



2021 Mayor's Youth Commission Minutes

Meetings

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MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
Virtually via WebEx
Meeting Number (Access Code): 145 042 8086
Phone: +1-415-655-0001
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Nikita Bharati called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Layth Abdelkarim, Jayashree Adivarahan, Vinayak Athavale, Amitesh Bharati, Nikita Bharati, Dhanya Charan, Joshua Evans, Layla Kader, Shankar Kailas, Zocelyne Kow, Hiyun Lee, Agustya Matheth, Jack Mao, Jacob Marson, Kristin Myer, Jahnvi Nair, Srehya Nandakumar, Arman Patra

Members absent: Alexis Myer

Others present: None

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of December 8, 2020. Approved at 6:05 p.m. Jack Mao moved to approve the December 8, 2020 minutes, motion seconded by Layth Abdelkarim.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances

- a) None

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on Daddy Daughter Dance
 - i) Nikita Bharati communicated that this event will be on February 13th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 pm. The volunteer will be involved in helping make crafts during the event, and as a whole seven to ten volunteers are needed.
 - ii) The Mayor's Youth Commission voted and elected not to participate in the Daddy Daughter Dance.

- b) Discussion and Action on Teen Town Hall event

- i) Chair Nikita Bharati voiced that the Commission should decide how to proceed with Teen Town Hall given the current state of the pandemic. The event, if held in-person, will have a maximum of 50 people and will follow proper social distancing guidelines. For a virtual format, Staff Liaison Trevor Groth stated that it would be difficult to carry out such an event after speaking with the Superintendent of Chandler Schools. He stated that such an event may be a possibility, but there is no guarantee. Chair Nikita Bharati stated that one possibility would be discussing teachers from Social Studies Departments from each school to integrate the Teen Town Hall in each class.
- ii) Jack Mao stated the idea that the Commission could have the Teen Town Hall on a weekend. He also mentioned that the Commission could split the event between an in-person and virtual format. Trevor Groth stated that for the Teen Town Hall, it is important that the Commission either does either a virtual or in-person format as it would be difficult to do an event that integrated both formats. Jack Mao introduced the idea that the Commission could host the event at the Performing Arts Center. He stated that this center contains ethernet cables and also could potentially expand the possible audience capacity. Agustya Matheth stated that in regards to the attendance issue with a virtual format, the Commission could take attendance at the event to ensure that students are at the event.
- iii) Chair Nikita Bharati communicated that if the Mayor's Youth Commission decides not to go forward with the Teen Town Hall, the next year's Mayor's Youth Commission will take the existing ideas present for this year's Teen Town Hall. This would enable the members to start earlier in preparing for the Teen Town Hall and go more in depth for each topic. In addition, for the meetings after the Teen Town Hall, The Commission would start to brainstorm ideas for the following year's Teen Town Hall. For this year, the Teen Town Hall could potentially be replaced by a Leadership Workshop for the Mayor's Youth Commission members. Trevor Groth also emphasized that this would give next year's group of members more time for other outreach events. The Mayor's Youth Commission voted against going forward with the event.
- iv) The Mayor's Youth Commission voted in favor of cancelling the 2021 Teen Town Hall. They also decided that they would instead host a members and guests only workshop on February 18, 2021.

- c) Discussion and Action on Judging Youth and Teen Talent Show
 - i) Chair Nikita Bharati stated that someone from the Commission who is skilled at a particular talent is eligible to judge at the Youth and Teen Talent Show. The responsibility of the volunteer would be to watch each of the acts and judge each of them for the day. Chair Nikita Bharati stated that she may be able to go, although Trevor Groth stated that this event may or may not happen. Jayashree Adivarahan also stated that she may be able to volunteer for this event. The Mayor's Youth Commission voted in favor to do this event.

