



2022 Mayor's Youth Commission Minutes

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MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
Chandler Community Center, Room 115
125 E. Commonwealth Ave, Chandler, Arizona
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. 38-431.02, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the members of the MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION and to the general public that the **MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION** will hold a meeting open to the public on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.** at Chandler Community Center, Room 115, 125 E. Commonwealth Avenue, Chandler, AZ.

(Agendas are available in the Office of the City Clerk, 175 S. Arizona Avenue.)

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Dated: *3/8/2022 3:46 PM*

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Vice-Chair Hiyun Lee called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Hiyun Lee, Amitesh Bharati, Layth Abdelkarim, Anthony Bushard, Joseph Bushard, Aashika Dupati, Jenna Lee, Jacob Marson, Jahnvi Nair, Arnav Nigam, Dipti Patel, Nivid Singhania, Audrey Tungkagi

Members absent: Dhanya Charan, Gabriela Gant, Ziqing Kuang, Sanvi Lamba, Arman Patra

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Minutes of December 14th, 2021. Approved at 6:03 p.m.
Aashika Dupati moved to approve the December 14th, 2021 minutes, motion seconded by Jacob Marson

3. SCHEDULED/UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC APPEARANCES/CALL TO PUBLIC

(Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Mayor's Youth Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Mayor's Youth Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.)

4. ACTION AGENDA

- a. None

5. BRIEFING ITEMS

- a) Youth and Teen Talent Festival Debrief
 - i) Layth Abdelkarim explains that he helped set up for the event and sold tickets to people at the event
- b) Easter Update
 - i) Hiyun Lee explains that the commission would no longer be participating in this event due to the commission moving from the Recreation branch
- c) Teen Town Hall
 - i) Hiyun Lee asks the commission their thoughts about having the Teen Town Hall this year due to the COVID situation.
 - (1) Jacob Marson responds by saying that the commission should not have the Teen Town Hall this year since he felt that the commission was behind this year with preparing for the Teen Town Hall.
 - (2) Layth Abdelkarim says that it's not worth doing it in person, since many people wouldn't show up due to COVID.
 - ii) Hiyun Lee asks the commission for ideas on alternatives to having the Teen Town Hall in-person
 - (1) Layth Abdelkarim says that the commission could host the event online and Hiyun Lee responds that it would have to be done on WebEx. Jacob Marson says that doing the event online since it would be as meaningful compared to hosting it in-person

(2) Jahnvi Nair says that the commission could make the event hybrid, where we allow people to attend the in-person and also record it for people to be able to watch the guest speakers if they can't attend.

(3) Jacob Marson proposes the idea that the commission could create a video and send it to schools where students could watch them. Arnav Nigam argues that no one would watch the video if the commission went with this idea and that it would be hard for the commission to make a professional video in less than a month

iii) Hiyun Lee explains that Alexis Apodaca is getting in contact with the Fire Department to try to get a keynote speaker for the event

iv) Hiyun Lee asks the leader of each group if they have gotten a guest speaker for the event

(1) Jacob Marson says that he has gotten a guest speaker, but needs more information to give to the guest speaker so she could get a better understanding of what she needs to present

(2) Layth Abdelkarim says that he has also got his guest speaker, but needs more information to give to the guest speaker so they know what exactly they need to present

d) Multicultural Festival

i) Hiyun Lee explains that the Multicultural Festival is going to take place at Dr. A.J. park on January 15th from 11 a.m to 6 p.m and that there were going to be two shifts, one from 11 a.m to 3 p.m and the second one from 3 p.m to 7 p.m. She then asks members who have already signed up if they were still able to attend and asks if anyone else wanted to attend. Both Anthony Bushard and Joseph Bushard said they could also attend the event for the first shift.

