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# Hayward Youth Commission

Monday, February 2, 2015

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hayward City Hall, Room 2A

777 B Street Hayward, CA 94541

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## Hayward Youth Commissioners

**Gerardo Barcenas**  
Leadership Public High School

**Sarahi Bautista**  
Chabot College

**Lilybeth Domingo**  
Tennyson High School

**Sophia Espinosa**  
Moreau Catholic High School

**Joanna Gil**  
Hayward High School

**Isyanelly Gonzalez**  
Tennyson High School

**Leslee Gonzalez**  
Tennyson High School

**Jose Lara Cruz**  
Mt. Eden High School

**Jahlan Loché**  
Leadership Public High School

**Diego Lopez**  
Leadership Public High School

**Luis Loza**  
Tennyson High School

**Andrea Martinez**  
Mt. Eden High School

**Bobbie Reyes-Kaguay**  
Hayward High School

**Andrew Herrera**  
Leadership Public High School

**Omkar Salpekar**  
Moreau Catholic High School

**Muzamil Samimi**  
Mt. Eden High School

**Marcus Smith**  
CSU, East Bay

**Joshua Tran**  
Leadership Public High School

**Danielle West**  
Bishop O'Dowd High School

**Krystina Williamson**  
Leadership Public High School

**Alternates:**  
**Odalis De Lao Cortez**  
Impact Academy

**Elexis Mendoza**  
Mt. Eden High School

**Vicky Tran**  
Leadership Public High School

**Carina Villagomez**  
CSU, East Bay

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| 1. Call to Order   | 6:30 p.m. |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance  | 6:32 p.m. |
| 3. Roll Call   | 6:35 p.m. |
| 4. Approval of Minutes from<br>December 1, 2014<br>December 15, 2014<br>January 5, 2015      | 6:40 p.m. |
| 5. Public Comments   | 6:45 p.m. |
| 6. Guest Speaker<br>-Sally Thomas, Hayward Public Library                                    | 6:50 p.m. |
| 7. Task Force Updates<br>Keep Hayward Clean and Green<br>Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth | 7:00 p.m. |
| 8. Hayward City Council Report   | 7:05 p.m. |
| 9. Planning<br>a. Project Breakout Groups  | 7:10 p.m. |
| 10. Announcements  | 7:45 p.m. |
| 11. Cookie Detail  |           |
| 12. Next Meeting, February 2, 2015   |           |
| 13. Adjournment  | 8:00 p.m. |
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1. Call to Order at 6:33PM by Chair Loche.
2. Pledge of allegiance by Commissioner Bautista.
3. Roll call led by Commissioner Gil.

Present:

Commissioners: Barcenas, Bautista, Domingo, Espinosa (Late), Gil, Isyanelly Gonzalez, Leslee Gonzalez, Lara Cruz, Loche, Lopez, Loza, Martinez, Reyes-Kaguay, Herrera, Salpekar, Samimi, Tran, Williamson

Alternates: Mendoza, Tran

Advisors: Yelitza Pena, HUSD; Zach Ebadi, HARD; Clio Hathaway, COH; Council member Francisco Zermeño

Absent:

Commissioners: Smith, West

Alternates: Cortez, Villagomez

4. Approval of Old Minutes: Commissioner Gil moved the approval of the November 17<sup>th</sup> minutes with the correction that the pledge from the previous meeting was done by Commissioner Lara Cruz and not Commissioner Gil, as was noted on Section 2, as pointed out by Commissioner Gil herself. Commissioner Barcenas seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous vote.
5. Public Comments: There were no public comments at this meeting.
6. Task Force Updates:
  - a. Commissioner Barcenas mentioned the next Keep Hayward Clean and Green event on January 24 at Ledig Court near North Tennyson Avenue. All the commissioners were encouraged to come to this cleanup. The cleanup after the next one will be in February (the date is not decided yet) at Longwood Elementary. Advisor Pena promised to send an e-mail about the January 24 cleanup to all the commissioners.
  - b. Commissioner Espinosa briefed us about the Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth Meeting last Thursday, in which Traci finalized the yearly projects for 2015. Commissioner Espinosa also noted the presence of the same police officer who presented about human trafficking to last year's HYC. The topic of her presentation this time focused on alcohol, drugs, and the decoy program, which are the central themes of HCHY's project going forward.
7. Hayward City Council Report: Council member Zermeño said the City Council was impressed by the speeches given at the last council meeting by Commissioners Loche, Salpekar, Lara Cruz, and Lopez. They have expressed interest in purchasing the "I love Hayward" T-shirts. He also mentioned some of the holiday events at City Hall, including a Christmas Tree and Ice Skating. He was looking forward to a meeting about alcohol regulation with the rest of the council where they would be looking into bad bars and happy hour, as well as discussing possible plans for the parking structure near Mervin's.