5) Briefing Items

- a) Guest Speakers – Leadership
 - i) Chair Nikita Bharati stated that since the Mayor's Youth Commission cancelled the Teen Town Hall, the Commission should brainstorm additional guest speakers for any future events. Chair Nikita Bharati stated that Beth Chepelsky could be a possible speaker as she has participated in many Mayor's Youth Commission events in the past. Staff Liaison Trevor Groth informed the Commission that they should keep planning the events of the Teen Town Hall within each individual committee, as this information would be useful for next year's Mayor's Youth Commission. Jack Mao confirmed that the speakers from each committee would be eligible to speak at the replacement event for the Teen Town Hall. The Commission decided to follow up on brainstorming new speakers at the next meeting.
- b) Other Reach Out Opportunities
 - i) Chair Nikita Bharati introduced the idea that the Commission could spend more time in community outreach opportunities. Jacob Marson stated that the Mayor's Youth Commission could be involved in distributing food resources to the community. This event is specifically run by the Chandler Unified School District. Jack Mao introduced the idea that the Mayor's Youth Commission could be educated in filing taxes. Each member interested would pick up a binder with relevant terminology and would study to be certified. Those who are certified would aid low-income households in filing taxes. This program is known as IRS VITA and interested members

can contact Don Jensen. Sanvi Lamba also voiced the idea of creating "Thank You" cards for current healthcare providers.

- c) Teen Town Hall updates and plan of action
 - i) The Commission decided to cancel the Teen Town Hall and will be going through a Leadership Workshop for the Mayor's Youth Commission members. The material dedicated to this Teen Town Hall will be passed on to next year's Commission.

- d) Teen Unity Board update
 - i) Josh Evans had audio problems during this meeting and the content in this Briefing Item will be discussed in the next Mayor's Youth Commission meeting.

- e) Available Funds \$1405.46

6) Announcements

- a) None

7) Calendar

- a) Next meeting is Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

8) Information Items

- a) None

9) Adjournment

- a) Dhanya Charan motioned the adjourning of the December 8th meeting, motion seconded by Sreyha Nandakumar. Chair Nikita Bharati adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Nikita Bharati called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Members present: Jayashree Adivarahan, Vinayak Athavale, Amitesh Bharati, Nikita Bharati, Dhanya Charan, Joshua Evans, Layla Kader, Shankar Kailas, Zocelyne Kow, Hiyun Lee, Jack Mao, Jacob Marson, Alexis Myer, Kristin Myer, Jahnvi Nair, Srehya Nandakumar, Arman Patra

Members absent: Layth Abdelkarim, Agustya Matheth

Others present: None

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of January 12, 2021. Approved at 6:06 p.m. Dhanya Charan moved to approve the January 12, 2021 minutes, motion seconded by Srehya Nandakumar.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances

- a) None

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on Easter Celebration
 - i) Chair Nikita Bharati stated that the Easter Celebration Event this year will be at a different park, and there will be no pictures taken by the Commission nor any face painting. The Commission will only be selling water and snacks at the event, and the city has reduced the capacity of the event. The event will be held on Saturday, April 3rd, 2021 from 10 am to 3 pm at Tumbleweed Park. Staff Liaison Trevor Groth emphasized that the initial vote will only be if the Commission as a whole is interested in going into the event. A minimum of ten volunteers is necessary for the Commission to be

able to go to this event, and money will be spent to buy supplies to sell. Staff Liaison Trevor Groth commented that the Commission can approve the amount the Commission wants to spend at next month's meeting.

- ii) The vote to attend this event passed, and thus the MYC will be affiliated with this event. Chair Nikita Bharati stated that Staff Liaison Trevor Groth will contact the Commission later with more information.

b) Discussion and Action on Teen Unity Board

- i) Chair Nikita Bharati introduced Joshua Evans to discuss new information regarding the Teen Unity Board. Joshua Evans told the Commission that there will be an event on March 6th, 2021 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at San Marcos Crowne Resort. Victor Hardy, Air Force veteran and co-founder for Chandler Men In Action, was involved in the organization of this event and will be the master of ceremonies for the panelists involved. Panelists from across the country, including representatives from the Chandler Unified School district, Chandler Police Department, Chandler Fire Department and others, have been invited to speak. Members from the Commission will be able to ask questions to the panelists and learn more information from each of them. The event will be indoors, but will be socially distanced to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Joshua Evans stated to the Commission that the vote for the Commission will be regarding if the Commission as a whole decides to go to this event. If the vote does not pass, members will still be able to go to the event independently. Chair Nikita Bharati emphasized to the Commission that just as in the Easter event, a minimum of ten members is necessary for the Commission to be able to go to this event.
- ii) The vote to go to this event did not pass, and so this will not be a MYC-Affiliated event. However, members can contact Joshua Evans if they would like to attend the event independently.

