

CITY OF SANTA CLARA  
YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES  
November 4, 2014

The City of Santa Clara Youth Commission met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 6:00 pm at the Santa Clara Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue, Santa Clara, California.

Present: Commissioners: Samia Abbasi, Devleena Das, Sarisha Kurup, Vyvy Nguyen, Tamara Pantic, Sheryl Ratnam, Andrew Rauschhuber, Shana Vu, and Ashley Wong

Absent: Ajaipal Chahal – excused  
Ryan Winter – excused  
Alyssa Riley – excused  
Karla Cisneros – unexcused  
Michelle Vo – unexcused  
Tara Singh - unexcused

Guests: Antonio Davila – Member-At-Large  
Rachel Ratnam – Member-At-Large

Staff Present: Jennifer Herb, Recreation Supervisor & Staff Liaison  
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 Vice Chair –Shana Vu at 6:12 PM.
- II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
  - A. Antonio Davila – Member-At-Large
  - B. Rachel Ratnam – Member-At-Large
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –
  - A. October 14 – Andrew Rauschhuber made a motion to amend the minutes with the following changes: E. Correspondence/Communications G. 2 – the theme of the Writing Contest was incorrect. It should read “Turning Dreams into Reality”. VII Old Business B – the last sentence should read, “Jennifer Herb made”. Sami Abbasi seconded the motion. Devleena Das made a motion to approve the amended minutes, Sheryl Ratnam seconded.
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS–
  - A. Archbishop Mitty High School
    1. November 12 – NCAA Signing Day

2. November 13 – 15, Quest Retreat
3. November 23 – Open House
4. December 1 – Christmas Concert
5. December 3 – Christmas Concert
6. December 4 – Winter Dance Recital

B. Santa Clara High School

1. November 10 – 21, Canned Food Drive
2. November 14 – Senior Night Home Football Game
3. November 19 – Fall Sports Rally
4. November 24 – December 7 – Giving Tree
5. December 3 – Night of Acoustics
6. December 5 – Holiday in the Quad

C. The Harker School

1. November 5 – Speaker Series
2. November 12 – Hoops and Scoops
3. November 14 – Fall Picnic
4. November 18 – Concert Series
5. November 21 – Eagle Buddies

D. St. Francis High School

1. November 21 – Food Drive Packing Day
2. December 1 – Senior Parent Night
3. December 4-6, Christmas at Our House Tour
4. December 5-6 Christmas Comedy Show
5. December 8 – School-wide Liturgy

E. Wilcox High School

1. November 5 – Open House
2. November 10 – Student Senate Meeting
3. November 13 and 14 – Drama Production
4. November 18 – Senior Panoramic Picture
5. November 19 – Sophomore Parent Night
6. November 21-23, Drama Production
7. December 1 – Student Senate Meeting

F. Santa Clara Library

1. Congratulations to Sami Abbasi, winner of the “Turning Dreams into Reality,” writing contest.
2. November 5 – Teen Information Night
3. November 8 – Practice SAT at Central Library
4. November 10 – Presentation, “How to Get a Good Night Sleep,” at 7:00pm
5. November 11 – Follow-up SAT
6. November 18 – Girls Who Code
7. November 22 – Practice SAT at North Side Library
8. December 1 – Follow-up SAT at North Side Library

V. SUMMARY OF CITY COUNCIL ACTIONS – None

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Sunset Cinema: Rivermark Edition – Friday, October 17 – Commission Vu discussed the partnership with the Northside Branch Library to host the event at Live Oak Park. “The Lego Movie” was shown for the audience. It is estimated that there were 200 people in attendance.
- B. Halloween Homecoming Dance – Friday, October 24 at the Teen Center – The Teen Center hosted over 150 high school students for this dance. Commissioner Abbasi and Pantic suggested that the Teen Center host a semi-formal Homecoming Dance next year.
- C. Halloween Party – Friday, October 31, 3:00-6:00 PM at the Youth Activity Center – Commission Vu and Commissioner Pantic shared with the rest of the commission about the concessions sold throughout the duration of the event. Monies raised will go toward the Scholarship Fund which will be awarded in May.

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Santa Clara’s Got Talent – Revised dates proposed were January 7, 8, and 9, 2015 for auditions at the Teen Center. Call backs on January 13. Mandatory meeting on January 22 at the Teen Center. Rehearsals on February 25, 26, and 27 at the Community Recreation Center. Event on February 28 at the Community Recreation Center. Jon Kawada said he would verify facility availability, update the promotional flier, and report back to the committee. Next committee meeting to be determined.
- B. Politics – Committee agreed to continue research the structure of the event. Committee also began discussing the invitations that would be sent to elected officials. Next committee meeting to be determined.
- C. Go Green/Go Blue – No meeting was held. Next committee meeting to be determined.
- D. Teen Friendly Business – Committee would continue to research how the program would be structured and to have a draft ready by the December Youth Commission meeting. Next meeting to be determined.
- E. Non-Profit Partnerships – No meeting was held. Next committee meeting to be determined.

## F. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Youth Commission T-Shirts – Input was received from Youth Commissioners on the design process.
- B. Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, December 5 – The Youth Commission will be painting faces at the annual event, as well as assist with passing out programs and candy canes.
- C. Letters to Santa, December 1-19 – Jennifer reminded the Youth Commissioners about the dates for Letters to Santa. Youth Commissioners will be signing up for shifts to respond to letters.
- D. Evening with Santa, December 18 – Youth Commissioners from last year talked about the event and shared their experience. Jennifer asked that those interested in volunteering at the event contact her or Jon Kawada.

## G. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS – None

- H. ADJOURN – A motion was made by Devleena Das to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. Andrew Rauschhuber seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned to the next scheduled meeting, Tuesday, December 9, at the Teen Center.

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

Jon Kawada  
Youth Commission Staff Liaison  
Acting Recreation Supervisor