



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021
REMOTE ZOOM MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by chair Sasha Ryu at 7:03 pm.

ROLL CALL

Shreya Desai was absent for this meeting.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

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.)

1. Approve Youth Commission Minutes of March 9, 2021

- Motioned by Arshia Mathur.
- Quincy Scott seconded this motion.
- All in favor.
- Meeting minutes approved.
- No public comment on this item.

2. Plastic Straw Ban Update

- Silpa Chinnakotla from the Environmental subcommittee shared how they have created a survey for local businesses entailing questions about what they are doing. Chinnakotla also shared how there is potential for having businesses who have received awards in the past act as models for other businesses.
- Jackie Rose shared that the contacts are ready for the survey recipients.
- No public comment on this item.

3. SNAP Video and Recruitment Ideas

- Jackie Rose shared that we have 9 SNAP Participants.
- The video is now finalized, so now it is important to distribute the video.
- Sasha Ryu and Isabella Debling shared that we can promote this via the newspaper (school and locally), social media platforms, local avenues.
- Isabella Debling and Jackie Rose will take lead on this item.
- No public comment on this item.

4. Report and Discussion from Commission Liaisons:

- Arts and Culture Commission – Anjali Vaidya/Robert Stanley. Anjalina Vaidya shared that they discussed diversifying their board in terms of age and diversity. Vaidya shared that social media would be a great outlet for this commission to utilize.
- Community Health and Senior Service Commission – Arshia Mathur/Shreya Desai. Arshia Mathur shared that they are continuing to work on their instagram account.
- Library Board – Jack Noymer/Faris Raza. Jack Noymer shared that there is nothing to report.
- Parks Commission – Kamron Emami/Paula Bernolz. Kamron Emami shared that there is nothing that pertains to the youth commission. However, they have been focusing their efforts to create a community garden.
- Complete Streets and Transportation Commission – Adam Moore/Sasha Ryu. Adam Moore shared that they discussed potential Los Gatos High School parking options.
 - No public comment on this item.

5. Sub-Committee Meeting Report and Discussions

- Environmental – Silpa Chinnakotla/Anjali Vaidya. Silpa Chinnakotla shared that they have been continuing to focus on the plastic straw ban.
- Social Justice/Equity – Isabella Debling/Arshia Mathur. Isabella Debling shared how the sub-committee are continuing to work on their virtual talent show.
- Teen Wellness – Sasha Ryu. Sasha Ryu shared that she would like to address the hate crimes in response to Chief Decena’s video but asked for advice. Chief Decena advised (if approved) a unique youth commission video, orientated to young people and how it is crucial to emphasize the need to report. This could potentially be a Teen Wellness project if approved by the Town Attorney.
- Community Outreach – Robert Stanley/Anjali Vaidya. Anjali Vaidya shared that there is a tentative date (beginning of May) for their cooking show.

6. Other business:

- Youth Commission Application
- Youth Friendly Business:
- Environmentally Friendly Business:
 - Potential candidates:
 - Juice Co
 - Great Bear Coffee
 - Los Gatos Meats
 - Posh Bagel
 - Dolce Spazio

Town study session will take place during the June 8 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Chair Sasha Ryu at 7:45 pm.