5) Briefing Items

a) Other Reach Out Opportunities update

- i) Zocelyne Kow stated that the Commission could potentially do a food drive to help food banks during this time. Srehya Nandakumar stated that an idea from last meeting, which was to craft cards for seniors, would be a feasible idea to execute. Staff Liaison agreed, and stated that this would be ideal during a time where the Commission is not easily able to gather. Jayashree Adivarahan introduced the idea that each member could help to develop homemade masks and donate hand sanitizer to organizations in need. Chair Nikita Bharati stated that the Commission could get involved in planting trees with non-profit organizations around Arizona.

b) Teen Town Hall updates and plan of action

- i) Nikita Bharati acknowledged that Teen Town Hall was canceled for this year, but the Commission will hold a modified Town Hall for the members of the Mayor's Youth Commission. Staff Liaison Trevor Groth sent out the schedule for the modified Town Hall by email. Dhanya Charan stated that the group involved with Physical Health created an outline for this topic for the event. Staff Liaison Trevor Goth contacted the speaker for this topic who is in the process of crafting a presentation. Jack Mao stated that the Financial Health group will meet this Friday at 5:30 pm, and will finalize their presentation at this meeting. For Psychological Health, the speaker for the event contacted Srehya Nandakumar and stated that he had a presentation ready for the event. The speaker also confirmed that the current schedule for the event works for his schedule. Chair Nikita Bharati stated that for each topic, one person from each group will be taking notes for the section so that when the Commission reconvenes, the Commission will be able to assess how to improve the presentations for next year.

c) Grant Funding Panel update

- i) Hiyun Lee stated that members of the Commission were given an orientation for this event and were assigned to a youth

subcommittee where they will be able to assess how to best help the youth of Chandler. The members will later be able to submit their recommendations to the Mayor.

d) Available Funds \$1405.46

6) Announcements

a) None

7) Calendar

a) Next meeting is Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

8) Information Items

a) Member Recruitment and Officer Elections

- i) Chair Nikita Bharati stated that since there are a lot of senior members this year, next year there will be many openings in the Commission. Unfortunately, the Commission has had a smaller number of guests for this year. Thus, Chair Nikita Bharati stated that each member should contact people in order to encourage them to apply to the Mayor's Youth Commission. In addition, there will be Officer Elections next meeting. All members who are currently not seniors are eligible to apply. Chair Nikita Bharati reminded the Commission that there are three potential Officer Positions: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The Chair is involved with running meetings, organizing events, and coordinating all other happenings. The Vice Chair aids the Chair's duties, and steps in for the Chair or Secretary if one of them is not able to come to the meeting. The Secretary takes notes during the meetings and tracks attendance for meetings and events for each member of the Commission.

9) Adjournment

a) Zocelyne Kow motioned the adjourning of the February 9th meeting, motion seconded by Jayashree Adivarahan. Chair Nikita Bharati adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Nikita Bharati called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Members present: Vinayak Athavale, Amitesh Bharati, Nikita Bharati, Dhanya Charan, Layla Kader, Zocelyne Kow, Hiyun Lee, Jack Mao, Jacob Marson, Alexis Myer, Kristin Myer, Jahnvi Nair, Srehya Nandakumar, Arman Patra

Members absent: Layth Abdelkarim, Jayashree Adivarahan, Joshua Evans, Shankar Kailas, Agustya Matheth

Others present: Sanvi Lamba, Nivid Singhania, William Deng

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of February 9, 2021. Approved at 6:08 p.m. Zocelyne Kow moved to approve the February 9, 2021 minutes, motion seconded by Amitesh Bharati.

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled Public Appearances

- a) None

4) Action Agenda

- a) Discussion and Action on Easter Event
 - i) The Easter Event will be on April 3rd at Tumbleweed Park. Staff Liaison Trevor Groth stated that the event will be from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, and thus members will need to attend from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Chair Nikita Bharati stated that the Mayor's Youth Commission will be voting today on whether to apportion a maximum of five hundred dollars to buy concessions to sell during the event such as water, chips, and candy. Staff Liaison Trevor Groth clarified that the Mayor's Youth Commission will have two sessions for this event, one from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, and one

from 12:30 pm to 4:00 pm. Each shift necessitates 4 members to attend.