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8. Planning:

a. Project Breakout Groups: Commissioners took this time to work with their respective groups on the projects for this year. Commissioner Williamson said the survey group worked with Advisor Hathaway on the online survey, and discussed ways of spreading the survey to more people. Advisor Hathaway promised to complete the online survey by the next meeting so it could go live soon after. Possible printing options were also discussed with Advisor Hathaway, who would look for affordable deals. Each commissioner will receive a stack of printouts and distribute them to teachers and counselors at their respective schools as soon as the shipment of surveys is in. It was also decided that the commissioners would take the time to hand-count the surveys themselves. Commissioner Lopez explained that the t-shirt group would like to sell 200 shirts in order to raise enough money to award 3 scholarships, 1 to a student from each HUSD high school worth \$200. If each commissioner would sell about 8 shirts, this goal could be arrived at. This group also came up with the following questions: 1. How will a college education help you give back to Hayward? 2. What does a college education mean to you? They are not yet sure when the application will be released, but the next goal is to make fliers with the HYC and 3 parent organization logos on it. The shirts will be sold to schools and teachers and shipment is going to be there by the next meeting. Commissioner Bautista spoke for her suicide prevention group, and she talked about a meeting that will be held at Chabot where deadlines for the project will be discussed. She expressed interest in contacting leadership groups in Hayward to work with, and that a PowerPoint presentation would be made to show the City Council their ideas about the project. She is considering soliciting the schools for help with the supplies needed for the project to go through. The projects will not be carried out directly by HYC, but a blueprint will be created for them, and each high school can adapt per their needs. Some ideas include appreciation drives, decorations, yellow ribbons, yellow clothes, and other things each individual school comes up with. Councilman Zermeno mentioned that he would like to bring a Daily Review reporter to publicize our projects and that it would be wise to have a project leader for each group. The Community Service group is making its survey on Survey Monkey and will present the results after 1 month. Their presentation will include topics such as What is community service? Does it have to be school-affiliated? What are the benefits? More ideas include helping students learn about more opportunities and creating projects together. The Youth Resource Book would help achieve these goals as well. The current idea is to have 15 hours/year as the requirement, but further details (what to do about transfer students) will be worked on throughout the process.

9. Announcements:

a. Commissioner Williamson mentioned that it is Commissioner Joshua Tran's birthday so the entire commission sang to him, wishing him a happy birthday.

b. Commissioner Gil talked about the upcoming Posada at Hayward High School on December 5 from 6PM-9PM. Tickets will be \$8 at the door, and it is open to the community. Lots of food, entertainment, and raffle will be there.

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c. Advisor Hathaway mentioned by I Love Hayward greeting cards. Discussion about this idea will be held off until next meeting.

d. Advisor Ebadi mentioned his Connecting Kids to Coverage project and need for volunteers there. An e-mail was sent out shortly before the meeting.

e. Councilman Zermeno invited the commissioners to join him at Off the Grid at 5:30 before the next meeting. He will be paying for the soda.

f. Commissioner Bautista mentioned that this would be her last month in the commission as she will be taking a final class at Chabot College before graduating. The commission thanked Commissioner Bautista for her years of hard work in HYC and wished her luck going forward. She moved to have voting for the Vice Chairperson position pushed to next meeting. Commissioner Domingo seconded the motion. All commissioners voted for the motion save one abstain.

10. Cookie Detail: Christmas Party will be held next meeting!

11. Adjournment: Meeting was called to adjourn at 7:53PM by Chair Loche. Next Meeting will be on Monday, December 15, 2014, starting promptly at 6:30PM in Room 2A.

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1. Call to Order at 6:42PM by Chair Loche.
2. Pledge of allegiance by Commissioner Lopez.
3. Roll call led by Commissioner Isyanelly Gonzalez.

Commissioners: Present: Commissioners Barcenas, Bautista, Domingo, Espinosa, Gil, Isyanelly Gonzalez, Leslee Gonzalez, Lara Cruz, Loche, Lopez, Loza, Martinez, Reyes-Kaguay, Herrera, Samimi, Smith, Tran, and Williamson.

Alternatives: Present: Mendoza and Vicky Tran.

Alternatives: Absent: De Lao Cortez and Villagomez.

Advisors: Present: Yelitza Pena, HUSD; Zach Ebadi, HARD.

Absent: Clio Hathaway, COH.

City Council Liaison: Council member Francisco Zermeño.

