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# Hayward Youth Commission

Monday, October 21, 2013

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hayward City Hall, Council Chambers- Room 2A

777 B Street Hayward, CA 94541

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## Hayward Youth Commissioners

**Daniel Aguilar**

Hayward High School

**Gerardo Barcenas**

Winton Middle School

**Sarahi Bautista**

Chabot College

**Diego Castro**

Mt. Eden High School

**Jocelyn Deng**

Hayward High School

**Amacalli Duran-Pereda**

Hayward High School

**Sophia Espinosa**

Moreau Catholic High School

**Isyanelly Gonzalez**

Tennyson High School

**Paul Guandique**

Tennyson High School

**Harmanpreet Kaur**

Mt. Eden High School

**Jahlan Loche**

Leadership Public High School

**Luis Loza**

Tennyson High School

**Laila Mufty**

Holy Names High School

**Nubia Pina**

Mt. Eden High School

**Sharfa Prasad**

Tennyson High School

**Andrew Romero**

St. Bede School

**Laura Romero**

Leadership Public High School

**Omkar Salpekar**

Moreau Catholic High School

**Marcus Smith**

California State University of the

East Bay

**Christian Vernikoff**

Moreau Catholic High School

**Danielle West**

Bishop O'Dowd High School

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| <b>1. Call to Order</b>   | <b>6:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>2. Pledge of Allegiance</b>                                    | <b>6:32 p.m.</b> |
| <b>3. Roll Call</b>   | <b>6:35 p.m.</b> |
| <b>4. Approval of Minutes from<br/>September 16, 2013 Meeting</b> | <b>6:40 p.m.</b> |
| <b>5. Public Comments</b>   | <b>6:45 p.m.</b> |
| <b>6. Guest Speakers</b>  | <b>6:50 p.m.</b> |
| 1. Elliot Calderon - The Opportunity and Freedom Project          |                  |
| 2. Elizabeth Rojo - EdTrip Project                                |                  |
| <b>7. Task Force Updates</b>                                      | <b>7:10 p.m.</b> |
| a. Keep Hayward Clean & Green                                     |                  |
| b. Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth                            |                  |
| <b>8. Planning</b>  | <b>7:20 p.m.</b> |
| a. Projects for the Year  |                  |
| <b>9. Announcements</b>   | <b>7:45 p.m.</b> |
| <b>10. Cookie Detail</b>  | <b>7:50 p.m.</b> |
| <b>11. Next Meeting –November 4, 2013</b>                         | <b>7:55 p.m.</b> |
| <b>12. Adjournment</b>  | <b>8:00 p.m.</b> |
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1. Call to Order at 6:37PM.
2. Pledge of allegiance led by Alternative Joanna Gill.
3. Roll call led by Alternative Beltran.

Commissioners: Present: Commissioners Bercenas, Bautista, Castro, Duran-Pereda, Espinosa, Gonzalez, Guandique, Kaur, Loche, Loza, Mufty, Prasad, Andrew Romero, Laura Romero, Salpekar, Smith, and Vernikoff.

Absent: Commissioners Aguilar (excused), Deng, Mendoza, and Pina.

Late: Commissioner West.

Advisors: Present: Sally Espinosa, HUSD; Mike Maine, HARD.

Absent: Clio Hathaway, COH.

City Council Liaison: Present: Council member Francisco Zermeño.

4. Approval of Old Minutes: Commissioner Guandique moved the approval of the September 16 minutes. Commissioner Laura Romero seconded the motion; passed with a unanimous vote.  
\*Due to troubles in sending and receiving the agendas through email, Adviser Espinosa reminded and emphasized to the commissioners that if in 72 hours prior to the meeting day one doesn't receive the agenda and/or minutes of the past meeting they should immediately alert the advisers.
5. Public Comments: None.
6. Guest Speakers:
  1. Elliot Calderon- The Opportunity and Freedom Project:  
Due to delay this presentation was pushed for the next meeting.
7. Planning:
  - a) Projects for the Year: With verification of availability from the commissioners, Adviser Maine set the final two possible days for the Youth Summit 2014, March 1<sup>st</sup> or March 8<sup>th</sup>. The advisers will verify the availability of the city hall rotunda and thus then conclude to a concrete date. In regards to the documentation needed to start the prospected tutoring projects, the advisers emphasized that the commission can do reimbursement for fingerprinting background checks for those commissioners who are 18 years and older. As well, it was reminded that commissioners should give document proof for a TB test, which can be obtained from the school's offices.

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In continuation, the commission divided into groups of threes to discuss and plan for the prospected projects of the year: tutoring, the youth summit, social media growth and update, creation of youth resource book, and scholarships giveaways. After a considerable amount of time of group discussion and planning the commission came back as a whole and shared their ideas.

