



*Parks, Recreation and  
Neighborhood Services*

## YOUTH COMMISSION

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# **Commission Meeting Minutes** **March 23, 2008**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on March 23, 2009 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:05p.m.

### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Shankar, Carrera, Loo, Trevino, Taxera, Aldama, Uzoh, and Hawn,

Not Present: Commissioner Polussa

Late: Commissioner Hill and Commission Tu

### **II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

February meeting minutes was approved

### **III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

Commissioners presented T-shirts to Park Recreation Neighborhood Services, Community Coordinator Kevin Hirabayashi and Youth Commission Alumni Adan Lupercio, for their contribution and assistance at the 2009 City Wide Youth Conference Beat the Statistics.

### **IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION**

None

### **V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Information Only)**

Council assistant Tiana Seymore informed the commission that there will be a Go Green conference on April 4<sup>th</sup> at the Fairmont Hotel. She thanked the commissioners for attending the Project Cornerstone Breakfast of Champions and congratulated them for their outstanding youth conference.

### **VI. LIAISON REPORTS (Information Only)**

San José Public Library liaison Angie Miraflor informed the commission that there would be a regional teen talent competition in April with the finals being held on May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Almeden Library Branch. She informed the commission that the Library was featured on the NBC 11 channel for their free to succeed programs for the general public. Teen application and interview workshop will be conducted at the King Library in May. She also reminded the commissioners that if they have YAC members that would like to volunteer at their library to volunteer for the summer reading program.

Senior Commission liaison Elisa Perez had nothing to report.

Human Right Commission Liaison Vanessa Burbach

Truancy Report Liaison Officer Brian reported for Sergeant Luis Quesada. In the month of February, 406 teens picked up for truancy. 97 out of the 406 were repeat offenders; 9 were given citation; 7 were on probation; 2 were reported run-a-ways; 8 were picked at home and taken back to school; 7 were referred to counseling services. Tab officers conducted 43 home intervention visits. All 406 teens were local. Eastside tabs picked up 240 and Westside Tabs picked up 166.

## VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS

(Information Only)

Commission Taxera announced that the Policy Team will discuss the smoking ban issues under action items of the agenda.

Commission Hawn stated that the Recreation and Safety Team has not met therefore does not have anything to report

Commission Uzoh had not met and had nothing to report

Commission Aldama had nothing to report .

## VIII COMMISSIONER REPORTS

District 1 Commissioner Shankar reported that the D1 YAC attended a district illegal sign clean up. The YAC is in the planning stage with D9 to host the first Teen Mixer/Dance event. D1 YAC is still working on their district website and conducting their D1 teen survey. Commissioner Shankar attended the California Teen Action Summit where she gathered ideas for the commission to pursue into such as putting together a Bill of Teen Rights and a Youth Annual Report and host a teen forum.

District 2 Commissioner Hill, was not present to report.

District 3 Commissioner Carrera reported that he attended the Project Cornerstone Breakfast and the World Savvy event where he was a teen judge. He also attended the Alma Community meeting where community issues were discussed.

District 4 Commissioner Loo reported that the D4 YAC attended the freshmen information meeting to recruit YAC members.

District 5 Commissioner Trevino had nothing to report.

District 6 Commissioner Taxera reported he attended the World Savvy event where he was a teen judge. He also attended a Community Neighborhood meeting where there were They discussed the process of addressing issues. Commissioner Taxera continues to Conduct some outreach to gather information relating to the Smoking Ban in apartment Complex.

District 7 Commissioner Aldama reported that the D7 YAC held their meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> where they discussed the Operation Prom Dress Project. Commissioner Aldama Attended the Project Cornerstone Breakfast of Champions.

District 8 Commissioner Uzoh reported that the D8 YAC has 3 new YAC members. The YAC discussed the smoking ban at their last meeting.

District 9 Commissioner Hawn reported that the D9 YAC is still in the process of planning Their Mixer/Dance with the D1 YAC and partnering with the PRNS Recreation Staff.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa was not present to report

City Wide Commissioner Tu was not present to report

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

### a.) Smoking Ban

After discussion of the impact a smoking ban would have on the general public It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to have the commission make a recommendation to ban smoking inside apartment complex. Commissioners will be gathering more information to support their recommendation in the next few months.

### b.) District 8 Specific Work Plan

Commissioner Uzoh presented the District 8 Specific Work Plan to the Commission. It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept and approve the District 8 Specific Work plan.

