

## **YOUTH COMMISSION AGENDA**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

***Operations Service Center – 3333 Busch Road***

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call

### **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

### **MINUTES**

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of April 10, 2013.

### **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions/Presentations
  - Affirmation of Outgoing Commissioners – Commissioners and Staff
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. Election of Chair and Vice Chair for Youth Commission 2013/14 Term

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

5. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee
6. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering 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

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**Operations Services Center Conference Room  
3333 Busch Road, Pleasanton, CA  
April 10, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chairperson Malindzak.

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was recited.

## **Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Lori Franklin, Michael Lamos, Neha Nirkondar, Katie Olmo, Jonathan Pearce, Taylor Sowers, and Chairperson Shannon Malindzak.

Commissioners Absent: Jackson Fiahlo, Diane Hadley, Kaitlyn Mallie, Erica Utikal, and Yandi Wu.

Staff Present: Becky Hopkins, Recreation Supervisor; Rachel Mariscal, Recreation Coordinator; Teresa Parham, Teen Librarian; Police Officer Ryan Dawson; and Edith Caponigro, Recording Secretary.

## **AGENDA AMENDMENTS**

There were none.

## **MINUTES**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Olmo, seconded by Commissioner Nirkondar, to approve the March 13, 2013 meeting minutes. The motion was approved. Commissioner Lamos abstained.

## **MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### **2. Introductions/Awards/Recognitions**

a. Ptownlife.org essay contest winners, Claire Shao, Becky Laurence & Kelly McDevitt

Ms. Hopkins introduced the Commission to Elementary and Middle School students Claire Shao, Becky Laurence, and Kelly McDevitt, winners of the Ptownlife.org essay contest. The students read for the Commission the essays they had written. After listening to the essays, Commissioners commended each of the students for participating in the contest and for such well written essays.

Ms. Hopkins advised that each of the essays would be posted on the Ptownlife.org website and encouraged Commissioners to let students know at their schools that they would be able to access and read them.

b. Clean Water Project, Eric Arellano

Eric Arellano and a number of other students from local high schools provided the Commission with details about how they got started with their Clean Water Utility Project and the "Just Dig It" Foundation they have formed. A PowerPoint presentation was provided. Mr. Arellano advised that to date the Foundation has been able to raise over \$30,000, which has allowed for the digging of several much needed wells in an African country where so many people have died from lack of water and poor sanitation.

The Commission was advised by the group that they are hoping to be able to work with the City of Pleasanton on a program that would allow Pleasanton residents to donate \$1.00 to the Just Dig Foundation when paying their local water and sewer bill. The students advised that by being able to do this, they hope to raise \$40-45,000 per year and would work with Water.Org to build additional wells. Mr. Arellano advised that his group was looking for the support of the Youth Commission and was seeking their help and advice in how they should proceed in presenting this to City Council.

Chairperson Malindzak indicated that she was pleased with what the group has done to date and liked the idea they were proposing. She also questioned how many wells could be built with the anticipated amount of donations.

Commissioner Franklin discussed with Mr. Arellano the possibility that people in the community may want to donate more than the \$1.00.

Commissioner Liamos discussed the possibility of the group doing something that would attract the attention of people when they received their sewer and water bills from the City. Commissioners agreed and suggested the group consider doing something at the First Wednesday Street Event, Farmer's Market, Pleasanton Weekly, or the Sergeant Presents Program at local schools.

Commissioner Nirkondar suggested that students be recruited to help by doing something on the Ptownlife.org website and in the Pleasanton Weekly.

The Commission agreed to agendaize this item for further discussion at their May regular meeting.

c. Plug Into Life

Teri Maxoutopoulos and her son, Troy, provided the Commission with information about their proposal for "Plug Into Life". Ms. Maxoutopoulos felt that with Pleasanton being a great place to live, it was sad that so many people are too busy to really enjoy what it has to offer. She discussed the heavy schedules of parents and students, media, etc., and thought it would be encouraging to schedule a "Community Day" where everyone can interact and have fun sharing new and old relationships. Activities, could include: bike rides, walks on the ridge, baseball/Frisbee in the park, lemonade stand, garage sale, block party, game night, art in the park, cleaning a yard, attending a seminar, etc.

Commissioners and staff discussed the possibilities and difficulties with organizing such an event. Ms. Hopkins noted that a Work-Plan would need to be put in place that would tie-in with the objectives of the Youth Master Plan. She felt that such an endeavor was something the Commission might want to consider the next year.

