
Hayward Youth Commission

Monday, April 21, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hayward City Hall, Conference Room- Room 2A

777 B Street Hayward, CA 94541



Hayward Youth Commissioners

Daniel Aguilar

Hayward High School

Gerardo Barcenas

Newark Junior High

Sarahi Bautista

Chabot College

Elmer Beltran

Chabot College

Diego Castro

Mt. Eden High School

Lilybeth Domingo

Tennyson High School

Sophia Espinosa

Moreau Catholic High School

Joanna Gil

Hayward 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 Muffy

Holy Names 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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| 1. Call to Order | 6:30 p.m. |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | 6:31 p.m. |
| 3. Roll Call | 6:33 p.m. |
| 4. Approval of Minutes from
April 7, 2014 Meeting | 6:40 p.m. |
| 5. Public Comments | 6:45 p.m. |
| 6. Disney Friends for Change Grant Program | 6:50 p.m. |
| 7. World Book Night | 6:55 p.m. |
| 8. Task Force Updates | 7:10 p.m. |
| a. Keep Hayward Clean & Green-Gerardo Barcenas | |
| b. Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth-Daniel Aguilar | |
| 9. Educational Summit May 17, 2014 | 7:12 p.m. |
| 10. HYC-Recruitment of New Applicants-Video | 7:15 p.m. |
| 11. Open Forum | 7:20 p.m. |
| a. Current Events | |
| 12. Announcements | 7:45 p.m. |
| 13. Cookie Detail | 7:50 p.m. |
| 14. Next Meeting –May 5, 2014 in Room 2A | 7:55 p.m. |
| 15. Adjournment | 8:00 p.m. |

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1. Call to Order at 6:35PM by Secretary Commissioner Bautista.
2. Pledge of allegiance by Commissioner Espinosa.
3. Roll call led by Commissioner Smith.

Commissioners: Present: Commissioners Aguilar, Barcenas, Bautista, Domingo, Espinosa, Gil, Loza, Mufty, Prasad, Salpekar, Smith, and Vernikoff.

Absent: Commissioners Beltran, Loche (excused), Laura Romero (excused), and West (excused).

Late: Commissioners Castro, Gonzalez, Guandique, Kaur, and Andrew Romero.

Advisors: Present: Yelitza Pena, HUSD; Clio Hathaway, COH, Mike Maine, HARD.

City Council Liaison: Present: Council member Francisco Zermeño.

4. Approval of Old Minutes: Commissioner Omkar moved the approval of March 17th minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion and it was passed with unanimous favor.
5. Public Comments:
 - a. Vanessa Scott from Love Never Fails, in company with one of her advocates Vanessa Powell, introduced her non-profit organization which aims to fight against the growth and expansion of the sex-trafficking industry in the bay area, also through the help of her additional educational program called Love Don't Hurt. She mentioned about several projects her organization are aiming at in Hayward, such as reaching out in the Green Shutter Hotel, and introducing the resolution of having sex-trafficking education be added into the curriculum of 7th graders in several school districts throughout California. As well, her company, Vanessa Powell, gave her personal testimony on how she became a sex-trafficking victim and how the organization helped her recover her life.
 - b. Sally Thomas from the Hayward Public Library came to remind the commissioners about the upcoming grand Book Night and motivate them to be book distributors. There are two main book-distribution dates in which commissioners can ponder to participate: April 23rd at the Southland Mall starting at 5:30pm until 7:30pm, and May 3rd starting at 9:00am until 1:00pm at the Cinco de Mayo Festival. As well, for those who will participate as book distributors, are welcome to attend to the Book Night Reception at the Book Shop on Tuesday April 15 starting at 6:30pm.
6. Made in Hayward-Student Survey: Commissioners took this time to turn in their assigned portions of the Made in Hayward Student Survey to their HUSD Adviser, Yelitza Pena. All those surveys that were not turned in at this meeting shall be given on the next meeting in April 21. Those commissioners who did not received their portion for contribution will receive copies of the surveys through email.

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7. Task Force Updates:

- a. Keep Hayward Clean & Green: Commissioner Barcenas announced that the upcoming clean up event will be on April 26, starting at 8:00am at John Muir Elementary School. He also emphasized that 12 commissioners in total had previously committed themselves to participate on this clean-up event. Any other invitees coming along with the commissioners are gladly welcomed.
- b. Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth: Commissioner Aguilar announced that the coalition will be participant of a networking event coming up on Thursday, April 10, from 4:00pm until 6:00pm. The event will be hosted at the 22646 2nd St. in Hayward. He is planning to attend and invited other commissioners to participate as well.