e) Staff Liaison Update

i) Alexis Apodaca explains that the Mayor is going to launch a new program called the ChangeMakers Academy which is a week-long program during the Spring Break where participants learn what the city government does and how it runs. She explains how it's modeled after one of the past programs the city had, and that some spots have been reserved for commission members. Alexis Apocada also mentions that she would also email the commission more details about the event and that she needed a headcount of how many people wanted to attend

f) Available Funds \$1436.13 as of 9/30/21

6. MEMBERS COMMENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. CALENDAR

- a. Multicultural Festival – Saturday, January 15, 2022
- b. Teen Town hall – Tuesday, February 15, 2022
- b. March Meeting – Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

8. INFORMATION ITEMS

- a. None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Dipti Patel motioned for the adjourning of the January 11th meeting, motion seconded by Arnav Nigam. Vice-Chair Hiyun Lee adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.



Alexis Apodaca, Secretary



Dhanya Charan, Chairman

MAYOR'S YOUTH COMMISSION
125 East Commonwealth Avenue, Community Center Room 115
Tuesday, February 8, 2022 - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

1) Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Dhanya Charan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Members present: Dhanya Charan, Hiyun Lee, Amitesh Bharati, Layth Abdelkarim, Anthony Bushard, Joseph Bushard, Aashika Dupati, Gabriela Gant, Ziqing Kuang, Jenna Lee, Jahnvi Nair, Arnav Nigam, Dipti Patel, Arman Patra, Nivid Singhania, Audrey Tungkagi

Members absent: Sanvi Lamba, Jacob Marson,

Others present: Shea Lee

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of January 11, 2021. Approved at 6:03 p.m. Gabriela Gant moved to approve the January 11, 2021 minutes, motion seconded by Audrey Tungkagi

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

- a) None

4) Action Agenda

- a) Mental Health Fair
 - i) Dhanya Charan reads the email from the hosts of the Mental Health Fair, which explains that the event brings together local therapists, social workers, and resources to help students and adults talk freely about mental health issues. She explains how commission members would provide peer support in-between sessions and would simply listen to anyone who needs someone to talk to.
 - ii) Dhanya Charan explains how the event is on two days February 25th and February 26th, and that commission members only needed to volunteer for one day
 - iii) The commission voted on volunteering and helping at this event. Everyone voted in favor except for Gabriella Gant and Ziqing Kuang, meaning that the vote passed

- iv) Dhanya Charan and Hiyun Li got commission members to sign up for to sign up to volunteer at either day of the event

5) **Briefing Items**

a) Teen Town Hall

- i) Dhanya Charan explains that Teen Town Hall wouldn't happen this year because of the COVID restrictions from the Chandler school district and that many schools didn't feel comfortable sending students to the event because of COVID-19. She explains that the commission next year will come up with new ideas for Teen Town Hall instead of trying to reuse the ones from this year.
- ii) Dhanya Charan also tells the commission that the requirement for the number of events each member has to attend would decrease from four to three because of the lack of events due to COVID-19

b) Multicultural Festival Debrief

- i) Arnav Nigam explains what he did at the Multicultural Festival, which was helping out at either the bouncy houses, making sure everything was alright and that nobody was getting hurt, or backstage, where he led groups of people to the stage or dressing rooms

c) State of the City Invitation

- i) Dhanya Charan reads off the flyer given to the commission about the State of the City event, which is a free community concert and the annual State of the City Address. Dhanya Charan talks about her past experience at this event, mentioning how she got cupcakes and a free T-shirt, and what she did at the event. She also mentions how the Mayor was there and that he gave a speech
- ii) Arman Patra asks what food and drinks would be given at the event. Dhanya Charan responds that the event had soda, alcohol, cupcakes, and other sweets when she went.

