

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
December 10, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Youth Commission Chair, Lindsey Ngo, 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: Andres Guzman

Late: Ohm Shah

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Land Acknowledgment was read by Youth Commission Chair Lindsey Ngo.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Marho Akpo 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/Adielle Nelson 9/0/1

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Receive report on the Youth Needs Analysis project.

The Youth Needs Assessment survey received 447 responses, primarily from Harriet Eddy Middle School (189 responses), Franklin High School (96 responses), and Cosumnes Oaks High School (67 responses). Commissioner Rangwala presented the completed report draft, and Commissioner Akpo initiated further action based on the findings. The commission discussed reviving events that teach students proper time management skills, while the subcommittee emphasized the ongoing prevalence of mental health challenges as the most significant issue facing Elk Grove youth..

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

Two new vendors "Heartland Services" and "Tell my Story Foundation" were confirmed as participating at the event, in addition to last year's vendors. Bags and t-shirts have been confirmed, with CSD providing bags and art supplies. Youth Commission Chair Lindsey Ngo suggested table games such as bingo with gift card prizes for the winners. The subcommittee confirmed two MCs for the event, and the commission decided to open the registration link a month in advance to allow ample time for participants to sign up

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

There were no new updates. Youth Commission Advisor Omotesho will handle all technical aspects of the preparations. However, the need to reach out again to School of Rock to see their availability and willingness to play at the Family Fun Day was emphasized. Commissioner Ngo volunteered to do the follow-up and report back at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.4 Receive information from the Scholarship subcommittee and discuss action.

The subcommittee proposed an updated scholarship program with varying award amounts, as previously discussed. The final program structure will be decided after the Commission's remaining activities for the year are finalized. The subcommittee recommended prioritizing a \$500 scholarship for seniors based on community impact. Overall, scholarships will be awarded based on uniqueness, community impact, and merit..

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.5 Receive information from the Food Drive subcommittee and discuss action.

Commissioner Kara Huges confirmed the food drive's finalization, with no new developments expected until late April. The confirmed dates have been sent to the graphics department.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.6 Receive information from the Sun, Earth, & Water event subcommittee and discuss action.

There are no new updates from the Sun, Earth, & Water event subcommittee. A meeting has been scheduled with the proponent of the event, Shay Nair Sharma. Updates will be presented at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

Adrian Bayardo, the Communications Officer, suggested continuing to use the previously discussed methods to publicize the Commission's event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Commissioners reviewed the webpage and suggested changes, such as fixing distorted photos on mobile devices and making current events more prominent. Commissioners Bayardo and Nelson also proposed creating a photo and graphic archive of commission events.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The December 10, 2024, Youth Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.



Marho Akpo
Youth Commission Secretary