Commissioner Franklin agreed that this would be good for the Commission to consider for the next year. She felt that people with similar interests could be placed in groups. It was also suggested that this could be a month-long format that involved members of the community. Ms. Maxoutopoulos questioned whether the Commission could consider doing something on a small scale this year. Commissioner Lianos felt something should be considered.

Ms. Mariscal discussed the possibility of tying something in with other planned activities for teens, but was not sure about doing something that would include older members of the community.

Ms. Parham indicated that she might be able to do something in one of the library meeting rooms and suggested that Ms. Maxoutopoulos contact her so they can discuss. She felt it would be possible to do something partnering with Ptownlife.org and the library. Chairperson Malindzak suggested that flyers could also be put in school counseling offices providing information about an event. Commissioner Pearce suggested something also be done with ATV at the schools.

Ms. Hopkins noted that something could be done at the library with Ms. Parham taking the lead, but that it could not be an official Commissioner sponsored project.

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

There were none.

**MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

There were none

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **4. Bicycle, Pedestrian, and Trails Committee**

No report.

### **5. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee**

No report.

### **6. Youth in Government Day**

Ms. Hopkins advised that Chairperson Malindzak and Commissioners Mallie and Hadley are to be recognized at the next School Board meeting for their participation and involvement in putting together this event.

Chairperson Malindzak provided a report about the event advising that everyone who had participated had enjoyed it. She reviewed with the Commission the DVD that was presented at the Youth in Government Day event and advised that topics at the breakout sessions included: Stress, Roots of Stress, and How to Prune some of the Stress. Testimonies from students were given on these topics. The DVD can also be viewed on Ptownlife.org.

The Commission was advised by Chairperson Malindzak that a total of 41 students participated, however a number of students scheduled to participate had canceled because they were stressed out about missing school tests.

Ms. Hopkins advised that she had attended a Joint Advisory Committee meeting about the day at which changes had been discussed for future events, including the possibility of having Youth in Government Day take place in January, which might be better for students.

### **7. Youth Master Plan Implementation Oversight Committee**

Ms. Hopkins noted that at the last meeting the Commission had voted to take over responsibility for the Youth Master Plan Implementation Oversight Committee, and this has now been approved.

### **8. Cultural Arts Master Plan Steering Committee**

No report. Ms. Hopkins advised that she would be sending Commissioners a copy of the Cultural Arts Master Plan survey and asked that they participate and complete.

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

There were none.

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

There were none.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

10. **Community Services Update**

Ms. Hopkins advised that she had been in contact with the Bay Area Youth Commission Summit coordinator who advised that it has been decided to cancel the event for this year and do something in the spring of 2014.

Ms. Mariscal advised that Teen/Parent Communications Survey had been sent out and asked Commissioners to participate and return. A Teen Panel will be taking questions from the survey.

15. **Library Liaison Update**

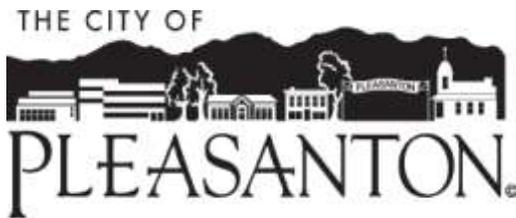
Ms. Parham provided information about an April 24 meeting (7:00-8:30 p.m.) at which teen panelists are needed. She also provided information about the success of the recent book sale at the library, at which a total of \$17,511 was raised.

16. **Police Liaison Update**

Sgt, Dawson advised that he is a Resource Officer at Foothill High School. He said students should feel free to go to the Police Department and discuss any issues they may have.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.



## Youth Commission Agenda Report

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May 08, 2013  
Item 4

**SUBJECT: ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR YOUTH COMMISSION 2013/14  
TERM**

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### **SUMMARY**

The current chair and vice chair of the Youth Commission will preside over their last meeting on May 08, 2013. In order to provide a proper transition, a new chairperson and vice chairperson should be elected to provide leadership for the Youth Commission, beginning September 2013.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Commission select a new Chair and Vice Chairperson for 2013-2014.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

There is none.

**BACKGROUND**

The Youth Commission by-laws state that "Commissioners shall meet in regular session and elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. The elections shall be a majority vote of the commission."

**ALTERNATIVE ACTION**

Any other action as determined by the Youth Commission.

Submitted by:

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Recreation Supervisor