### c.) District 4 Event Proposal for approval

Commissioner Loo presented the District 4 Community Beautification activity for approval. This activity will support their Building Stronger Communities Relations by Involving Youth goal in the District Specific Work Plan. After discussion, it was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the District 4 Beautification activity.

Commissioner Loo presented the District 4 YAC fundraiser in order to have funds for the District 4 YAC to pursue different activities in their district. After discussion, it was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the fundraiser proposal at the District 4 Art and Wine festival where the D4 YAC will be hosting a game booth.

## X INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### a.) Bill Wilson Fashion Show

Marcris Demays addressed the commission by informing them of the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Fashion Show. Funds raised will go towards their Youth evolution workshops at the San Jose City College where students attending will be able to obtain college credits for attending

### b.) Global Youth Service Date

Great America Litter Pick Up Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30a.m. Waivers for teens

Attending the clean up are due from commissioners on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Staff will be collecting these waivers and submitting them to the Anti Graffiti Program who is leading this project.

**XI STAFF REPORTS**

**(Information Item)**

a.) Youth Conference Overall Evaluations

Staff reported that there were a total of 333 conference attendees and 14 resources vendors. From the evaluations received, 83% of them were Very Satisfied, 27% were Satisfied. Student expressed how they were motivated and inspired to get involved in their community. Visitors comments were that they were impressed of the outstanding conference put on by the commission and staff.

b.) Youth commission website

Staff reported that they have been working on the commission's website and seeing it as a tool that teens are using to gather more information regarding the commission.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by Commissioner Shankar.



**YOUTH COMMISSION**

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**Commission Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2009**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on April 27, 2009 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:07p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Loo, Trevino, Taxera, Uzoh, Hawn, Polussa and Tu

Not Present: Commissioner Shankar and Commissioner Carrera

Late: Commissioner Aldama

**II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

March meeting minutes was approved

**III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

None

**IV ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Sally Casas from People Acting in Community Together (PACT) addressed the commission by giving a brief description of the organization. Ms. Casas invited the commission to attend Safe and Vibrant Neighborhoods PACT meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Stephanie Fong, a Masters Degree student from San Jose State University in Public Administration, addressed the commission by informing them of her Masters Thesis. Ms. Fong has chosen to write on the impact of Youth Commissions around the Bay Area. Her research will include the influence youth have on public policy and the value youth bring to the policy process.

**V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Information Only)**

Council assistant Tiana Seymore informed the commission that on May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Mayor's Budget message would be release. June 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a community resource Fair at History Park.

**VI. LIAISON REPORTS (Information Only)**

San José Public Library liaison Angie Miraflor thanked the commission for attending and speaking on the Library Internet Filtration during the Council meeting. She assured the commission that their involvement is very important to the community. May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Almaden Library Brach will host the final teen talent show. Ms. Miraflor, informed the commission that the library has gathered information from their community forums and has found that the public would like the library to stay open till late hours. At this time, this may not be possible due to budget, however they have on line tutoring program for k through 12 grades. They also have a chat line called Asked Now. San Jose Library has started their own chat with a San Jose Liberian where students may contact and ask their questions directly to a San Jose Liberian. The library will also host their first graph novel making contest and will Accept entries until May 8<sup>th</sup>

Senior Commission liaison Elisa Perez reported that the Senior Commission currently has five vacancies on the Senior Commission. She mentioned that they don't need to be Senior to apply. The Senior Commission is currently looking into the domestic violence issues. She concluded by informing the commission that the Senior Walk that was held on April 17<sup>th</sup>, was successful and well attended by seniors.

Human Right Commission Liaison Vanessa Burbach not present to report

Truancy Report Liaison Officer Quezada reported truancy numbers for the month of March. Total teens picked up for truancy were 570 teens. 164 repeat offenders in which 6 were cited, 12 were on probation, 18 were referred to counseling service and 6 were given interview cards. The Largest numbers of trances' are in the age group between 15 and 17 years of age. A total number of truant teens for the school year is 3, 475 teens.

**VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS (Information Only)**

Commission Taxera announced that the Policy Team had a discussion with the Police Chief Rob Davis to gather information regarding the Smoking Ban. Along with the gathering

information, Police Chief Davis invited the commission to have a tour of the police department to strengthen the relationship between the youth commission and police.

