

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
January 10, 2023**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Kassi Parsons, Youth Commission Chair, called the Youth Commission Meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Lindsay Ngo, Kassi Parsons, Ohm Shah, Ethan Lipsie, Jaydon Chen, Pratham Rangwala, Garrett Winuk, Purok Tahzeeb, Haylie Runner

Absent: Aeyla Buño

Late: None

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Winuk led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes – Moved to next meeting.

5. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

5.1 Receive a Presentation from Saving our Legacy to promote an upcoming event to deliver an invitation to join their efforts around tobacco control by Angelic Aimee Villalpando.

This agenda item was moved to the end as the presenter was not present at this time.

5.2 Receive a presentation on "Climate Change Action Plan" by Bill Meyers and Paul Merrill (Compassion Elk Grove).

The representatives of Compassion Elk Grove (COG) showed a video titled "How to be a Good Ancestor." Paul Merrill talked about the foundation of Compassion Elk Grove. They highlighted their values of encouraging education, and that people should lead their lives through compassion, and treat humans and the planet in a way that benefits everyone. Their mission is to call all people, not just those of a single generation, to action to help prevent the continued devastation of the climate crisis. They emphasized the need to develop a citizen's wellbeing focused on environmental sustainability and encouraged the Youth Commission

to work on projects in collaboration with CEG or any other group. They cited an example of the Home Energy Expo, a project in conjunction with Cosumnes Oaks High School, which had an exhibition with hands-on participation for children.

5.3 Receive a presentation on how to engage youth in the upcoming Climate Action Plan update by Carrie Whitlock - Strategic Planning & Innovation Program Manager, City of Elk Grove.

Carrie Whitlock reviewed the City's Climate Action Plan. She described different ways to engage youths in the climate action efforts including; enriching science class curriculum, green energy programs, climate and plastic clubs, having a Climate Ambassador program, and other climate related projects to help bring awareness to the Climate Action Plan, and these different proposals would target youth and encourage them to get involved. Commissioners expressed interest in climate Change citing the recent weather events.

5.4 Review PowerPoint presentation for City Council meeting scheduled for January 11, 2023.

Commissioners made edits to the presentation slides, and selected commissioners to present each slide. Additional notes were made to ease presentation.

5.5 Receive information from the Food Drive Subcommittee and plan action.

The subcommittee reported that the food bank was contacted and will drop off boxes at District 56, City Hall, and the Animal Shelter. The food drive is scheduled for January 21 through 27, 2023 The Youth Commission plans to have a collection bin at the 8400 lobby on January 25 between 6:00 pm and 8:00pm, during the City Council meeting. Hot chocolate will be served. Kassi is to make a shopping list and liaise with Carrie. Jaydon will make a QR code for the event while Garrett is the food bank liaison.

5.6 Receive information from the Family Fun Day Subcommittee and discuss action.

The subcommittee plans to make this event similar to last year's, with some slight modifications such as having a volunteer coordinator to monitor volunteers' signing in and out. It was suggested to link up with CSD on how to have a successful volunteer rotation. The event is planned for 12:00 to 4:00 pm with food trucks serving snow cones and other carnival foods. Additional remarks included the discussion of the activities such as games, arts and crafts, face painting, among other details. A Google form would be created for games and food truck choices. Shirts should be provided for volunteers.

5.7 Receive information from the Path to Positivity Subcommittee and discuss action.

The subcommittee decided to host this event sometime in March 25 is a tentative date. They discussed shortening the event from last years' time to 2.5 to 3 hours at D56 or the Pavilion. They would like to have speakers, including Carrie Whitlock. Focus will be mainly on mental health and positive wellness. Youth Commissioners expressed desire to have event creator Roman notified of the event and offer involvement in planning. They will also ask for his vendor list. It was noted to avoid spring break weekend, March 13-17, when considering date.

5.8 Receive information from the Stargazing Subcommittee and discuss action.
No Update from the Stargazing Subcommittee.

5.9 Receive information from the Party on the Palms Subcommittee and discuss action.

No Update from the Party on the Palms Subcommittee. They are waiting for confirmation of date from City Events Coordinator.

5.10 Receive information from the Digital Newsletter Subcommittee and discuss action.

No Update from the Digital Newsletter Subcommittee

5.11 Receive information from the Heritage Parade/Event Subcommittee and discuss action.

The subcommittee discussed hosting this event near the end of April, with a time frame from 6-8pm. This event would include a line of parade floats along the avenue of the arts and would include food trucks, music, art, along with other vendors.

Reopened Agenda 5.1 Receive a Presentation from Saving our Legacy to promote an upcoming event to deliver an invitation to join their efforts around tobacco control by Angelic Aimee Villalpando.

Presenter did not arrive; this presentation will be scheduled at another meeting. Femi will reach out to them to see if they would like to be on the next agenda.

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This was Carrie Monti's last meeting as the Youth Commission Advisor, her hard work and passion will be missed. With the torch passed to Femi Omotesho, we are excited to work with a new advisor and grow as a commission together.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The January 10, 2023, Youth Commission Meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Ethan Lipsie
Youth Commission Secretary