



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021  
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Sasha Ryu at 7:02 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Vicky Bai, Jake Hakim and Adam Moore were absent for this meeting.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- There were no verbal communications at this meeting.

**1. Welcome and Introduction of Mayor and Vice Mayor**

- Chief Decena introduced the new mayor Marico Sayoc, and Vice Mayor Rob Rennie.
- Chief Decena opened up the floor to the youth commission to ask questions.
  - Kamron Emami asked what caused them to go into politics and government. Vice Mayor, Rennie, shared that he was an engineer who was not super social, he grew up surrounded by government. He hopes to be involved in the supervisors. Mayor Sayoc shared that she decided to run for mayor in 2014 after working on helping other campaigns.

**2. S.N.A.P Program**

- Update on Outreach by Youth Commission
  - Isabella Debling informed the Mayor and Vice Mayor what the SNAP Program is.
  - Sasha Ryu shared that the video is almost 100% complete and will be ready by the end of this week.
- Presentation by Sasha Balasingam
  - Sasha Balasingman shared a devastating story about her family friend who passed away in a fire, the boy autistic, refused to leave the house because he was scared to leave the property due to the fear of heat. Sasha then shared that this is something that is overwhelming for people with special needs and we can put an end to this. She proceeded to share the idea about the potential adoption of the snap program to assist the firefighters. The fire department could give the SNAP form to parents to inform the firefighters the best way to approach verbally, good sensory cues and how to avoid triggering fear.
  - Isabella Debling commented that she would be thrilled to incorporate this into the current SNAP program.

- Chief shared that the current database we have for SNAP should be transferable with this information with the county dispatch.
- Mayor Marico Sayoc shared her interest in advertising :)
- No public comment on this item.

#### 4. Report and Discussion from Commission Liaisons:

Arts and Culture Commission – Anjali Vaidya/Robert Stanley

- Anjali stated that there is nothing to report, they focused on the color scheme for the gateway project.

Community Health and Senior Service Commission – Arshia Mathur/Shreya Desai

- Arshia shared there is nothing to report.

Library Board – Jack Noymer/Faris Raza

- Fairs shared there is nothing to report.

Parks Commission – Kamron Emami/Paula Bernolz

- Kamron shared that there is nothing to report.

Complete Streets and Transportation Commission – Adam Moore/Sasha Ryu

- We will discuss this during the next meeting.
- No public comment on this item.

#### 5. Sub-Committee Meeting Report and Discussions

Environmental – Silpa Chinnakotla/Anjali Vaidya

- Still working on initiative to provide outreach for the California green business network, and how LG can be involved.
- Collaborate with the school club, plan is to support them.
- Plead to push high school to be more environmentally friendly.

Social Justice/Equity – Isabella Debling/Arshia Mathur

- Isabella Debling shared that they are still hoping to do a webinar based on the effects of the pandemic on children with special needs, but it appears that they might have to postpone due to the fact that the video submissions have been delayed.

Teen Wellness – Sasha Ryu

- Meeting with Mr. Rocher
- Potential biking event to honor the memory of the lady, Jill, who created CASSY @ LGHS.
- Summer challenge as opposed to torch run?

Community Outreach – Robert Stanley/Anjali Vaidya

- Robert Stanley shared that due to the success of the first cooking event, there is a new cooking event on the horizon, hopefully in March.
- Due to the inability to do the performance at the terrace, they might create a virtual talent show, or create hearts to drop off.
- No public comment.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm. Meeting notes taken by Isabella Debling.