Commission Polussa of the Safety Team informed that they had a meeting with Sergeant Quezada and urged the commission to look into the teen truancy problem. Currently with 3,475 students being truant, the school system is losing \$174,000.00. Not only does this affect students attending school but those that are not attending. Poor grades, suspension, being expelled from school and ultimately dropping out of school are the four common characteristics and trends of truancy. Sergeant extended an invitation for the commissioners to attend a TABS office to see first hand how truant teens are processed through. Commissioner Polussa urged the commission to look into this issues since it affects their peers.

Health and Education Team concurred with commissioner Polussa's truancy report.

Commissioner Aldama reported that the Public Relation team is just about completed the newsletter.

Commission Hawn reported that the Executive Board met and reviewed and updated the Commissions By-laws.

## **VIII COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

District 1 Commissioner Shankar was not present to report

District 2 Vacant

District 3 Commissioner Carrera was not present to report.

District 4 Commissioner Loo reported that the D4 YAC participated in the Global Youth Service day by attending the Great America Litter Pick Up. The D4 YAC is planning their beautification project on May 23<sup>rd</sup> where they will be cleaning up litter and graffiti around their community.

District 5 Commissioner Trevino announced that she will be conducting her first YAC meeting on May 11<sup>th</sup> at the Alum Rock Youth Center. She plans on visiting the Alma Rock Youth Center on Monday's and Thursday's in an effort to recruit YAC members. Commissioner Trevino goal is to become more involved with her community.

District 6 Commissioner Taxera reported that the student body of his high school participated in a program called "Every 15 Minutes" directed to simulate the death of a student due to drunk driving. The program was dramatic and left an impression on the students to think before drinking and driving.

District 7 Commissioner Aldama reported that the D7 YAC had 17 people at their last YAC meeting. Alcohol-pop presentation was done by Friday Night Live. Commissioner Aldama, reported that the D7 YAC attended the council district budget meeting on April, 15. D7 YAC also attended and participated in the Global Youth Service Day.

District 8 Commissioner Uzoh reported that the D8 YAC Met with the organizer of the "Going Ever Green" program. This program brings environmental projects to schools and teaches students how to be environmental consciences.

District 9 Commissioner Hawn reported that the D9 YAC has a new member from Nor dame High School. The D9 YAC is planning on hosting a recruiting party for new YAC members in June in order to help establish and maintain the D9 YAC for the new on coming commissioner. The D9 YAC will be contacting Ida Price Middle school to gather evaluations of the workshop that they conducted at their school.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa reported that the D10 YAC has met and will be hosting another family movie night on May 8<sup>th</sup>. at the Almaden Community Center. The D10 YAC members attended the Great America Litter Pick Up for Global Youth Service Day.

City Wide Commissioner Tu report how students from her school cleaned up around their school for Earth Day.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

### d.) High School Mixer Proposal

Commission Vice Chair Hawn, proposed that the proceeds of the D1 and D9 High School Mixer go to benefit the organization, “To Write Love on Her Arms” an organization that addresses teen suicide. Commissioner Hawn further proposed that the mixer would allow for more awareness of YAC and more awareness of the destructive issue such as teen suicide.

**Moved:** To approval the High School Mixer at the Camden Multi Purpose room By providing a safe environment for teens to learn about YAC and support the ‘To Write Love on Her Arms’

**M/S** Commissioner Loo/Commissioner Aldama     **Ayes:** All

### e.) Commission Revised Bylaws

Commission Vice Chair Hawn, reported that the executive board reviewed and updates the commissions bylaws to reflex specific officer duties, defined and expanded absent policy and added commission trainings.

**Moved:** To approval updated commission by-laws to take affect in August, 2009  
**M/S** Commissioner Uzoh / Commissioner Trevino     **Ayes:** All

### f.) Approval of Training Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Tu presented and reviewed the training meeting minutes for approval.