d) Changemakers Academy Invitation

- i) Dhanya Charan reads the flyer of the Changemakers Academy which explains what the program is, which is a week-long, interactive look at how Chandler's city is run. She explains how commission members have saved seats for the event and how this will count for two events for commission member's requirements
- ii) Alexis Apodaca explains how this event is during the second week during Spring break, and lists some of the activities in the event, such as learning about how the courts and homeless services of Chandler work. She explains that commission members get priority

for participation in the Changemakers Academy, but she'll need to know beforehand if a commission member is interested in participating

e) **Staff Update**

- i) Alexis Apodaca gives a formal introduction to the commission. She also explains that Nia Fanaika would be attending future meetings if she is available.
- ii) Hiyun Li explains how the commission members shouldn't reply to the chainlink emails that Alexis Apodaca sends to them

f) Available Funds \$1436.13 as of 9/30/21

6) **Member Comments/Announcements**

- a) None

7) **Calendar**

- a) State of the City Address - Thursday, February 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
- b) March Meeting - Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
- c) Changemakers Academy - March 21-25
- d) April Meeting - Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.

8) **Information Items**

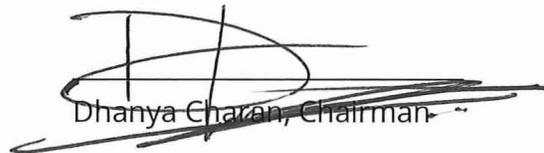
- a) None

9) **Adjournment**

- a) Arman Patra motioned for the adjourning of the February 8th meeting, motion seconded by Ziqing Kuang. Chair Dhanya Charan adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.



Alexis Apodaca, Secretary



Dhanya Charan, Chairman

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Members absent: Gabriela Gant

Others present: Shea Lee

2) Approval of Minutes

- a) Minutes of February 8, 2022. Approved at 6:03 p.m. Dipti Patel moved to approve the February 8, 2022 minutes, motion seconded by Arman Patra

3) Scheduled/Unscheduled public appearances

- a) None

4) Action Agenda

- a) None

5) Briefing Items

- a) Mental Health Fair Debrief
 - i) Dhanya Charan asked the commission members who signed up to help at the Mental Health Fair for a debrief, but none of the members who signed up attended the event
- b) Volunteer Recognition Awards Debrief
 - i) Dhanya Charan explains that she worked to evaluate nominations and commissions for Volunteer Recognition Awards
- c) State of the City Debrief
 - i) Dipti Patel provided a debrief of the State of the City event. She also mentions that Mayor Hatke gave a speech at the event which talked about the Changemakers
- d) End of the Year Celebration
 - i) Dhanya Charan explains that the board decided on three dates for the party: May 26, 27, 31. The commission decides that the 26th and 27th aren't possible because of high school graduations, leaving the day of the party to be on the 31st
 - ii) Dhanya Charan leads a discussion on potential locations for the MYC end of the year party. The commission decided to go to either a fancy dinner, an escape room, or Amazing Jakes.
- e) Staff Update

- i) Alexis Apodaca explains how the Changemakers Academy will not continue this year
- ii) Alexis Apodaca explains how she wants the commission to be more connected to the city, but because of the time of the meetings, a lot of city staff leave before MYC meetings. She says that she wants to move the meetings to 5:00 P.M instead of 6:00 P.M for the commission to be more involved with the city
- iii) Dhanya explains how the April meeting will be the elections for board positions. She explains how the speeches for the election are required to run and they have to be around 2-3 minutes. She also mentions how the election will have a secret ballot to have a fair election and that the newly elected board members are going to have a training session
 - (1) Board members explained their roles
 - (2) Alexis Apodaca also mentions how the board has a pre-meeting for every meeting and some outside meetings. She also says that the board are the representatives of the commission and that being a board member is an important job

6) Member Comments/Announcements

- a) None

7) Calendar

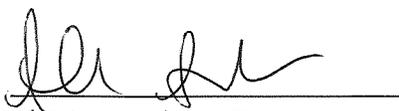
- a) Next meeting is Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m

8) Information Items

- a) Available Funds \$1222.09

9) Adjournment

- a) Arman Patra motioned for the adjourning of the March 8th meeting, motion seconded by Dipti Patel. Chair Dhanya Charan adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.


Alexis Apodaca, Secretary


Dhanya Charan, Chairman