

Minutes
Alhambra Youth
Commission July 11, 2023

The Alhambra Youth Commission was called to order at 6:11 PM on July 11, 2023 at the Alhambra Civic Center Library, 101 S. 1st St. Alhambra, CA 91801

Commission Members Present: T. Hernandez, I. Lam, M. Gonzalez, N. Rosales and J. Quach

Commission Members Absent: D. Andrade, J. Cooper, Z. Oliva and C. Yu

Also present: Supervisor - R. Rojas and Program Coordinator - F. Reyes

Flag Salute

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner T. Hernandez motioned to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2023. President J. Quach second the motion.

Staff Report

Supervisor R. Rojas did not have a specific staff report. She did mention the need for projects for the commission to work on. R. Rojas highlighted the opportunity for the Commission to be involved with the community during a variety of Summer Programming the City offers. She also presented the offer of having the Commission work on the concrete signs at ever park in the city that require a "face-lift".

Supervisor R. Rojas informed the Commission that there is a pre-show at every movie screening at the Movies at the Park and would inquire about what they entailed. She also stated she would ask the Community Services Division the need of the Commission to participate at the Movies in the Park.

Supervisor R. Rojas vocalized how in the previous two months there has not been any Commissioner present at Tech Talk. She emphasized that sending reminders to the Commission should improve their attendance. President J. Quach inquired if Commissioner A. Taing had been present for Tech Talk, however Supervisor R. Rojas confirmed A. Taing's absence in the last two. Commissioner N. Rosales requested that a list of all the events or volunteering opportunities be sent to the Commission due to there being new members who were unaware of the Commissions participation in Tech Talk.

Oral Communications

Commissioner J. Quach stated that participating in these events was a great idea. In the past, both Commissioners J. Quach and T. Hernandez had participated in City events. J. Quach mentioned the transition period has affected the Commissions ability to gain traction with the community. Commissioner J. Quach vocalized the importance of appealing to a younger demographic by having a games booth at the Summer Movies at the Park.

Commissioner T. Hernandez stated the painting the park signs was a great idea. T. Hernandez also stated that taking advantage of all the opportunities to be involved with the community would allow more people to recognized what the Youth Commission offers.

Program Coordinator F. Reyes highlighted how the Movie Nights are held on Saturdays. He mentioned the upcoming events that Parks & Recreation will be hosting for the community that the Commission could be a part of. The events are as follows: Fiesta Alhambra, Pumpkin Run and the Cheerleading Championships.

Supervisor R. Rojas informed the Commission of how the means of communication with the Commissioners has shifted to emails and text messages rather than "Group Meet" or phone calls. She implored the Commission to make an effort to respond to these messages and or emails to save time for all parties involved.

Commission Orals

President J. Quach commented that the Commission should set clear goals for what is left of the summer. Commissioner I. Lam stated she was available to attend this upcoming Saturday movie. Supervisor R. Rojas voiced her appreciation for the enthusiasm to volunteer. However, she stated it may be best for her to compile a list and contact the necessary parties prior to having the Commission be present at any City events.

Commissioner T. Hernandez requested a list of the park signs that require more care than others and to focus on those first. She also echoed her disappointment with the Commission not being as involved with the community as they previously were. President J. Quach mentioned how the Commission should work together to build a strong foundation for their future successors. This would ensure a smoother transition for the future generations of the Youth Commission. All Commissioners did a brief meet and greet with new Commissioner Marilyn to help her familiarize herself with her fellow Commissioners as well as City Staff.

Supervisor R. Rojas mentioned how the Recreation Clerk Xavier Moscoso contacts the Commission via email and text. She stated how the Google # that is used caps the amount of people on the group message. Commissioner M. Gonzalez requested to be added to the group message as well. President J. Quach offered to send a text to the commission as well to improved attendance at meetings as well as communication between members.

Commissioner T. Hernandez noted that most of the Commissioners are also members in service clubs at their high schools. This would allow them to count the time as community service as well as getting other members from their service clubs to participate in volunteering with the Commission.

President J. Quach began giving ideas of what should be done by members prior to their participation at the Movies at the Park. He recommended making posters, drawings and a flyer with a QR code that would direct people to the Youth Commission page of the City Website.

Supervisor R. Rojas aired on the side of caution encouraging the Commission to cement the date they will volge ~~WVWVdWbUWV` Yi [fZS` k afZWSbS` YW Wfež~~ She was pleased to hear that service clubs require community service hours and that this would help the commission tremendously. Supervisor R. Rojas also mentioned she would confirm the protocol for meeting with the Commission outside of the monthly scheduled quorum.

Adjournment

President J. Quach motioned for adjournment at approximately 6:55 pm. It was seconded by Commissioner T. Hernandez.