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# Hayward Youth Commission

Monday, May 19, 2014

6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Hayward City Hall, Conference Room- Room 2A

777 B Street Hayward, CA 94541

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## Hayward Youth Commissioners

**Daniel Aguilar**

Hayward High School

**Gerardo Barcenas**

Newark Junior High

**Sarahi Bautista**

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

**Diego Lopez**

Leadership Public High School

**Luis Loza**

Tennyson 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>6:31 p.m.</b> |
| <b>3. Roll Call</b>  | <b>6:33 p.m.</b> |
| <b>4. Approval of Minutes from<br/>May 5, 2014 Meeting</b> | <b>6:40 p.m.</b> |
| <b>5. Public Comments</b>                                  | <b>6:45 p.m.</b> |
| Zach Ebadi, Volunteer Coordinator, City of Hayward/HARD    |                  |
| <b>6. Task Force Updates</b>                               | <b>6:50 p.m.</b> |
| a. Keep Hayward Clean & Green-Gerardo Barcenas             |                  |
| b. Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth-Daniel Aguilar      |                  |
| <b>7. End-of-Year Potluck</b>                              | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>8. Research Updates</b>                                 | <b>7:05 p.m.</b> |
| a. Human Trafficking                                       |                  |
| b. Suicide Prevention                                      |                  |
| c. Community Service Requirement                           |                  |
| <b>9. Announcements</b>                                    | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>10. Cookie Detail</b>                                   | <b>7:35 p.m.</b> |
| <b>11. Next Meeting –June 2, 2014 in Room 2A</b>           | <b>7:40 p.m.</b> |
| <b>12. Adjournment</b>                                     | <b>7:45 p.m.</b> |

Happy Birthday May –

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1. Call to Order at 6:34PM by Commissioner Chair Castro.

2. Pledge of allegiance.

3. Roll call led by Commissioner Andrew Romero.

Commissioners: Present: Commissioners Barcenas, Bautista, Castro, Domingo, Gil, Gonzalez, Kaur, Loza, Andrew Romero, Laura Romero, Smith, Vernikoff, and West.

Absent: Commissioners Aguilar, Beltran, Guandique, Loche, Mufty, and Prasad.

Late: Commissioners Espinosa and Salpekar.

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

Absent: Mike Maine, HARD

City Council Liaison: Present: Council member Francisco Zermeño.

4. Approval of Old Minutes: Commissioner Kaur apologized beforehand for the omitted information in item 12, Cookie Detail. Andrew Aguilar moved the approval of the April 21<sup>st</sup> minutes with the correction of item 10d of Commissioner Aguilar not being present during that meeting and the omission in item 12 for the Cookie Detail. Commissioner Domingo seconded the motion and it was passed with a mayoral vote, with the exception of one abstain from Commissioner Bautista.

5. Public Comments: None.

6. World Book Night Recap: On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Commissioners Castro, Andrew Romero, Espinosa, and Alternative Lopez met at Southland Mall for the distribution of books for World Book Night. Within one hour from their entrance at 5:30pm they had already distributed all their supplies, with the addition of emphasizing about donations for Friends of the Library. A total of 150 books were handed out, with "When I Was Puerto Rican" as the most popular. The Commissioners did took time to share some feedback points back to Adviser Hathaway, such as: having a larger variety and quantity of Spanish books and books for kids, and create a larger promotion campaign at the mall for this event.

7. Task Force Updates:

a. Keep Hayward Clean & Green-Gerardo Barcenas: Commissioner Barcenas thanked and congratulated the commissioners who were present on the past cleanup event held at the Jackson Triangle community. Commissioner Bautista took advantage to apologize for not being able to attend how she agreed to due to personal health concerns. As well, some ideas were shared for this area. Adviser Zermeño suggested to recommend HUSD to make all schools participate on a cleanup event for Cesar Chavez Service Day. Commissioner Castro suggested to have a KHCG Club at each school to thus then facilitate the process for each school to Adopt a Block and/or participate at cleanup events. The next cleanup event

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will be city-wide on May 17, kicking off at Weeke's library at 8:00am and ending at 12:00pm with a free barbeque for all the participants.

