ms. Hopkins that at their February 26, 2013 meeting, YMPOC had recommended that their committee be disbanded after the June 2013 meeting and implementation of the Youth Master Plan be turned over to the Youth Commission. She also advised that YMPOC had recommended that the Youth Commission consider developing an annual report for the Youth Master Plan that would outline the implementation progress and could be presented to City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board.

A motion was made by Commissioner Nirkondar, seconded by Commissioner Franklin, to concur with the YMPOC's recommendation and that implementation of the Youth Master Plan be turned over to the Youth Commission in June 2013, and thereafter the Commission will present a Youth Master Plan Annual Report at the joint City Council and Pleasanton Unified School District Board meeting in March of each year.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Franklin, Hadley, Nirkondar, Olmo, Pearce, Utikal, and Chairperson Malindzak.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Fialho, Lamos, Mallie, Sowers, and Wu.

ABSTAIN: None

5. **Recommendation to Allocate Community Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2013/2014**

Ms. Hopkins reviewed with Commissioners the Community Grant Fund allocation process and advised that a total of fifteen (15) applications had been received in the Youth Category for FY 2013/14. She advised that an amount of \$40,000 had been allocated in the FY 2013/2014 Operating Budget for the Youth category and an additional \$30,120.12 in unspent funds from FY

2011/2012 and 2012/2013 was also available for allocation. Funding levels in the youth category remain at a maximum of \$7,500 per grant request.

Commissioners were provided additional information regarding the voting process conducted through ZoomGrants and advised that average-funding recommendations provided were not representative of all 12 Commissioners, nor were they deemed to be final funding allocation results. Ms. Hopkins suggested the Commission allow agency representatives to present information about their programs, discuss staff's funding alternatives, and provide funding recommendations to be forwarded to City Council for final review.

Chairperson Malindzak opened the meeting for agency presentations.

Child Care Links (Youth Education and Services) – Vanessa Dilks - advised that Child Care Links is looking to diversify and serve a larger population. Funding is requested for four professional development workshops with topics of health and safety, social-emotional development, and caring for children with special needs that will be provided for parents and caregivers. Child Care Links believes these workshops will allow for better preparedness to situations and services. The agency is also looking to create and offer the "Move It" curriculum for youth programs created by First Lady Michelle Obama that is aimed at trying to solve the problem of childhood obesity, by providing strategies for positive and healthy futures through different activities. Ms. Dilks advised the Commission that funding for the program would serve 100+ unduplicated participants and addresses goals 1, 2 and 4 of the Youth Master Plan.

Kidango, Inc. (Incredible Families) – Jennifer Parl – advised that this program will provide six (6) two-hour sessions that are based on Center on the Social and Emotional Foundation for Early Learning (CSEFEL) model for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers for twenty-five (25) low and/or very low income Pleasanton families. Ms. Parl advised that this program would allow parents to learn how to provide a higher quality of life environment for their children, by helping them to identify and develop their core parenting skills.

Ms. Yurchak questioned whether this program would be open to the general public, or whether it was to be offered to families with children already in Kidango.

Commissioner Nirkondar requested specific information about the training program and was advised by Ms. Parl that homework for parents would be expected as part of what had been discussed at each session, i.e. how to spend quality time with your child and how to handle challenging behavior.

Chairperson Malindzak had questions about the number of families that could be helped if funding was allocated, and Commissioner Hadley questioned what Kidango would do if funding allocated was less than what had been requested.

Valley Humane Society (Teen Marketing Development Program) – Melanie Sadek and Shoshannah Reed – advised that the target of Valley Humane Society is to rescue and rehabilitate dogs and cats and provide low-income families with food for their animals. Valley Humane Society also provides services to the Veteran's Administration. They advised that the

Society would like to expand their marketing outreach by using youth in the community and would provide three sessions during a school year, with each session lasting 12 weeks. Approximately 90 students will learn from and work with community professionals who have expertise in marketing. A final project will concentrate on promoting Valley Humane Society animals, programs and services and would be offered through local media formats.

Commissioner Olmo was advised that only Junior and Senior high school students would be targeted to participate in this program.

Community Resources for Independent Living (Disability Action Network for Youth-Tri-Valley Leadership Academy) – Michael Galvan – The Commission was advised that the project includes building a Disability Action Network for Youth (DANY) chapter in Pleasanton that would provide support for transition-aged youth and young adults with disabilities. The program teaches advocacy skills to help resolve challenges for those with disabilities and help them address important relevant issues. One aspect of the program is a Disability Week taught by those with disabilities to students.

