



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS  
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2021  
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Chair Sasha Ryu at 7:01 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Anjali Valdya was absent for this meeting.

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approve Youth Commission Minutes of December 8, 2020 and January 12, 2021.

- Motion by Arabia Mathur to approve the meeting minutes for December 8, 2020 and January 12, 2021.
- Seconded by Esha Bagora to approve the meeting minutes for December 8,2020 and January 12,2021.
- All in favor.
- Minutes approved.

**VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no verbal communications at this meeting.

COMMISSION ITEMS (Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items consistent with the Participation Instructions contained on page 2 of this agenda.)

2. Plastic Straw Ban Discussion and Presentation by Los Gatos Girl Scouts

- Students from LGHS and Girl Scouts have been collaborating and reaching in regards to potentially banning the straw to reduce plastic waste.
- The Girl Scouts from Los Gatos (Anjali K., Livia H., Malia K.)share their story and inspiration behind eliminating single use plastic, and the negative impacts they have on the environment (climate change).
- Requesting to use Alameda's view on replacing SUP Plastic, by using alternative products (paper/bamboo straws, cardboard bowls for takeout, wood utensils, etc)
- Silpa Chinnakotla shared that if we partner, we could create a town-wide incentive system (medal?)
- Environmental subcommittee would be happy to add this into one of their projects.
- The town attorney requested that we either vote on this item or motion it.
  - Sasha Ryu motioned for a special meeting.
  - Quincy Scott seconded the motion.
  - Lisa Wade shared a public comment on how impressed she was with this item and plant based advocates are interested in partnering too.

3. Discussion on the 2021-2023 Town of Los Gatos Strategic Priorities and the Town Council affirmation of commitment to diversity, equity and Inclusion (DEI)

- Chief Decena shared the strategic priorities highlights ongoing focus on emergency preparedness, fire protection, community vitality, economic vitality, land use planning, comprehensive parking study and transportation demand management.
- The general idea is that the strategic priority= road map to towns plan.
- Mayor Sayoc shared that the DEI efforts are gaining momentum, thanks to the youth it was brought to attention.
- Chief Decena shared that we are going to have a study session and present a work plan to the town council and Mayor Sayoc (June 1).
- No public comment on this item.

4. GENup/SB 14 Discussion: SB 14 would require the California Department of Education to identify an evidence-based training on the signs and symptoms of a behavioral health disorder.

- Jackie Rose shared that a student based Los Gatos High School advocacy group is looking for support for SB 14.
  - Permit 10-12th grade students to receive education for mental and behavioral health.
  - Looking for interested commissioners and a letter of support.
- Sasha Ryu shared that SB 14 is based off of something that is been done in NY, and statistically speaking suicide rates increased by 56%.
- In response to Isabella Debling's question, the town attorney Schulz shared that in order to write a letter of support motion, the youth commission will need to motion the bill, before going to the manager, and then the mayor.
- Town attorney Rob Schulz shared that he typically waits.
- Sasha Ryu motions to approve the bill as written currently, and then bring it back to a later meeting.
  - Faris Raza seconded the motion.
  - No opposition to this motion, motion passes.
- Chief suggested that the teen wellness committee could follow this bill.
- No public comment on this item.

5. Discuss an option to Host the Next Celebrity Chef Cooking Show Using a Plant Based Menu

- Lisa Wade proposes hosting a celebrity chef cooking show using a plant based menu. Wade shares the growing demand for plant based dishes in Los Gatos. This would allow local restaurants to be involved.
- Arshia Mathur shared that the community outreach sub-committee would be interested in partnering with Wade to host a celebrity chef.
- No public comment on this item.

## 6. S.N.A.P Program

- Isabella Debling and Sasha Ryu shared that the video is in the final edit stage and will be completed and ready for show at our March meeting. Chief shared that the police department is trying to establish how we can share legal information to the fire department. Cultural Diversity subcommittee can work on making video #2.

- No public comment on this item.

## 7. Report and Discussion from Commission Liaisons:

- Arts and Culture Commission – Anjali Vaidya/Robert Stanley. Robert Stanley chose artwork color for the entryway, this is now top priority within the Town Council Meeting .
- Community Health and Senior Service Commission – Arshia Mathur/Shreya Desai. Arshia Mathur shared that it is important to bridge the gap between the seniors and the youth. Chief Decena shared that there is a lot of concern for seniors' technical ability, and how to better aid them.
- Library Board – Jack Noymer/Faris Raza. Jack Noymer shared there is no update.
- Parks Commission – Kamron Emami/Paula Bernolz. Kamron Emami shared that there is nothing to pertain to the youth commission.
- Complete Streets and Transportation Commission – Adam Moore/Sasha Ryu. Adam Moore shared that there was nothing to report.

- No public comment on this item.

## 8. Sub-Committee Meeting Report and Discussions

- Environmental – Silpa Chinnakotla/Anjali Vaidya. Silpa Chinnakotla shared that they did not have a meeting however, they will continue to work on a letter to local businesses inviting them to the town council meeting.
- Social Justice/Equity – Isabella Debling/Arshia Mathur. Isabella Debling shared that they have reopened the submissions for the webinar which will be taking place in the coming months. Additionally, they are planning on making a virtual version of MOSAIC, and incorporating cultural acts throughout to highlight the community.
- Teen Wellness – Sasha Ryu shared that they will work with the kindergartners to create cards to deliver the terraces.
- Community Outreach – Robert Stanley/Anjali Vaidya. Robert shared that they are going to help with the teen wellness project for cards, and additionally will continue to plan the next cooking event.

- No public comment on this item.

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Meeting notes taken by Isabella Debling.