

MINUTES  
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, January 14, 2016  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas Sports Center, Conference Room  
1325 E. Calaveras Blvd.

Chair Sandhu called the meeting to order at 7:03pm

**A. Roll Call**

Committee Members Present:  
Sahil Sandhu, Sabina King, Alan Pham, Claire Sern,  
Jashandeep Chahal, Claudia Wang, Ravit Sharma

Committee Member Alternates Present:  
Emerald Gilana, Madeline Cacao, Amanda Jimenez, Jenna Zarbis

Committee Memebbers Absent:  
Crystal Tran (excused) Christie Maly (excused)

Committee Members Late:  
Sabina King

City Staff Present:  
Program Coordinator, Andrew Mendes

City Council Liaison Present:  
Debbie Giordano

**B. Seating of Alternates** Emerald Gilana (sat for Crystal Tran), Madeline Cacao (sat for Christie Malay)

**C. Pledge of Allegiance** Chair Sandhu led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**D. Approval of Agenda** **Motion** to approve the Agenda for December 10, 2015.  
M/S: Chahal/Sern Ayes: All

**E. Approval of Minutes** **Motion** to approve the minutes dated November 12, 2015.  
M/S: Chahal/Sharma Ayes: All

**F. Announcements/Correspondence –**

1. YAC Attack Conference is scheduled for Saturday March 5, 2016 in Redwood City.
2. YTRS Scholarship updated.

3. City of Milpitas will be hosting an Earth Day event. YAC has been invited to volunteer at the event.

## **G. Public Forum**

Luke Bailey from Santa Clara Water District spoke about the Youth Stewardship Program. Encouraged Commissioners to join the group and represent Milpitas youth.

## **H. Old Business**

### **1. YAC Attack Presentation**

The Commissioners chose to lead a presentation at the YAC Attack Conference on March 5. The topic for the presentation will be, "How to Lead a Successful Educational Event for Youth." Commissioners will share their experiences on coordinating the Spelling Bee and Math Competition with other YAC Commissioners from other Bay Area cities.

**Motion** Sub Committee will present an overview of the presentation at the February Meeting.

M/S: Chahal/ Sharma

Ayes: All

### **2. Scholarship**

The Commissioners established January 19, 2016 as the date the 2016 scholarship will be released to the public and all applications will be due on April 8, 2016. Commissioner Sandhu will edit last year's template to reflect the recommended changes to the essay requirements. Commissioner Pham will oversee marketing for the scholarship and work with the Milpitas High School Counselors to have the scholarship advertised to the students.

**Motion to** Approve edits to the previous year's scholarship application.

M/S: Chahal/ Sharma

Ayes: All

### **3. Spelling Bee**

The Commissioners discussed the event logistics and the subcommittee gave their report on the event planning progress. The subcommittee researched various charity organizations and reported to the Commission, showed sample words for the competition, reviewed the events layout and discussed other event logistics.

**Motion to** Approve Milpitas Food Pantry as the charity for the event.

M/S: Chahal/ Sharma

Ayes: All

**Motion to** Approve a \$1 discount for ticket admission for each canned food donated at the door of the event.

M/S: King/ Chahal

Ayes: All

## **J. Other Business**

1. Council Liaison Report

-None

**K. Adjournment**      There being no further business, Chair Sandhu adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrew Mendes  
Program Coordinator