Commissioner Olmo was advised by Mr. Galvan that participants in the program would be up to age twenty-four. Ms. Hopkins advised that the Commission should still consider this program even though the Youth Master Plan stated youth to age eighteen.

The Gatehouse Academy for Gifted Education Inc. (enGAGE! Summer Enrichment Camp) – Lynn Gatehouse – provided details about the Camp that provides internships and mentoring, life skills training, and project-based educational opportunities that help prepare students for their future. She advised that the program would be offered at Harvest Park School and would serve approximately 100+ students. This is the second year that this Camp has been offered and enGAGE! is hoping to receive funding so they can expand to include 7th and 8th grade students. If allocated, Ms. Gatehouse advised that funding would allow them to purchase Mac Air laptops and additional equipment.

Chairperson Malindzak was informed by Ms. Gatehouse that the Camps offered are 2 or 4 weeks in length.

Valley Children’s Museum (Mission Experience Field Trip) – Linda Spencer – informed the Commission the funds requested would provide hands-on activity field trips at the mobile museum for classes studying the “California Mission” curriculum. The program would include workbooks, pre/post field trip activities, as well as creative learning activities at Valley Children’s Museum’s mobile museum, and would add to a teacher’s classroom instruction. This program addresses items outlined within the Youth Master Plan.

Tri-Valley YMCA (Build Assets, Reduce Bullying) – Kris Farro and Kelly O’Lague Dulka – informed the Commission that the funds requested would allow the YMCA to develop and implement a curriculum over many program areas and help them provide youth with the necessary tools to both refrain from and bully others. This program would be provided in all childcare, camps, teen leadership development and family programs, could reach as many as 850 children, and will teach respect and it is hoped will prevent bullying.

Chairperson Malindzak discussed with Ms. Dulka the differences between the YMCA program and that of Tri-Valley Haven, the need for kids to learn appropriate social and environment behaviors, and the impacts evidenced when children have low-esteem. Ms. Dulka also noted the benefits of having one more program serving the community to overcome the problem of bullying.

Rotary Club of Pleasanton (Pleasanton Community Farm – Phase 1/Site Design) – Bob Brown, Sasha Greenlee, Kamryn Brown and Tim Janisye – advised that the Rotary Club of Pleasanton is partnering with Abbie 4-H and seeking funding to complete the site design for a prospective community farm on the Bernal Property. He advised that Abbie 4-H helps young people build skills and learn teamwork. The Commission was provided information about the land designated in the Bernal Property Phase II Specific Plan and the site design for this area would be consistent with requirements and guidelines contained in the Bernal Property Phase II Specific Plan.

Commissioner Olmo was advised that the age range of youth in 4-H was 5-19 years and that Rotary Club of Pleasanton was applying for the grant, but was partnering with Abbie 4-H.

Ms. Yurchak discussed with Mr. Brown the difference in funding amount requested from the amount requested the previous year.

Commissioner Hadley discussed the time frame for this project, and was advised by Mr. Brown that this funding request was for the hiring of a landscape architect who would be able to provide documents to be presented to City Council. Ms. Hopkins was informed that funding would also go towards cost analysis information for this project, and Commissioner Pearce was advised that site design documents would take about a year to complete.

Sasha Greenlee, Kamryn Brown and Tim Janisye presented to the Commission and provided information about participation in 4-H.

Axis Community Health (HPV Vaccines for Low-Income Tri-Valley Teens) – Valerie Jonas – provided information about the health care that Axis provides to low-income families in the Tri-Valley and advised that this funding request would allow them to purchase HPV vaccine that could be used to protect 46 teens from low-income families.

Tri-Valley YMCA (Allowing Kids with Special Needs to Thrive at Y Camp) – Kris Farro and Kelly O’Lague Dulka – informed the Commission that funding for this program would allow for families with special-needs children to enroll in summer day camps. An estimated 270 Pleasanton participants will be served. Ms. Dulka advised that the YMCA takes children that other programs won’t take, is committed to serving kids with challenging needs, and provides families with funding for programs when needed. She advised that most families are low to very-low income and the YMCA provides them with as much assistance as possible.

The Commission was informed that The Gatehouse Academy for Gifted Education, Inc. had now provided their required 2012 tax documents.