- ii) The Mayor's Youth Commission unanimously voted to apportion a maximum of five hundred dollars for concessions at the Easter Event on April 3rd, 2021.

b) Discussion and Action on Officer Position Election and Voting for FY 21-22

- i) Amitesh Bharati ran for the Office of Secretary for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. In his address to the Mayor' Youth Commission, he highlighted his abilities such as interpersonal skills, time management, and organizational skills. He also reminded the Mayor's Youth Commission of his past commitment to the organization as well as his knowledge of the responsibilities of the Secretary position. He also stated his objectives in the future, which included increasing member participation for next year as well as helping provide more opportunities for member feedback. Amitesh Bharati was chosen as the Mayor's Youth Commission Secretary for the 2021-2022 FY.
- ii) Hiyun Lee ran for the Office of Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. In her oration to the Mayor's Youth Commission, she highlighted her positive experiences with the Mayor's Youth Commission. She provided some goals that she would like the Commission to achieve in the future, such as to provide more team-building events in order to build team cohesion. She also stated that she has been involved in leadership positions in the past. Hiyun Lee was chosen as the Mayor's Youth Commission Vice Chair for the 2021-2022 FY.
- iii) Dhanya Charan ran for the Office of Chair for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. In her speech to the Mayor's Youth Commission, she reflected on the past events of the Mayor's Youth Commission such as Graffiti Painted Positive and stated that she wants to engage in further events like this. She stated her intent to increase member recruitment and build solutions to maintain camaraderie in the Mayor's Youth Commission. Dhanya Charan was chosen as the Mayor's Youth Commission Chair for the 2021-2022 FY.

5) Briefing Items

a) Teen Town Hall recap

- i) Dhanya Charan, who was the lead for the Physical Health Group summarized that this presentation talked about topics such as mindful eating and good exercise. Jack Mao, who was the lead for the Financial Health Group summarized that this presentation went over how to budget money and different strategies of how to retire early. This presentation also did an activity related to budgeting based on real-life scenarios. Srehya Nandakumar, the lead for the Psychological Health Group, mentioned that the presentation went over how to deal with different stressors and the presenter discussed his personal experience as well.
- ii) Secretary Vinayak Athavale went over the suggestions that the Mayor's Youth Commission Members had for the workshop to improve the event for next year. For each event, the Mayor's Youth Commission members stated that they would like to improve participation and interaction. Specifically for the Physical Health topic, members stated that a possible activity would be to give differing situations to different breakout groups and ask them to give suggestions on how to improve the physical health of the person in the situation. For the Financial Health presentation, members discussed decreasing the number of case studies from three to two to be more economical with time. For the Psychological Health Group, the members also mentioned having audience members go into breakout groups to discuss topics such as the causes of stress.

b) Meeting with Vice Mayor Steward Recap

- i) Jack Mao stated that he and Chair Nikita Bharati discussed COVID-19's impact on students with Vice Mayor Steward. With the Vice Mayor, the representatives from the Mayor's Youth Commission discussed different resources to help students during this time. Jack Mao and Chair Nikita Bharati also interviewed Vice Mayor Steward and discussed their personal experience during the pandemic.

- c) Grant Funding Panel update
 - i) Hiyun Lee discussed that she and Chair Nikita Bharati attended the initial meeting of the Grant Funding Panel on February 23rd, and that there will be additional meetings in March and April of this year.
- d) Available Funds \$1405.46

6) Announcements

- a) None

7) Calendar

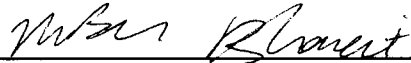
- a) Next meeting is Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

8) Information Items

- a) New Staff Liaison - Nia Fanaika - Recreation Coordinator |

9) Adjournment

- a) Amitesh Bharati motioned the adjourning of the March 9th meeting, motion seconded by Arman Patra. Chair Nikita Bharati adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Signature:  Date: 04/23/2021