

**APPROVED MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes: Regular Meeting of the Youth Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2007
Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas Teen Center

A. ROLL CALL

Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Commissioners Present

Josephine Fong, Calvin Liang, Lan Ngo, Jason Nguyen, Lorden Fok, and Nida Asif

Alternates Present

Brian Leon and Ryan Ha

Commissioners Absent

Richard Albana (excused), Ryan Ng (excused), Jay Kumar (excused), Sareen Sandhu (excused) and Lovin Cortez

City Council Present:

Debbie Giordano (7:25pm)

City Staff Present:

Samu Tiumalu, Program Coordinator
Patti Clark, Recording Secretary

B. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Brian Leon sat in place of Jay Kumar and Ryan Ha sat in place of Sareen Sandhu.

C. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

D. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION to adopt the minutes from Thursday, November 8, 2007 meeting.

M/S: Ngo/Asif **Ayes:** All

E. PUBLIC FORUM

None

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Program Coordinator Tiumalu announced a scholarship opportunity through the California Parks & Recreation Society's Youth & Teen Recreation Services (YTRS) group. The application was distributed to the commission for their reference.

G. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the agenda for the Thursday, December 13, 2007 meeting.

M/S: Ngo/Asif

Ayes: All

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Media Report update

Chair Fong and Vice Chair Sandhu wrote an article for the Milpitas Post newspaper about the Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) and their volunteer efforts during the holiday season. The article highlighted the Commissioners volunteerism during the past month at the Milpitas Food Pantry, Milpitas Tree Lighting and the Milk and Cookies with Santa event. This article also encouraged teens to take part in their community and help those in need.

MOTION to approve the December article to be displayed in the Milpitas Post.

M/S: Asif/Ngo

Ayes: All

2. T-shirts For Commissioners

Commissioners discussed in detail about the design and logo for T-shirts to wear at events. They agreed on a black polo shirt with short sleeves and the City of Milpitas logo on the left side and the words "Youth Advisory Commission" around the logo. Staff will provide a draft logo at the January meeting.

MOTION to approve the design of the shirt with the City of Milpitas logo.

M/S: Ngo/Asif

Ayes: All

3. Youth Summit

Chair Fong discussed changing the Youth Summit into a Talent Show. After much discussion, the commission decided to replace the Youth Summit with a Talent Show to be held on Friday, April 11, 2008 at the Milpitas Community Center. Commissioner Ngo discussed having this as a fundraiser to go towards a charity group such as St. Jude's. A subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Ngo, Ha and Fong will create event details and provide an update at the January 10 meeting.

MOTION to approve replacing the Youth Summit with a Talent Show on Friday, April 11, 2008.

M/S: Asif/Ngo

Ayes: All

I. NEW BUSINESS

1. Democracy Café

Rob Means of the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association (SNA) will be hosting a Democracy Café to explore possibilities for increasing democracy and cooperation in Milpitas Politics. This event will be held on Saturday, January 19 at the Indian Community Center banquet room 525 Los Coches St. from 9:00am till 12:00pm. Mr. Means is recruiting for volunteers and participants for the event. There will be small groups at tables discussing democracy; this process will be a simple and an effective way of pulling out core issues. Mr. Means ask if anyone is interested in volunteering or participating to contact him by email rob.means@electric-bikes.com.

J. OTHER BUSINESS

1. City Council Liaison Report

Councilmember Giordano informed the Commission of items that were discussed at the November City Council meeting. She reported that the Council authorized a COPS grants. With this new grant, the Milpitas Police Department will be purchasing a new license plate reader that scan a car's license plate and report if the car is stolen. The City Council also approved the Garbage rates in January 2008 to increase by 7.7%. She also informed the commission that the art projects were approved for new Library (Terrapedia by Brian Goggin in the Plaza and an art mobile by Rebecca Bollinger in the Tower of the new Milpitas Library).

2. Staff Report

Program Coordinator Samu Tiimalu reported that the Teen Center was averaging 25 teens a day and that the Teen Center has started a Homework Club on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00pm. He also reported that the After the Bell after school programs were at maximum at each of the school sites.

3. Future Agenda Items

- Media report article
- T-shirts for Commissioners
- Talent show

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Fong adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm to Thursday, January 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Milpitas Teen Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patti Clark
Recording Secretary