Chairperson Malindzak closed the meeting for agency presentations at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Hopkins reviewed Attachment 3 of the Staff Report with Commissioners, which outlined funding requests by the agencies, the average funding recommendation, and comments by staff. She also reviewed Attachment 4 that showed the recommended amounts if all were funded at 60%. The Commission was informed that Kidango does not have a Pleasanton Board Member and if funding was allocated they would need to meet this requirement. Ms. Hopkins also confirmed that Gatehouse Academy had provided required 2012 Tax documents.

Commissioners reviewed all of the application requests and took into consideration the information received from the agency presentations. They then provided their individual recommendations, took into consideration all of the facts, and came up with their final recommendations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hadley, seconded by Commissioner Pearce, approving the following funding recommendations to be forwarded to City Council for final review and consideration:

\$ 0	Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society (Museum on Main – Kid’s Corner)
\$ 0	Amador Livermore Valley Historical Society (Museum on Main – Youth Program Technology Enhancement)
\$ 7,500	Axis Community Health (HPV Vaccines for Low-Income Tri-Valley Teens)
\$ 4,000	Child Care Links (Youth Education and Services)
\$ 3,313	Community Resources for Independent Living (Leadership Academy)
\$ 0	Kidango (Incredible Families)
\$ 2,400	Partners for Golf, Inc. (Life Skills Experience)
\$27,007	Rotary Club of Pleasanton (Community Farm – Site Design)
\$ 3,500	The Gatehouse Academy (enGAGE! Enrichment Camp)
\$ 4,000	Tri-Valley Haven (Healthy Relationships Project)
\$ 0	Tri-Valley Haven (Anti Bullying Project)
\$ 6,500	Tri-Valley YMCA (Special Needs To Thrive at Y Camp)
\$ 5,600	Tri-Valley YMCA (Build Assets – Reduce Bullying)
\$ 2,000	Valley Children’s Museum (Mission Experience Field Trip)
\$ 4,300	Valley Humane Society (Teen Marketing Development Program)
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\$70,120	TOTAL

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Commissioners Franklin, Hadley, Nirkondar, Olmo, Pearce, Sowers, Utikal, and Chairperson Malindzak.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Fialho, Liamos, Mallie, and Wu.

ABSTAIN: None

COMMUNICATIONS

6. Email from Terri Maxoutopoulos, February 21, 2013 regarding Environmental Awareness Day & Pleasanton Play Day – April 27, 2013.

Reviewed. Ms. Hopkins questioned whether the Commission would like to agendaize this for discussion at the next meeting. The Commission agreed.

7. Email from Eric Arellano, February 27, 2013 regarding Clean Water Utility Project.

Reviewed. The Commission asked that this item be placed on the next meeting agenda so they discuss whether they would like for Eric Arellano to present to the Commission.

COMMISSION REPORTS

8. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee

Commissioner Franklin advised that the Committee had discussed: 1) proposed grant applications for One Bay Area Grant; 2) reviewed the Trails Project Status Report; and 3) discussed bicycle and pedestrian circulation in the vicinity of the Gateway Project on Bernal Avenue.

9. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee

No report.

10. Youth in Government Day

Commissioner Hadley and Chairperson Malindzak advised that the Committee had discussed the duties of each Commissioner event making sure that all participants get to the appropriate person they will be shadowing with. They also discussed activities for the event, food and closing comments. About 60 students will be participating at this Youth in Government Day event.

11. Youth Master Plan Implementation Oversight Committee

Commissioner Olmo advised that the Committee had discussed turning over oversight of the Youth Master Plan to the Youth Commission.

12. Cultural Arts Master Plan

No report.

13. Brief reports on any meetings, conferences, and/or seminars attended by the Commission members

Chairperson Malindzak advised that she had attended a meeting on the problems with homework. Commissioners discussed the affects of having too much homework.

COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Pearce asked about having photos taken with the Commission

Commissioner Franklin provided information about her attendance at the Teen Job Faire. She provided details about the programs and advised that approximately 400 students had attended. Ms. Hopkins reminded the Commission that this event will be hosted by Pleasanton next year and that staff is checking to see if any companies would be interested in partnering and will provide space for them at the event. Commissioner Franklin noted there was a need to determine how to better circulate people at the event.

STAFF COMMENTS

14. Community Services Update

Ms. Hopkins advised that on March 25 City Council will be reviewing Council Priorities and encouraged Commissioners to try and attend the meeting. The meeting will be held from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the library.

Ms. Mariscal provided information about a Youth Commission Roundtable in San Ramon on March 27 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. Commissioners wishing to attend can ride with her.

15. Library Liaison Update

Ms. Parham provided information about the Library's book sale event March 22, 23 and 24.

16. Police Liaison Update

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.