Founded April 1996. The Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) was established to advise the Council on matters pertaining to youth and teens in Milpitas. Commissioners must be in grades 7 through 12 and live in Milpitas. Members and alternates are appointed to one-year terms.

I. Call to Order

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call: Sabina King, Sahil Hansalia, Sahil Sandu, Jacqueline Ajero, Johnathan Mendoza, Alan Pham, Claire Sern, Raine Abaya

IV. Seating of Alternates: Jashandeep Chahal, Claudia Wang, Ravit Sharma, Christie Maly

V. Approval of Agenda: October 9, 2014

VI. Approval of Minutes: September 11, 2014

VII. Public Forum
Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight’s agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record and limit their comments to three minutes. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

VIII. Announcements/Correspondence

IX. Old Business

1. YAC Stress & Anxiety Workshop

   Background: The Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) is in the planning stages of hosting an event called the YAC Stress and Anxiety Workshop. The goal of this proposed event is to offer teens a workshop with professional guest speakers that can address some of the difficult and stressful issues facing teens. At the September 11, 2014, Youth Advisory Commission meeting, the YAC agreed to explore the possibility of using Milpitas High School as the venue for the event. YAC commissioners discussed attending the September Milpitas High School PTA meeting to gather more information.

   Recommendation: Review Commission’s findings from the September PTA meeting and finalize a venue and date by our next schedule meeting, November 14, 2014.
2. Youth Sports Equipment Donation Program

**Background:** At the September 11, 2014, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting, the Commission approved to begin collecting donations of gently used youth sport equipment from various high schools in the South Bay Area.

**Recommendation:** Review progress from each school site and create a plan of action to distribute the collected items.

3. Spelling Bee

**Background:** At the September 11, 2014, Youth Advisory Commission Meeting, the Commission approved to host the YAC Second Annual Spelling Bee on January 23, 2015, at the Milpitas Senior Center. This reservation has been confirmed by Staff Mendes. In addition, the Commission has decided that this year’s Spelling Bee will charge an admission cost, allow only pre-registered participants and increase advertising at the local elementary schools.

**Recommendation:** Review progress on Spelling Bee planning.

4. Brown Act Training

**Background:** The policies and procedures that govern the Youth Advisory Commission are derived from the Brown Act. Each year a review is conducted to ensure that all Commissioners are educated on the Brown Act.

**Recommendation:** Conduct Brown Act review via video recorded training.

X. New Business

1. Election of Officers

**Background** – Per the Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws, “The Youth advisory Commission shall elect from its membership a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for a one year term.”

**Recommendation:** Receive nominations for Chair and Vice-Chair to serve for the calendar year

2. Pumpkins in the Park Event

**Background:** The Recreation Services Division will be hosting an event, Pumpkins in the Park, on Sunday, October 26, 2014, 11:00am- 2:00pm, at the Milpitas Sports Center Football Field. The event will be geared towards families and dog lovers and offer a variety of games and programs for youth and families.

**Recommendation:** Assign Commissioners to volunteer for the event. Discuss fundraising options such as selling pumpkin carving kits for the pumpkin carving station.

3. Tree Lighting Ceremony

**Background:** The Recreation Services Department will be hosting an event, Tree Lighting Ceremony, on Monday, December 1, 2014, at the Milpitas Community Center and Civic Center Plaza. The event includes the lighting of the holiday tree, pictures with Santa, singing, and light food and beverages.

**Recommendation:** Assign Commissioners to volunteer for the event.
4. Commissioner Photos for City Website

**Background:** The City of Milpitas Website has a Youth Advisory Commission section that contains information regarding the commission as well as a photo of each commissioner.

**Recommendation:** Take photo of all commissioners and send photos to webmaster to post.

XI. Council Liaison Report

XII. Future Agenda Items
- By-Law Review
- Work Plan

XIII. Adjournment

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