

APPROVED by: Youth Commission on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Minutes**  
**Alhambra Youth Commission**  
**June 8th, 2021**

The Alhambra Youth Commission was called to order at 6:00 pm on June 8th, 2021 via teleconference and video conference.

Commission Members Present: Andrade, Cooper, B. Gonzalez, Gutierrez, Hernandez, J. Quach, N. Quach, Webster

Commission Members Absent: V. Gonzalez, Luc, Manuel, Munson, Romano

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

**IV. Recapping Arbor Day**

Recreation Supervisor Hon begins by having the commissioners that attended the Arbor Day event to reflect on what they experienced. Youth Commission President Nicolas Quach (N. Quach) would like to see more Youth Commission involvement in City Events. Commissioner Webster recalls her experience and complements the event's decorations, its history, and its influence on making the City more environmentally aware. Commissioner Andrade states how these events are beneficial for the Youth Commission as it allows them to meet City Officials and allows their voice to become more prominent. Commissioner Jason Quach (J. Quach) congratulates those who partook in the event and spoke.

**V. Discussion Regarding Upcoming Special Events and Youth Commission Involvement**

Recreation Supervisor Hon begins the discussion by letting the commissioners know that with the upcoming events and henceforth, there will be more opportunities for the Youth Commission to be more involved and assist in the events. Mr. Hon begins to go over the aspects of the upcoming 4th of July event and notes how it will be different this year in accordance with the current covid-19 public safety and health guidelines. Mr. Hon continues to go over what this year's 4th of July will consist of and what they can look forward to, as well as beginning to discuss the role the Youth Commission will play for the event. Director Michael Macias adds a proposal to have the youth Commission set up and operate their own booth at the event. Mr. Hon adds to this proposal and suggests it be used by the Youth Commission to interact with the public and be used to showcase what they can also do to be more involved with intercity affairs. Mr. Hon then proceeds to highlight some of the key times for the 4th of July event; 5:00 pm being the time the gates will open for the public to enter, the firework show beginning at 9:00pm and lasting approximately 20 minutes, and finishing breakdown close to 10:30 pm. The time the

Youth Commissioners are expected to arrive is between 4:00 pm-4:30 pm. The youth commission will be expected to set up their booth and be responsible for it, the City event staff will provide the equipment needed. Youth Commission President N. Quach suggested having the youth commission booth act as a way to introduce more people, in particular the youth of Alhambra to what it is the commission does and how they may benefit from participating in it as well, and spreading more general awareness of the program. Commissioner Webster adds that with the booth, the youth commission can use this opportunity to spread more awareness for the youth summit as well as survey the youth in attendance to better understand what are some of the topics that interests them.

Mr. Hon then goes on to discuss the Summer Concerts and Movie Nights that will take place at the bandshell in Alhambra Park on Fridays and Saturdays in July. Commissioner Webster asks if the Youth Commission booth also holds different activities to have more of an interaction with the youth at the various events the group attends. Any snacks or prizes that are handed out will need to be pre-packaged to be in accordance with the health department guidelines. The youth commission are not expected to attend each and every of these events as the youth in attendance may not be consistent, they are encouraged to agree on a day or few days in which they want to attend and be present at the event.

#### **VI. Discussion Regarding Youth Summit and AD Hoc Committee**

Recreation Supervisor Hon begins this discussion by notifying Youth Commission President Nicolas Quach of the responsibility and actions that will be expected of the AD HOC committee. These members will need to be consistent in their meetings and discussions. N Quach adds a note of having a scholarship to go along with the Youth of the year award that can range in monetary value, which can be decided at a later time. He also adds a stipulation that no youth commission member be able to nominate themselves for the award and subsequent prize as it would conflict with the integrity of a fair contest.

#### **VII. Discussion Regarding Youth Commission Usage of Social Media Platforms**

Supervisor Hon begins this discussion by asking the Youth Commission what it is they are expecting to use a social media account for and on how it will benefit their group in the long run. Commissioner Webster answers that she hopes this social media account, in the form of an instagram, will allow the group to better interact with and promote their events to the youth of the city as there is a large percentage that uses this social media for their own private use already. With social media, the youth commission would be able to interact with their peers through the app and answer some common or specific questions about what it is they do and how they too can get involved. Commissioner J. Quach added that the social media would be able to be used to promote recruitment as well as be an advertisement for their upcoming events. Supervisor Hon continues to add that while the content for the account will come from the efforts of the Youth Commission, it will be managed/monitored by City Staff. Some social media platforms mentioned to be considered for official usage are instagram, facebook, tiktok.

### **VIII. Discussion Regarding Adding a Resource Section for the Youth Commission on The City's Website**

Supervisor Hon begins with asking the commissioners what they believe are some of the key points of information that should be added to their section in the City's website. Commissioner B. Gonzalez suggests there be a hotline extension for teens to call as well as a bio of the current members to show that there are real teens behind this program. Commissioner Andrade would like to include a summary of what the Youth Commission does and their mission statement as a way to clear any initial misunderstandings of what their goals are and how they go about reaching them. Commissioner Webster would like to include a type of agenda/planner that shows off what the Youth Commissioner is currently doing as well as what they are planning to participate in as well. Commissioner J. Quach also adds a page regarding youth issues to be placed under the youth Commission section as it may be relative to the youth who are looking up information about the group. Commissioner Andrade suggests including a FAQ section as well as an interactive calendar that shows when the Youth Commission will be active in a more detailed manner. Commissioner Webster goes on to suggest there be at least two "social media managers" whose role it would be to check the pages often as well as be a secure way of ensuring there is someone who would be able to respond or take action.

### **IX. Discussion Regarding the City's Lack of Youth Employment Opportunities**

Supervisor Hon begins this topic by asking for some clarification for what is being defined as lack of youth employment in the city. Youth Commission President N. Quach responds by suggesting a position that is exclusive to high school students as a way to introduce them to the workforce. Supervisor Hon highlights the state employment policy that the City adheres to, which states that they can only hire individuals as young as 15½-16 who have acquired the proper work permit. Commissioner B. Gonzalez adds a point on helping teens with resume building and general job searches.

### **X. Oral Communications**

There are no Oral Communications at this time.

### **XI. Commission Orals**

Youth Commission President N. Quach suggests adopting a current program used in Temple City which revolves around showcasing the youths' talents and skills. He also suggests an update to the youth commission application form in order to attract applicants who align well with what the youth commission is trying to accomplish. Youth omission President N. Quach also wants to include more district work for the city that may or not be associated with the youth commission but more of an opportunity for the members to get more involved in other ways. He also suggests having members of the Youth Commission be involved in handing out commendations to other members or youth groups that have been recognized by the city for their efforts, as well a type of

pin that is given out to the Youth Commission so they can be recognized and represent their role in the Youth Commission.

## **XII. Adjournment**

The meeting has been adjourned at 7:30 pm.