**Moved:** To approve the April Commission Training Minutes.  
**M/S** Commissioner Loo / Commissioner Aldama     **Ayes:** All

### d.) Teen Bill of Rights

Commission Vice Chair Hawn, presented the proposal on behalf of the Commission Chair Shankar, to have the commission look into establishing a Teen Bill of Rights as those of the San Mateo County as adopted. After discussion it was,

**Moved:** To look into adopting a Teen Bill of Rights for San Jose teens.  
**M/S** Commissioner Taxera / Commissioner Loo    **Ayes:** All

**X INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a.) 2010 Census

Staff, informed the commission of the 2010 Census is in the process and reminded the commission of its importance to them as a commission.

b.) Online Recreation Registration

Staff, informed the commission of the new PRNS recreation on line registration system and invited them to let their peers know that they may now go online to register for any summer programs.

g.) Safe Summer Initiative

Staff informed the commission that their Vice Chair Katie Hawn has been invited to sit in on the reviewing panel for the Safe Summer Initiative in which she has accepted.

**XI STAFF REPORTS**

**(Information Item)**

c.) YTRS Report

Staff reported that several of the cities that attend the Youth and Teen Recreation Services meeting have reported some budget deficits. Some cities are in the process of conducting fund raisers to help keep teen center door open.

d.) Commission Vacancies

Staff reminded the commission of their vacancies in District 2 and the up coming vacancies in District 4 and 9.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by Commissioner Hawn.



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***Commission Meeting Minutes***  
**May 18, 2009**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on May 18, 2009 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:00p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Shankar, Carrera, Taxera, Aldama, Uzoh, Hawn, Polussa and Tu

Late: Commissioner Loo, Commissioner Trevino

**II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

April meeting minutes was approved

**III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

None

**IV ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Mr. David Rodriquez from International Youth Fellowship (IYF), a faith base organization, shared with the commission their organizations mission and visions. In addition, Mr. Rodriquez informed them of the impact their organization is having on teens. Mr. Rodriquez also requested any recommendations the youth commission may have to help raise funds to subsidize teens that are sent over seas to impact other teens in other nations.

**V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Information Only)**

Council assistant Tiana Seymore informed the commission on the Community Fair at The San Jose History Park on June 5<sup>th</sup>. She also reminded the commissioners of the Congressmen Mike Honda's Students Right Conference on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**VI. LIAISON REPORTS (Information Only)**

San José Public Library liaison Jean Herriges informed the commission that the summer reading celebration has opportunities for teen volunteers. The King Library will also be providing summer job workshops on May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 to 3pm. These workshops will consist of interview skills and job search sponsored by the friends of the library.

Human Right Commission Liaison Vanessa Burbach not present to report

Truancy Report Liaison Officer Quezada gave the April truancy report. Total teens picked up for truancy was 414 teens in which 100 of them were repeat offenders. 7 were given citations, 13 were on probation, 1 was a run away, 1 was taken to juvenile hall, 7 kids were picked up at home and taken to school. Truancy officers referred 24 teens to community base organizations. Officers conducted 14 home intervention visits to discuss the truancy issues with parents and youth. The majority of the teens picked up for truancy range from 16 and 17 years old. Officer Quezada then answered the commissioners' questions on how home interventions are conducted.

**VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS (Information Only)**

Commissioner Taxera announced that the Policy team is gathering information to put together supporting points for a letter of endorsement regarding smoking ban in apartment complexes. They are also in the process of setting up a meeting with the Fire Chief.

Commissioner Hawn of the Safety Team informed the commission that the truancy numbers that officers Quesada has been reporting on are truly an issue that teens should be aware. She suggested that the awareness can begin small by informing and discussing this issue with all district YAC's.

Commissioner Polussa of the Education Working Team informed the commission that there should be a strong opposition towards proposition 1A and 1B because it cuts funding to education. .

Commissioner Aldama reported that the Public Relation team has just about completed the newsletter.

Commission Chair Shankar reported that the Executive Board did not meet this month but reminded the commissioners to submit their district event proposals to staff at or before the regular monthly training dates.

## **VIII COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

District 1 Commissioner Shankar reported that the D1 YAC has been recruiting new youth advisory council members, been actively involved in the preparations for the D1/D9 high school mixer and assisted the Blackford Neighborhood Association during the D1 Cultural event on May 30, 2009.

District 2 Vacant

District 3 Commissioner Carrera reported that the D3 Youth Advisory Council has completed their district specific work plan. They are planning a litter pick up event in the Washington Neighborhood in hopes that it will encourage other communities to do the same. Commissioner Carrera attended the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force meeting and requested that the D3 Work plan be reviewed and approved during the Action Items.

District 4 Commissioner Loo reported their YAC has postponed their beautification project to assist their school after being vandalized. They will be contacting the school parent boosters to come together to help restore and beautify the high school.

District 5 Commissioner Trevino reported that she has been attending the Alum Rock Youth Center. She will be having her first YAC meeting at the center on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

District 6 Commissioner Taxera reported that his first YAC meeting was well attended by several enthusiastic teens. They completed their district work plan and have plans to conduct different community service events and projects in their district.

District 7 Commissioner Aldama reported that the D7 met with the CAT team (Coalition of Advocate Teens) and updated each other with current activities they are doing in different areas of their district. Commissioner Aldama met with the new council office personnel.

District 8 Commissioner Uzoh reported that the District 8 YAC received three new YAC members. They are working on creating different volunteer community projects as well as continuing to put their ideas together for their video competition.

District 9 Commissioner Hawn reported that the D9 YAC is finalizing the High School Mixer event coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May at the Camden Community Multi-purpose room.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa reported that the D10 YAC hosted a movie night for the elementary school age kids and their parents in their district. The D10 YAC is also actively recruiting new members

City Wide Commissioner Tu report that she has met with staff and have come up with a Plan to invite YAC members to be a part of their Ado Hoc working teams.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

### h.) Teen Bill of Rights

Members of the San Mateo Youth Commission addressed the commission and shared their experience in gathering information for their Youth Bill of Rights. They also shared the process and collaboration they had with other adult lead groups to create their Bill for the San Mateo County.

### b.) Teen Truancy

Commissioner Polussa moved to have the Youth Commission take a more active approach in combating the Teen Truancy issues in San Jose. After discussion among the commissioners on how the active approach would be conducted, it was agreed that understanding, education and awareness of these issues among their peers will lead to more active approach and recommendations in the near future.

**Moved:** The Youth Commission to take a more pro active approach of raising the awareness of truancy among their peers.

**M/S** Commissioner Polussa / Commissioner Trevino      **Ayes:** All

### i.) Reviewing and approving the District 3 work plan

Commissioner Carrera presented the District 3 Youth Advisory Council work plan to the commission.

**Moved:** Approval the District 3 Specific Work Plan

**M/S** Commissioner Polussa / Commissioner Loo      **Ayes:** All

## X INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

### a.) 2009/10 Budget Proposal.

Neil Rufino, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Service manager gave the 2009/2010 City Budget report. Commissioners asked detailed questions regarding the impact the budget will have on the teen centers and teen programming.

**XI STAFF REPORTS**

**(Information Item)**

e.) YTRS Report

Staff reported that the YTRS meeting had not happen yet and therefore had nothing to report .

f.) Commission Vacancies

Staff reminded the commission of their vacancies in District 2, 4 and 9

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by Commission Chair Shankar.



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***Commission Meeting Minutes***  
**June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:00p.m.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Shankar, Carrera, Taxera, Aldama, Uzoh, Stromfeld, Polussa  
Late: Commissioner Loo, Commissioner Tu

**II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

Commissioner Shankar explained the process of approving the commission meeting minutes.

A correction was made by Commissioner Uzoh. Under the District 8 commissioner report the sentence “They are working on creating different volunteer community projects as well as continuing to put their ideas together for their video competition” was changed to “They are working on creating different volunteer community projects as well as continuing to put their ideas together for their video game competition.”

The minutes were approved with this one correction.

**III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

**None**

**IV ORAL COMMUNICATION**

**None**

**V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Information Only)**

Council assistant Tiana Seymore congratulated Commissioner Stromfeld on his appointment to the District 9 position and also to Commissioner Carrera for his re-appointment to the District 3 position. She also informed the commission that the finalization of the budget would happen on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> and indicated that some community centers will remain open for the upcoming year.

Liaison Ben Yurman-Glaser was not present to report.

**VI. LIAISON REPORTS (Information Only)**

San José Public Library liaison Angie Miraflor informed the commission that there are volunteer opportunities available for teens at the libraries (except Evergreen and Berryessa branches) with the Summer Reading Program. Summer Reading is now online, youth can set their goals online, and if goal is reached they can enter into a drawing for an I-pod shuffle. Angie also gave the commissioners 4 copies of the youth survey the SJ public libraries had been working on for the past year and a half. The report has the most important findings, trends and library recommendations. She informed the commission of a free 5 week photography class for youth ages 13-15 at MLK library. Teens reach program is going to be –regrouped into a leadership program versus a volunteer program. She also reported that the talent show was very successful. In response to questions she also informed the commission that library branch hours will be Tuesday to Saturday.

