

## CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

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### MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION Regular Meeting November 12, 2024

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Youth Commission Vice Chair, Pratham Rangwala, called the Youth Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Abbas Chaudhry; Adielle Nelson; Adrian Bayardo; Andres Guzman; Kara Hughes; Manjot Rai; Marho Akpo; Ohm Shah; Pratham Rangwala

Absent: Lindsey Ngo

Late: None

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** The Land Acknowledgment was read by Youth Commission Vice-Chair Pratham Rangwala.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Ohm Shah led the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of minutes – (M/S) Pratham Rangwala/Ohm Shah 9/0/1

#### **6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

*6.1 Consider and vote on the proposed Sun, Earth, & Water Event.*

The Youth Commission reviewed the proposal and determined that establishing a new event, rather than integrating it into existing ones, would be the optimal approach. Pratham Rangwala proposed a motion to approve the event, seconded by Abbas Chaudhry. The motion passed with a 9/0/1 vote.

Subcommittee members are Adielle Nelson, Kara Hedges, Andres Guzman, and Marho Akpo.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.2 Receive report on the Elk Grove Clean-Up Event.*

The subcommittee reported the event's overall success and positive reception, highlighting the efficient check-in system, and effective promotion of the Youth Needs Assessment. However, they identified opportunities to enhance Commissioner-led publicity for future events, suggesting outreach to student groups like the National Honor Society, offering service hour opportunities. The Commissioners' hospitality towards volunteers was noted and commended by Youth Commission Co-advisor Gabrielle Flynn.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.3 Receive information from the Youth Needs Assessment subcommittee and discuss action.*

Advisor Dr. Femi Omotesho announced that the survey has currently garnered 56 responses and urged continued promotion to increase participation and ensure robust results. Vice Chair Rangwala detailed his outreach to his school's National Honor Society, where students received 15 minutes of community service credit for completing the assessment. To further broaden participation, the subcommittee intends to connect with similar groups at other schools. The assessment period will conclude on November 22, 2024.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.4 Receive information from the Path to Positivity subcommittee and discuss action.*

The Youth Commissioners agreed to retain the general structure of last year's event, with plans progressing as expected. Advisor Femi Omotesho confirmed the inclusion of "Tell My Story" in the event program..

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.5 Receive information from the Family Fun Day subcommittee and discuss action.*

Following research conducted by Youth Commissioner Abbas Chaudry, the subcommittee concluded that incorporating game trucks was not feasible due to budgetary constraints and logistical impracticalities. As a result, this idea will not be pursued further. However, a Zumba and Bollywood dance group has been confirmed for the event, promising an engaging and energetic experience.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.6 Receive information from the Scholarship subcommittee and discuss action.*  
The final scholarship amount will be determined once the year's planned activities are finalized and their costs assessed. To offer a clearer picture, the subcommittee will model various funding scenarios and present these options at the next meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.7 Receive information from the Food Drive subcommittee and discuss action.*  
The food drive will take place over the first two weeks of May, utilizing the same locations as previous years. Updated event details, including the new dates, will be forwarded to the graphics department.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.8 Receive information on the Communication plan for the year and discuss action.*

The Youth Commissioners explored strategies to enhance the commission's visibility. To expand their reach, they resolved to increase their social media presence by collaborating with Ms. Flynn on content creation and encouraging commissioners to share posts on their personal accounts.

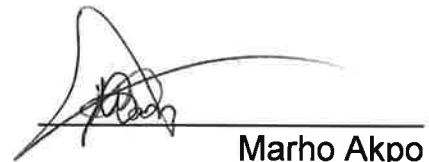
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

The Commission's webpage was discussed. Commissioners will review the webpage and provide feedback at the next meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The November 12, 2024, Youth Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.



Marho Akpo  
Youth Commission Secretary