4. Approval of Old Minutes: Commissioner Lara Cruz moved the approval of the December 1<sup>st</sup> minutes. Commissioner Herrera seconded the motion and it passed with unanimous approval.
5. Public Comments: None.
6. Vice Chair Elections: The commission held elections to select a new Vice Chair since Commissioner Bautista, which hosted such position, will be resigning to pursue her higher educational goals. Commissioner Herrera moved the motion to host the elections and Commissioner Lara Cruz seconded the motion with the commission's unanimous favor. All commissioners were given the same opportunity to run for vice chair. With the results of the first round of votes it was revealed that there was a tie between Commissioner Lara Cruz and Lopez and after a short roundtable discussion it was moved by Commissioner Isyanelly Gonzalez the motion to have two (2) vice chairs. Commissioner Domingo seconded it and it passed with unanimous favor.
7. Task Force Updates:
  - A. Keep Hayward Clean and Green: Commissioner Barcenas announced that the task force will host a meeting next Thursday, December 18, at city hall starting at 7PM. As well, he reminded the commissioners about their compromise on participating on the cleanup event on January 24, 2015 at Leidig Ct., adjacent to the upper tracks with Tennyson Rd., starting at 8:30am until midday.
  - B. Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth: Commissioner Espinosa announced that the coalition will host a meeting this upcoming Thursday. Additional information will be sent through email.
8. Hayward Council Report: Adviser Council member Francisco Zermeño thanked the commissioners for their compromise in participating in a cleanup event for the KHCG Task Force. As well, he mentioned that tomorrow, December 16, will be the last 2014 city council meeting.

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In addition, he expressed his sadness and condolences for the death of former council member Doris Rodriguez.

9. Additional Items for Purchase: Such items were not recalled by the corresponding committee and thus the discussion was moved for the next meeting.
10. Planning:  
Project Breakout Groups: Commissioners took this time to gather up in their assigned committees to continue on the planning of their prospected projects. After such, they gathered up in a round-table discussion to share ideas and updates. The committee in charge of the creation of the commission's t-shirts and scholarship program, due to adviser's absence, will present the new commission's t-shirts on the following meeting. The committee in charge of the youth survey asked to have the survey dates extended until February. Commissioner Lara Cruz motioned the petition and Commissioner Williamson seconded it. This was passed with unanimous favor. The committee in charge the suicide awareness campaign informed that there has been a change of plans in their project. Instead of aiming to create and lead a monthly project of awareness, they will aim to present a resolution to the school board and city council with the goal of having it passed along with the support of community leaders, teachers, and students. Last but not least, the committee in charge of the organization of community service shared that they obtained approval for their survey and will start to open it to the public soon.

After such item discussion, the commissioner's took time to have a small gift exchange celebration and enjoy some refreshments.

11. Announcements:
  - A. Council member Francisco Zermeño wished all the commissioners a merry Christmas and a happy new year.
  - B. Commissioner Reyes-Kaguay announced that Hayward High will be selling Hayward Gold Cards for \$20, which are customer loyalty cards that promote coupons and discounts to local businesses. Proceeds will benefit the school.
  - C. Commissioner Barcenas wanted to remind commissioners that on the upcoming January 2015 meeting he will be celebrating his birthday.
  - D. Commissioner Espinosa announced that on January 24<sup>th</sup> Moreau Catholic High School will be hosting a Crab Feed fundraiser for \$50.
  - E. Adviser Pena announced that a new commissioner will be chosen by the next and first meeting of 2015 in response to Commissioner Bautista's resignation.
12. Cookie Detail: Commissioner Gonzalez volunteered to bring cookies to the next meeting.
13. Adjournment: Meeting was called to adjourn at 8:00PM by Chair Loche. Next meeting will be on Monday, January 5th, 2015 starting promptly at 6:30PM in room 2A. Happy new year to all!

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- 1) Call to Order at 6:30 PM by Chair Loche
- 2) Pledge of allegiance led by Commissioner Lara Cruz
- 3) Roll call led by Commissioner Gil

**Present:**

Commissioners: Barcenas, Domingo, Espinosa, Gil, Leslee Gonzalez, Lara Cruz, Loche, Lopez, Loza, Samimi, Tran, West, Williamson

Alternates: Mendoza, Tran

Advisors: Yelitza Pena HUSD; Zach Ebadi, HARD;