Senior Commission liaison Elisa Perez was not present to report.

Human Right Commission Liaison Vanessa Burbach not present to report

Truancy Report Liaison Officer Quezada gave the April truancy report. Total teens picked up for truancy was 174 teens in which 49 of them were repeat offenders. 6 of them were JCR cited or arrested, 11 were on probation, 3 were reported as runaways, 2 were picked up from home and taken to school. Officers conducted 10 home intervention visits to discuss the truancy issues with parents and youth. 173 were local. The majority of the teens picked up for truancy were male, from the Eastside and were about 15-17. Year end total was 4,661, this does not include those students who were not present in school and TABS did not pick up. Officer Quezada then answered the commissioners' questions on the discrepancy between males and females, TABS summer operation logistics, and what the commission can do to help the truancy issue in San Jose.

**VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS (Information Only)**

Commissioner Taxera announced that the Policy team had a meeting with the Fire Marshall which went well and he also offered statistics about fires caused by cigarettes. He is also in the process of scheduling a meeting with the city attorney.

Commissioner Carrera of the Safety Team had no report.

Commissioner Polussa of the Education Working Team informed the commission the team will be working on keeping summer programs open for youth.

Commissioner Aldama reported that the Public Relation team is still working on the Youth Commission Newsletter.

Commission Chair Shankar reported that the Executive Board did not meet this month because she is the only remaining member of the executive board. She also announced the new commissioner.

## VIII COMMISSIONER REPORTS

District 1 Commissioner Shankar reported that the D1 YAC selected 9 new YAC members to make a grand total of 16; they have a representative from Harker school. She also mentioned that the pulse mixer was successful. Commissioner Stromfeld asked if there was a limit to the number of YAC members, D1 has a limit of 20 members but staff member Veronica Ruiz informed the commission that there was no limit to the amount of youth that they could have in their YAC. Commissioner Shankar also thanked Betty Montoya for her support. They also assisted with a multi-cultural event with the Blackford YAC. Commissioner Shankar also met with the mayor of Sunnyvale and informed the commission that he is interested in meeting the commission to discuss how to include a youth voice in Sunnyvale.

District 2 Vacant

District 3 Commissioner Carrera reported that the D3 Youth Advisory Council is in the process of planning a litter pick in the Washington United Neighborhood. Lunch will be provided by the District 3 council office. He also informed the commission that his YAC was interested in doing gang awareness workshops for parents in the community.

District 4 Commissioner Loo was not present to report.

District 5 Vacant.

District 6 Commissioner Taxera reported that his YAC was able to meet this month and is planning some event for the summer and the upcoming school year such as a litter pick up and a bake sale to raise money for the YAC. His YAC is currently recycling in order to raise money but is looking for an organization to hold they money for the YAC.

District 7 Commissioner Aldama reported that the D7 met on June 8<sup>th</sup>; they are participating in a service project at Barberry Park and then are meeting with a youth specialist and teens Reach regarding an alcohol presentation. She is also going to submit her application for re-appointment.

District 8 Commissioner Uzoh reported that the District 8 YAC did not meet because of conflicts in schedules. She did meet with Mary Beth Perez regarding presentation to youth for the new toddler area for Lake Cunningham. She also met with Leslie Tanaka from the Evergreen library in order to advertise for YAC meeting and events.

District 9 Commissioner Stromfeld introduced himself to the commission. He also is starting a Facebook page for his YAC.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa reported that the D10 YAC will continue to meet in the summer. His YAC will be having a get together for old and new YAC members of district 10 and he invited the commission to attend.

City Wide Commissioner Tu was not present to report.

**IX. ACTION ITEMS**

**None**

**X INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

a.) Recess/Break

Staff reminded the commission that they will not be meeting in the month of July. The commission was also informed that they will be meeting August 9<sup>th</sup> for the Youth Commission training (also reminded them of the time change to the trainings), August 24<sup>th</sup> for the Youth Commission Meeting. The commission was encouraged to participate in National Night Out in their respective districts on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Reminder about the Jr. Olympics events and asked them to volunteer for the event.

**XI STAFF REPORTS**

**(Information Item)**

g.) YAC Attack

Staff did not have the information to report on this item.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm by Commission Chair Shankar.