- b. Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth-Daniel Aguilar: Since Commissioner Aguilar wasn't present, Adviser Pena gave the update. Their upcoming gathering will be on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00pm till 6:00pm at 22646 2<sup>nd</sup> St. in Hayward. Adviser Pena asked for an additional commissioner to attend these meetings. Commissioner Espinosa stated she might be able to attend at the upcoming one, yet will confirm in the following days.
8. Education Summit May 17, 2014: Adviser Pena confirmed that 9 commissioners agreed to attend and volunteer from 9:00am until 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided for them. She will send them an additional reminder days before the event and verify regarding the event's attire.
9. Research Updates: Commissioners took this time to separate and share ideas according to their choice of interest on these topics.
  - a. Human Trafficking: Commissioner Smith shared some statistics he found on the Chabot Spectator, such as it is estimated that there are about 500 sex-slaves in Hayward. Commissioner Bautista shared some projects ideas that were projected to her by Vanessa Scott, founder of the organization Love Never Fails. Apart from creating activities for teens with the purpose to steer them away from becoming victims of this industry, Ms. Scott emphasized in educating the community. Such ways this can be achieved would be by making a recommendation to HUSD, councilmembers, and the Mayor to add Human Trafficking Prevention in the curriculum of the health classes. This type of education would be highly recommended for middle and high schoolers. Commissioner Espinosa stated that, just like Red Ribbon Week or Bullying Awareness Month, each school should host a week or a month for Human Trafficking awareness where assemblies and rallies could be hosted. Another key point would be adopting a local hotel. The commission would be in charge of collecting goods, such as clothing and groceries, for the victims that live and/or pass through there. According to Ms. Scott, this is a friendlier and much more effective support for the victims than simply calling law enforcement since after intervention the activities can rise and/or spread more around the community. Last but not least, another form of creating awareness would be through posters, which would be given by the organization, for the commissioners to post in local businesses.
  - b. Suicide Prevention: Commissioner Gil shared some statistics to the commissioner regarding this topic, such as suicide is the third leading cause of death in teens. Supported by this fact, Commissioner Gil emphasized in having a suicide prevention facility in Hayward. After doing a deep research, Commissioner Gil found out that there weren't any local facilities and the majority of them were located in neighboring cities, yet a local one would be much more helpful and supportive. She also communicated with a representative from the Union City Prevention Center and plan to have a phone-meeting to find out what strategies they take

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regarding the topic or how they can assist. Commissioner Gil also emphasized in hosting assemblies and other activities at schools to expand education and awareness.

- c. **Community Service Requirement:** Commissioner Espinosa shared the idea of suggesting HUSD to apply a requisite for all high school seniors to complete a minimum of 20 hours of community service. The Commission would then record volunteer opportunities and advertise them at their schools, such as during the school morning announcements. Commissioner Castro also mentioned to work in cooperation with the Made In Hayward campaign to promote a higher standard of community service involvement along with the academic achievements of our local students.

10. **Announcements:**

- a. Commissioner Gil reminded that Hayward High's Puente Program is hosting their annual Baile Noche Tropical. This will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00pm until 11:00pm. Tickets are on sale for \$15, \$20 at the door. Participants must be no more than 20 years old.
- b. Commissioner Bautista shared that the Hayward Police Department is hosting their Community Youth Academy. Applications are due on June 16 and more information can be obtained at the following phone number: CSO Alicia Romero at 510-293-7179.
- c. Adviser Zermeño announced and congratulated fellow Commissioner Laura Romero for being accepted to the prestigious university Georgetown as well Commissioner Kaur for being accepted by the University of Berkeley. He also mentioned he would like to invite several commissioners to join him at the Rotary Club's luncheons on Mondays. Commissioners will be selected according to availability.
- d. Adviser Pena invited the commissioners to attend at the Made in Hayward Step-Off on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Tennyson High's Cafeteria, starting at 5:30pm. Entrance is free.

11. **Cookie Detail:** Commissioner Barcenas volunteered to bring cookies to the next meeting.

12. **Next Meeting-** May 19, 2014 in Room 2A.

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