- I) Tutoring: With adviser Espinosa, some commissioners planned the task of tutoring by emphasizing in focusing in three main sites: Glassbrook, Palma Ceia, and Cherryland elementary schools. Due to convenience of the after-school programs schedules and the time the commissioners will be able to arrive to the tutoring sites it was recommended for tutoring volunteerism to be focused on every Wednesday of each month with different shifts. The commissioners would also like to emphasize in mentoring the students on healthy living styles, such as exercise and healthy eating habits. With this idea in mind they would like to implement the program Harvest of the Month back in the supper and dinner schedules of the students.
- II) Social Media/ Youth Resource Book/Scholarship: With adviser Maine, within the interested commissioners working in this specific field two of these volunteered to maintain the activity of the commission's social networks: Commissioner Gonzalez will be in charge of the Instagram account and Commissioner Salpekar will be in charge of the Facebook account. In regards to the prospected youth resource book, the commissioners emphasized on first searching in the represented school websites to find out what type of volunteer opportunities they offer or are aware of. The results of these searches will be shared in a Google Doc. With the updated information, these youth resource booklets are planned to be distributed in the youth summit. Last but not least, in prospect of a scholarship giveaway, three possible scholarships with the amount of \$500 would be awarded. Applications are in consideration of being received and analyzed in January and winners would be announced in the youth summit. In addition, councilmember liaison Zermeño invited the commissioners to create a new design for the "I ♥ Hayward" Campaign. A prize of \$50 will be awarded to the winning design with the condition of having the word "LOVE" shape the heart symbol of the shirt.
- III) Youth Summit: With adviser Zermeño, several other commissioners emphasized on evolving the youth commission with college prep, healthy living, summer activities/jobs, and leadership-influenced workshops. It is prospected to invite UC, state, and private universities representatives to inform to the audience of the application process and needed requirements, such as exams. It is also under contemplation to invite former commissioners who are now in college to share their experiences as past commissioner in pursue of higher education. In regards to healthy living, it is highly expected to invite St. Rose Hospital's program Faces of the

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Future to present during this workshop. They will be immediately contacted to know of their possible participation. For the remaining workshops, information regarding local summer activities, youth-friendly job openings, and leadership inspiring invitees are being contemplated to make part of the summit's program. It is also prospected that during the lunch/closing remarks period for the Mariachi Juvenil de Hayward to be the entertainment guest, have raffle prizes which several local stores can fund, have an Apple iPad Mini as a major raffle prize, and possibly have El Taquito #2 Restaurant fund the lunch. The prospected schedule of the summit is as follows: 8:00-9:00am registration, 9:00-9:15am introduction to the program, 9:15-10:15am workshop #1, and 10:25-11:25am workshop #2, and 11:45am-12:45pm workshop #3, 12:45-1:45pm lunch/entertainment/raffle/ending remarks. Note, between workshops there will be a time phase of approximate 10 minutes of break.

- b) Hayward Volunteer and Recognition Awards Night: Adviser Zermeño reminded the commissioners that the event is in need of volunteers to welcome and seat guests. It will be held on Tuesday, October 8 at the Great White Tent event in St. Rose Hospital. Volunteers would have to check-in with adviser Zermeño at 5:00pm, will volunteer from 6:00-7:00pm, and dinner will be provided to them. Despite having an email reminder of the event, several commissioners took advantage of the moment to sign up as volunteers: Commissioners Espinosa, Kaur, Guandique, Castro, Gonzalez, Laura Romero, and Alternative Gill.

8. Announcements:

- a) Councilmember liaison Zermeño invited the commission to two major local events:
- I) The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Latino Education Summit held at Chabot College, Saturday October 12. Dolores Huerta will be the guest speaker and the event will be for free, with breakfast and lunch included.
  - II) The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mariachi Festival at City Hall Plaza on Friday October 11 starting at 4:00pm. This event as well will be free to the public.
- b) Adviser Maine congratulated and appreciated Commissioners Castro, Laura Romero, and Alternative Beltran for being part of the September cleaning event with the KHCG Task Force, and encouraged other commissioners to be participants as well.
- c) Alternative Beltran encouraged the commission to visit and purchase some of his grandma's authentic and popular Salvadorian Pupusas at the Burbank Elementary Flea Market on Saturday October 12. Each pupusa will cost \$1.50.
- d) Commissioner Salpekar encouraged commissioners to support and inform themselves regarding a project he has at work through Schoolbuddy.org. Information regarding his project will be shared at the Mariachi Festival this upcoming Friday.

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- e) Adviser Espinosa apologized for the incorrect time displayed on the agenda and assured to fix it for the following agendas.
9. Cookie Detail: Commissioner Laura Romero volunteered to provide the upcoming cookie detail.
10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM. Next meeting will be on October 21, 2013 at Hayward City Hall Room 2A starting at 6:30PM.