8. Educational Summit May 17, 2014: HUSD Adviser Pena notified the commissioners that she would email them confirmed information regarding the location and time frame of volunteer participation for the Educational Summit. Nine (9) commissioners in total committed themselves to attend and help in what may be needed.

9. HYC-Recruitment of New Applicants-Video: Commissioners Castro, Kaur, and Bautista confirmed that they received an email from Mr. Frank Holland regarding the possible time frames for the recording process, yet none of them have received an answer back from Mr. Holland. In order to facilitate a direct contact with the producer, an invitation to come and visit the commission in their next meeting will be sent to Mr. Holland.

10. Planning: Since the majority of this year's projects are in completion, commissioners took this time to discuss new project ideas, possibly to go on forward until the end of this year's season or to start on the upcoming 2014-2015 year.

Adviser Maine took this time to emphasize to his committee that he will report back to them during the next days the progress of their volunteer-informational ebook.

Commissioner Castro shared that he met with the Palma Ceia YEP coordinator to chat about their progress as tutors. He suggested that the upcoming serving year the commission should stick to only serve two (2) specific schools in order to facilitate the bonding of the tutor with the tutees and thus take much more advantage of their tutoring assignment. Adviser Zermeño suggested that a tri-fold pamphlet carrying a list of reasons why to love should be created in order to instill more pride into our city and in a certain extend start promoting the upcoming ebook. Adviser Hathaway suggested to create a history yearbook, or a display case at City Hall, for the youth commission's serving years. Commissioner Bautista suggested the commission to focus on creating a resolution or introduce and emphasize the importance of having sex-trafficking education in at least our elementary and middle schools. Commissioner Salpekar suggested to extend the serving limits of the tutoring program by recruiting new tutors through a series of examinatio. A possible application for volunteer participation may be created to discover and choose teaching-material individuals. Last but not least, commissioner Guandique

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suggested that a film festival should be taken as consideration, in order to ignite and promote local talent to the public.

11. Announcements:

- a. Adviser Zermeño announced and explained his support regarding the upcoming Measure C, which will be introduced in the voting time of June. This measure would create a slight tax increase for the funding of hiring more police officers, firefighters, and reconstructive roads. As well, he announced that on April 22 it will be Arbor Day, just in case if someone desires to plant a new tree soon.
- b. Adviser Hathaway announced to the commissioners that the contest applications' for Earth Day have been open and they are encouraged to participate, as long as they are in the requirement age limits.
- c. Adviser Maine made a couple of important announcements:
 - a. HARD will be hosting their 69th annual Easter Egg Hunt and Bonnet Parade. This will be on Saturday April 19, starting at 9:00pm at Kennedy Park. Commissioners Luis Loza and Espinosa volunteered to be judges for the bonnet parade.
 - b. The Cherryland Home Association will be also hosting a Easter Egg Hunt at the Meek State. More information will be later provided regarding it.
 - c. He also reminded the commissioners regarding the new job openings that the HARD district has opened. The applications are due on April 15th.
- d. Commissioner Omkar reminded and invited the commissioner to his event, Global Youth Service Day granted by Disney Friends for Change. The event will be on April 11, starting at 4:00pm until 6:00pm at the Weeke's Community Center. This event will be open for Middle and Elementary Students. Volunteers are needed and welcomed to participate.
- e. Commissioner Gil reminded the commissioners that her school will be hosting two major events for the purpose of fundraising. The first event will be a Walkathon for undocumented students on Saturday April 12 at the Hayward High Track Field from 10:00am until 2:00pm. Donations accepted at the event. Last but not least, the Puente Program will be hosting their Baile Noche Tropical on May 15th, from 7:00pm until 10:00pm at Hayward High. Tickets are on sale for \$15 in person and \$20 at the doors.
- f. Commissioner Guandique shared that on March 29 City Hall hosted an art gala in which a photography project of his was sold. The purpose of the event was to fundraise for school art programs and their artists. Congratulations Guandique!
- g. Commissioners took this time to also sing Happy Birthday to Adviser Maine and Commissioner Mufty. Congratulations to both of you!

12. Cookie Detail: Commissioner Bautista volunteered to bring cookies to the next meeting.

13. Next Meeting—April 21, 2014 in Room 2A.

14. Adjournment: Meeting was called to adjourn at 7:56PM by Chair Castro.