

APPROVED by: Youth Commission on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**MINUTES**  
**Alhambra Youth Commission**  
**April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The Alhambra Youth Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via teleconference and video conference.

Commission Members Present: Andrade, B. Gonzalez, V. Gonzalez, Munson, J. Quach, N. Quach, Romano, Webster

Commission Members Absent: Cooper, Gutierrez, Luc, and Manuel

Also, present: Kyle Kim - Guest, Vincent Hon - Recreation Supervisor, Michael Macias – Director of Parks & Recreation

**IV. Nominations and Election of President and Vice President of the Youth Commission**

Recreation Supervisor Hon discusses the nomination and election process for the President and Vice President of the Youth Commission. Mr. Hon begins to take nominations from the Commissioners present. Commissioner Nicolas Quach is elected President of the Youth Commission. Commissioners begin the nominations for Vice President of the Youth Commission. Commissioner Munson is elected Vice President of the Youth Commission.

**V. Discussion Regarding the Purpose of the Youth Commission – To Provide Educational and Service Experience for the Youth of the City by Actively Involving them in The Functions of The City Government and Solving the Community Oriented Problems of their Peers and Attendance**

Recreation Supervisor Hon discusses the role of the Youth Commission and their presence in the City. Mr. Hon states during the monthly meeting, commissioners are encouraged to brainstorm ideas and bring up topics to be prioritized. Mr. Hon discusses the importance of discussing the Youth Commissions short term goals; hence the need to focus on prioritized topics such as upcoming events. Mr. Hon states that these Youth Commission meetings are now mandatory and failure to attend 3 meetings can result in the commissioner being elected out of the group.

**VI. Discussion Regarding Arbor Day Activity, Ceremony and Tree Planting**

There are no oral communications at this time. Supervisor Hon begins to go over the Arbor Day event specifics. The event will be held Thursday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 2:30 pm. The ceremony will be approximately 15 minutes long. At the event, the youth Commission president; Commissioner N. Quach, will be speaking. Youth Commissioner N. Quach will prepare a 1–2-minute speech regarding Arbor Day and the meaning for being there. Commissioners possibly able to attend the event are J. Quach, Gonzalez, Andrade, Webster, Munson, Romano, N. Quach. Mr. Hon will reach out to the Commissioners not in attendance. The planting of the trees will take place a week prior on Wednesday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm in Almanor Park.

The Commissioners able to attend this are Commissioners J. Quach, N. Quach, Munson, Romano, and Webster. Supervisor Hon and the attending Youth Commissioners will meet at the recreation office located at Almanor Park. Mr. Hon begins to summarize the plans for the event with the Youth Commissioners.

## **VII. Discussion Regarding Opportunities for Youth Involvement During Covid-19**

Supervisor Hon states the City is operating with the Covid regulations set by the Governor. Mr. Hon begins to list the events and opportunities that will be held and available this upcoming year. The first event will be May 31 – Memorial Day. Mr. Hon will be recording a video to present for Memorial Day consisting of interviews with local veterans and asks for some of the Youth Commission to volunteer to be a part of the video. The Commissioners interested in taking part of the project are; Commissioners Webster, Munson, J. Quach, B. Gonzalez, and V. Gonzalez. The next event will be the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation held at Alhambra Park on. The next event(s) will be movies and concert in the park, the concerts will be every Friday starting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Movies in the park will begin Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> and run every Saturday in July from 7:00pm-8:30pm. The next event will be the 4<sup>th</sup> of July which will include of a 15–20-minute firework show starting at 9:00pm. The next event will be Veterans Day in November and lastly the Holiday Home Decorating contest in December. Mr. Hon states that the following year, if health regulations permit it, we will be back to the normal event setups. Director Macias states that the City Council has approved a Rose Parade Float event. This will take place in December and will present a great opportunity for Youth Commissioners to participate and help in the decorating in a float which will take part in the Rose Parade. Commissioner N. Quach interjects with comments about reaching out to more youth to participate in the events aside from those in the Youth Commission. Mr. Hon states that many of these events are open to accepting volunteers and will discuss youth involvement projects further with Youth Commissioner President N. Quach.

## **VIII. Discussion Regarding a Youth Summit**

Recreation Supervisor Vincent Hon begins the discussion by stating the need to begin brainstorming ideas to hopefully hold a Youth Summit at the end of the year. Youth Commission President N. Quach present the idea of having a youth outreach project to better understand the youth of Alhambra. Mr. Hon suggests a questionnaire to be distributed to the commissioner's high schools. Youth Commissioner Vice President Munson suggest a type of in person panel to better reach out to the youth and get them involved. Mr. Hon suggest a panel for a Q&A. Mr. Hon suggest doing a Youth Commissioner of the Year Award to be presented at the Youth Summit held at the end of this year. Commissioner Munson and N. Quach suggest a more open-ended award in its stead, such as Youth of the year or Activist of the Year. Director Macias adds that if the Youth Commission follows through with the more open-ended award, then the Youth Commission itself should be more involved with building up the criteria for this award. Commissioner Romano suggest promoting the youth summit and the youth award to the various schools in Alhambra as well as on various social media platforms. Commissioner Webster adds that during the youth summit there be a time slot to better promote the youth commission by highlighting the events and programs they take part in. Commissioner Webster asks what ages the youth summit will be open to as well as the age requirement to apply to take part in the youth commission.

Recreation Supervisor Hon adds that there is a possibility for the group to grow and lead to more youth summits taking part in the year. Commissioner Munson adds the possibility doing a college preparedness seminar to discuss with students the importance of applying for scholarships and financial aid to alleviate some financial stress they may have about applying. He also notes needing a segment to discuss possible career paths with the youth as they reach the end of their time in school. Commissioner Munson also adds wanting to include the LGBTQ+ youth in our community with the youth commission.

**IX. Oral Communications**

There are no oral communications at this time.

**X. Commission Orals**

Commissioner B. Gonzales adds wanting to have local organizations participate by having them speak at the youth summit and provide sign up forms to get the youth involved in them. Commissioner B. Gonzales also adds the topic of creating an official Youth Commission Instagram as a means of promoting their events, what they do, and how to join. Commissioner J. Quach adds wanting to have a guest speaker attend a youth summit to speak about their field of expertise. Mr. Hon agrees with the idea of bringing on guest speakers and college prep speakers to review with students the college application process as well as explain the various financial aid and scholarship options there are.

**XI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM