

Minutes
Alhambra Youth Commission
March 8, 2022

The Alhambra Youth Commission was called to order at 6:16 pm on March 8, 2022 via teleconference and video conference.

Commission Members Present: Oliva, N. Quach, J. Quach, Tran, Webster

Commission Members Absent: Andrade, Cooper, Gonzalez, Gutierrez, Hernandez, Luc, and Munson

Also present: Recreation Supervisor - Rosalyn Rojas, Director of Parks & Recreation - Michael Macias, Deputy Director - Brie Houghton, Program Coordinator - Frank Reyes

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Approval of Minutes

President N. Quach moved to approve the Minutes of February 8th, 2022 Adjourned Regular Meeting. Motioned by Webster and Seconded by Commissioner Tran the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussing Lunar New Year Recap, and other upcoming City Events

Commissioner Tran thought the event was very successful, a huge turnout a good way to get the youth to come out. She enjoyed how she was able to connect with the community. Commissioner Webster shares the sentiments. Stated they passed out on the Rose Parade drawing entry forms. President N. Quach thinks the event was great and went very well. There were 40 volunteers. They had a good time at the various booths. Recreation Supervisor Rojas thanked the Commissioners and volunteers for their efforts and for a job well done. She said this sets the tone for the next City event. Rojas spoke on upcoming City events the Bunny Hop Walk and Arbor Day. She shared the Youth Commission would have a booth in addition to volunteering with the games booths. She also spoke about the Arbor Day event and how they participated last year and how she was unsure due to school schedules would they be able to join in this year. Commissioner Webster asked if there would be an opportunity for the youth Commission to be a part of the tree planting as they did last year. Direct Mike Macias shared that the tree planting would be Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 8:00 AM. Supervisor Rojas stated this may be how to participate in Arbor Day and would discuss it further with President Nicolas. Commissioner Oliva asked if they could attend the Arbor Day event or did they need to assist with setup. Supervisor Rojas shared they could attend the event.

Discussing the status of Community Engagement with the Seniors. Tech Talk and New Ideas

President N. Quach thought Tech Talk went well. He said it was different from what he had envisioned however he found it insightful. It does bridge the gap between older folks and younger folks. He went on to remind the Commissioners to think of other ways how they can bridge the gap between the generations. Supervisor Rojas asked if they had any new ideas to share regarding Senior engagement. There was mention of anything new.

Discussion Regarding the Youth Summit – Status

President N. Quach shared he connected with John the CEO of the Alhambra Chamber of Commerce he was interested in what the Youth Commission does and a possible partnership. Going forward John would like to schedule an in-person meeting at the Chamber to discuss the next steps in partnering. President N. Quach reached out to the ASB Presidents of AUSD, Alhambra High school has confirmed their attendance and is waiting to hear back from Mark Keppel and San Gabriel High Schools. He recommends including the Department heads in the Youth Summit. Supervisor Rojas inquired about the Youth Summit flyer to start promoting and offered a sample City flyer. Commissioner Webster offered to help make the flyer. Supervisor Rojas mentioned the event including survey questions for the Youth of Alhambra to aid in establishing a theme for the summit. With the questions not available and time being an issue she suggested the theme of mental health or education as discussed.

President N. Quach said what's important to the youth of today is activism and advocacy specifically. Deputy Director Houghton questioned how the proposed theme would tie in with the Department heads. President N. Quach stated he wanted to keep the theme broad and how the youth of Alhambra want to see change. Commissioner Oliva agreed with the theme of activism to see how City leaders are making a change. Coordinator Reyes said he felt like the line of questioning was more of a town hall meeting and not appropriate. Went on to state the point of the summit is to bring the youth together and hear their voices on what their concerns are in the community. President N. Quach clarified they'd be provided the questions in advance and how it's more about advocacy and the aspect of community and what they're currently working on. Supervisor Rojas stated how they discussed an educational carousel format for the Summit as opposed to a lineup of guest speakers. Commissioner Webster located the questions for the survey and felt they needed to update them before submitting them. President N. Quach suggested they send the questions to City staff for review for input and review them at the next Commission meeting. Commissioner Webster suggested we establish the theme for the Summit and the questions reflect accordingly. Supervisor Rojas suggested establishing the 2022 Summit theme and adding new questions to their existing list to present at the event and using them as building blocks moving forward. Commissioner Webster suggested it was best to focus on the theme of education and mental health and invite the Dream Center which provides resources to students. President N. Quach questioned if there were any other proposed themes. Coordinator Reyes said there's no better way to promote advocacy than to promote the Youth Commission. Deputy Director Houghton proposes putting the themes together as Leveling Up. Commissioner Oliva suggests an advocacy station at the summit and has potential contacts to include. Deputy Director Houghton proposes they take a vote to determine the theme. President N. Quach takes a vote from the Commissioners, Leveling Up was voted as the theme. Supervisor Rojas congratulates the Commission on their first Youth Summit theme. She stresses the importance of the flyer being complete as soon as possible. Commissioner Oliva suggests setting a deadline for the flyer to help in contacting organizations as vendors. The Commission was asked by Supervisor Rojas to put together a list of vendors, keynote speakers, sponsors, timeline, etc. with a deadline of March 25, 2022. President N. Quach proposes moving the event time from 9 AM-12 PM to starting at noon. Commissioner Oliva suggests keeping the time early to help get vendors. Commissioner Webster shared his sentiments. The time for the event was taken to a vote, it was voted in favor of the event time being 9 AM - 12 PM. President N. Quach said as they plan this Youth Summit it stays led by the Commission. It's great to have the input and help of the City staff, going forward the Youth Commission should make the decisions and we continue to empower the people on the Commission

Oral Communications

No Commission Orals at this time.

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Commissioner Tran shared this is her last term on the Commission. She thanked everyone for the time they've spent together. Commissioner Webster thank Commissioner Tran and congratulated her. Commissioner Oliva echoed her sentiments and thanked the City staff for helping with timelines. President N. Quach appreciates her and her work for District 4. He went on to state the email blast for the meeting was sent out late and the Commission was unsure if they had a meeting. He shared that on March 19, there was a Read Across America Event, teachers from Alhambra would offer extra credit if they signed up to help. Deputy Director Houghton asked if this was a Brown Act function. Director Macias clarified as long as they did not participate as a member of the Youth Commission it was ATA.

Adjournment

President N. Quach motioned adjournment at 7:27 PM