

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
April 8, 2014

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 11 at 6:00 pm., at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Samia Abbasi, Ajaipal Chahal, Karla Cisneros, Devleena Das, Jeff Hara, Vyvy Nguyen, Emily Packer, Sheryl Ratnam, Rafal Saeed, Hannah Villalpando, Michelle Vo, Shana Vu, Ryan Winter, and Ashley Wong

Absent: Unexcused – Andrew Rauschhuber

Guests: Vaheeshta Mehr – Wilcox

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb – Recreation Supervisor  
Nan Choi – Teen Librarian

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Matters for City Council Action – None

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- I. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jeff Hara at 6:10 pm.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS -
  - A. Vaheeshta Mehr – Wilcox
- III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11 AND MARCH 11 MINUTES -
  - A. February 11 - Ashley Wong made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: Rafal Saeed was not absent from the meeting. IV. Correspondence B11 – It should read Spring Sports Rally. VIII. New Business A – Ashley Wong’s name is missing an “e”. Rafal Saeed seconded the motion. Hannah Villalpando made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Ryan Winter.
  - B. March 11 - Rafal Saeed made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: IV. Correspondence C9 – Class Plays were not Alice in Wonderland. C11–Assembly is missing a “y”. VI. Old Business A - Ashley Wong’s name is missing an “e”. VII. New Business H – End of the Year Social is missing a description. Should read “Jennifer has asked the Youth Commission to look at dates in which they’re available for dinner.” Ashley Wong seconded the motion. Ryan Winter made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Sheryl Ratnam.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
  - A. Library –
    1. Northside Branch Library will open in late summer.

2. Friends of Library approved \$5,200 for the Summer Reading Program.
  3. New Librarian could begin in late April.
  4. April 12 – Read Santa Clara, “In Our Own Words”, will be held at the Wilcox Theatre. Anyone interested in volunteering from 2:00 – 4:00 pm, contact Nan Choi
- B. Santa Clara High School
1. April 7 – 11, Cards for Soldiers
  2. April 21 – CSF Fieldtrip
  3. April 28 – ASB Elections
  4. May 2 – Southern California Festival
  5. May 9 – Powder Puff
- C. Wilcox High School
1. April 26 – Prom
  2. April 28 – Freshmen Class Elections
  3. April 29 – Sophomore Class Elections
  4. April 30 – Wilcox Japanese Program tour Japan Town
  5. May 2 – Junior Class Elections
  6. May 5 – Student Senate Meeting
  7. May 8 & 9 – Drama Production, “Alice in Wonderland”
- D. Presentation High School
1. April 9 – Poverty Simulation
  2. April 10 – 13, Ashland Trip
  3. April 11 – Jr. Retreat and Frosh/Soph Mixer
  4. April 14 – Guest Speaker, Ro Khanna
  5. April 16 – Jr. Parent Financial Aid Night
  6. April 17 – Class officer Elections and Spring Spirit Festival
  7. April 28 – Prom meeting
  8. April 30 – Incoming Frosh BBQ and Big/Little Sister Lunch
  9. May 1 – May Day Prayer Service
  10. May 2 – Spring Choir Concert and Sr. Luncheon
  11. May 7 – Dance Concert
  12. May 12 – Culture Day
- E. Archbishop Mitty High School
1. April 9 – Solidarity Dinner
  2. April 11 – Senior Mother’s Luncheon
  3. April 14 – Undergraduate Awards Night
  4. April 16 – Holy Week Liturgy
  5. April 28 – Confirmation Liturgy
  6. April 30 – Class of 2018, Welcome Night and State of Union
  7. May 2 – Divisional Elections
  8. May 3 – Jazz on the Green
  9. May 9 – Student Award Assembly
  10. May 10 – Senior Ball
  11. May 12 – Exodus Band Concert
- F. St. Francis High School
1. April 10 & 11 – Junior Retreat
  2. April 12 – CMEA Festival
  3. April 21 – 25, New Orleans Immersion

4. April 28 – Class of 2018 Qualifying Placement Exams
5. April 30 – Senior Retreat
6. May 2 & 3, 8-10 – Spring Musical, “Spamalot”
7. May 7 – Farewell Band/Choir Concert

G. Bellarmine College Preparatory

1. April 12 – Junior Prom
2. April 16 – BCP Symphonic Band Spring Concert
3. April 17 – ASB Blood Drive
4. April 22 – Incoming Freshman BBQ
5. May 2 – Jazz Ensemble & Choir Spring Concert
6. May 3 – Senior Ball
7. May 9 – 11, – Spring Comedy, “See How They Run”
8. May 13 – Percussion Ensemble Concert

H. Buchser Middle School

1. April 7-11, Spirit Week
2. April 10 – Science CST
3. April 23-30, State STAR Testing – Open House

V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Summer Camp Employment and LITE applications, March 7 - Jennifer talked to the Youth Commission about summer employment and volunteer opportunities with the Parks and Recreation Department.
- B. “Rock ‘n Roll Diner,” Intergenerational Dance, March 15 – Jennifer went over final details for the event, and asked that everyone arrive at 1:00 pm to help with decorating.
- C. Deadline for YC Scholarships and Term Applications, March 24 – Jennifer reminded the Youth Commission that the deadline for both applications is approaching, and asked them to spread the word to their peers.
- D. Teen/Parent Workshop, “Internet Safety,” March 26 – The third workshop of the series was held from 6:30-7:30 pm, with a light dinner provided.
- E. Post Fantastics/Battle of the Classes Dance – Teen Center, March 28 – The Teen Center hosted the Post Dance event as a way to celebrate the two school competitions. The dance was held from 9:00-11:00 pm.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Fun Run/Walk – Jennifer asked the Committee to have the flyer and logo ready, along with potential vendors that are interested in participating, by the next monthly meeting. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 6:00 pm.
- B. Intergenerational Dance – the Committee met to evaluate the event. They talked about why the attendance was low. No meeting was scheduled do to the event having concluded.
- C. Parent Resource Workshops – the Committee met to discuss last minute details about the workshop. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 5:30 pm.
- D. Scholarships – the Committee drew names as to who would be sitting on the interview panel. Committee members Andrew Rauschhuber, Hannah Villalpando,

Karla Cisneros, and Michelle Vo were selected. A committee meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, April 22 at 5:00 pm.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Leadership Santa Clara – Ashley Wong and Ajaipal Chahal reported to the group that the following topics were presented in class:
  - i. VTA Express Lane
  - ii. How to Respond to the Media
- B. “Run Santa Clara – Our City Awaits You,” Fun Run, April 13 – this event is cancelled due to insufficient planning.
- C. Easter Egg Hunt, April 19 – The Youth Commission will be volunteering at the City event, selling balloons and Easter Baskets.
- D. LITE Application deadline, April 23 – Jennifer encouraged those that met the requirements to apply.
- E. 4<sup>th</sup> of July All-City Picnic –the Youth Commission will be volunteering at the City event, running the game area.
- F. End of the Year Social - Jennifer has asked the Youth Commission to look at dates in which they’re available for dinner. It was decided that the group will have dinner at Pizza My Heart in Santa Clara, and walk to Mission City Creamery for dessert. They will then walk over to Santa Clara University and reflect on the year, discussing successes and setbacks, and looking ahead to next year and potential goals.

IX. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – none

- X. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Ryan Winter to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Hannah Villalpando seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, May 13, at the City Hall Cafeteria.

Minutes Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jennifer Herb  
Youth Commission Staff Liaison  
Recreation Supervisor