Late: Commissioners: Reyes-Kaguay, Smith

**Absent:**

Commissioners: Bautista, Isyanelly Gonzalez, Martinez, Herrera, Salpekar

Alternates: Cortez, Villagomez

Advisors: Clio Hathaway, COH; Council Member Francisco Zermeño

- 4) Approval of old minutes: No minutes were turned in for the previous meeting. Chair Loche said she would contact Commissioner Bautista to see if she had taken notes and written the minutes for the previous meeting. Commissioner Lara Cruz volunteered to submit the minutes for this meeting.
- 5) Public Comments: There were no public comments at this meeting.
- 6) Guest Speaker: Sally Thomas, Hayward Public Library. Ms. Thomas was here to present and propose a collaboration for with the Commission. Her presentation ideas for showings of the film "Alive Inside" as well as the Book-to-Action Microphilia. Ms.Thomas passed out fliers and gave a brief summary of the film. It focused on the music and memory benefits for elderly patients with dementia and Alzheimer's. Throughout the presentation Ms.Thomas asked for ideas to be able to present this film They included film screening in multiple schools, as well as a showing at City Hall. Her main purpose was to bring awareness to the benefits of music to dementia and Alzheimer patients. She also asked for assistance in fundraising or donating old iPods to help the patients in need. Ms.Thomas stated that helping at one of the events could lead to volunteer/community service hours. Miss Thomas was accompanied by community member Sheryl. She spoke about her advocacy to help dementia patients. She initially got the idea from a similar community event at Redwood City. A sign in sheet was passed around to get contact information from interested Commissioners. Advisor Pena advised towards creating a

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subcommittee if enough Commissioners were interested. Mrs. Thomas then asked for assistance in acquiring a musical such as the Mt. Eden Choir. To end the presentation, members of the Alzheimer Association Services of East Bay added information. They talked about the powerful experiences of witnessing the effects of music on dementia and Alzheimer patients. They stated that High School students can volunteer weekdays until 4:00 PM and offered a website to look for more information.

7) Task Force Updates

a. Commissioner Barcenas reminded the Commission of the scheduled clean up on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Ledwig Court near North Tennyson. All commissioners were encouraged to participate. He also stated that in the last two months littering has dropped by 17%.

b. Commissioner Espinosa briefed the commission about the Hayward Coalition for Healthy Youth Meeting. In the meeting, strategies were discussed to reduce teen drinking. She stated that Traci is planning a project to lower teen drinking. Commissioner Espinosa will provide future updates.

8) Hayward City Council Report: Due to Council Member Francisco Zermeño's absence there was no report.

9) Additional items for Purchase: Due to the absence of Advisor Clio, this item was tabled until her return.

10) Project Break Out Groups:

a. Project Breakout Groups: Commissioners broke out into their respective groups and discussed their projects for the year. The Suicide prevention group stated that they are in the process of creating a petition that will be spread out through the high schools in order to pass a policy. The petition will ask for signatures as well as have a description and the goal of the group. An advertisement to the meeting when the presentation will be held will be distributed to those who sign the petition. A Tennyson High School Representative was needed to be able to acquire signatures for the petition. The group's goal is to get at least 100 signatures. The survey group reminded delegates/representatives of each school to collect paper surveys at South Community center. Advisors Pena and Ibadi will be making the copies. The t-shirt group provided envelopes to begin presale of t-shirts. Receipt books and t-shirts will arrive by Friday and can be picked up. Once the t-shirts and receipt books are acquired money can be collected for the shirts which will cost \$10. The goal is for each commissioner to sell at least 10 for a minimum of 3 scholarships. The community service group is finishing the planned presentation. It will be presented at the next meeting for feedback. They asked for assistance from school representatives to distribute their survey. Commissioner Lara volunteered to help at Mt. Eden and there goal is to make a 15 hour yearly requirement in order to graduate.

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11) Announcements:

- a. Advisor Pena told the group that the deadline for spring concurrent enrollment is January 14. Tennyson High school will offer digital media, Mt.Eden will offer sign language, and Hayward High will offer Intro to Business.
- b. Advisor Ibadi talked about an event occurring at Chabot College on Martin Luther King's Birthday. Dr.Carson, an author of MLK'S biography will be a keynote speaker. Mt.Eden's band and Choir will also be performing as well as "Step-Up" groups. The event will be from 4-6. Advisor Ibadi asked for volunteers to be ushers during the presentation and to collect donations after the presentation.
- c. It was acknowledged that it was Commissioner Barcenas's birthday, so the entire commission sang to him, wishing him a happy birthday.
- d. Alternate Tran stated that LPS's Prom Committee has a fundraiser at [www.gofundme.com/ifmauk](http://www.gofundme.com/ifmauk) to have their prom on a yacht.
- e. Commissioner Reyes-Kaguay reminded the commission that the Hayward gold card, which provided multiple benefits in multiple stores in Hayward, is now available for purchase. The gained funds will be support Hayward High School.
- f. Alternate Mendoza invited commissioner to attend her birthday party.

12.Cookie Detail: Commissioner Barcenas stated that he would provide next meeting's snacks.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was called to adjourn at 8:01 PM by Chair Loche. The next meeting will take place February 2, 2015 at 6:30pm.