



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2019
LOS GATOS-MONTE SERENO POLICE OPERATIONS BUILDING
15900 LOS GATOS BLVD., LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chair Isabella Scott at 7:02 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Paula Bernholz was not present for this meeting.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approve Youth Commission Meeting Minutes from September 10, 2019
 - Motion by Isabella Debling to approve the meeting minutes from September 10, 2019
Seconded by Blythe Reynolds. All in favor.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no verbal communications at this meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

2. Chief Peter Decena spoke on safety precautions for the upcoming California power-outage.
3. Chief Peter Decena commented that the commission is planning to discuss the Los Gatos general plan for 2020 at the November meeting.
4. Staff Liaison Jackie Rose went over expectations regarding attendance for liaison meetings.
5. Chair Isabella Scott requested to discuss Coordination of Smoking Ordinance Outreach
 - Sasha Ryu volunteered to create a spreadsheet, dividing the commission's current list of Youth Friendly Businesses into four groups based on the locations of the businesses.
 - The commission agreed to assign each subcommittee one fourth of the businesses (based on the spreadsheet), where they will visit each assigned location in person, and offer the store owners to hang a "No-Smoking" decal in their window.
6. Staff Liaison Jackie Rose asked which commissioners wanted to enroll in the CERT Academy.
 - Isabella Debling and Silpa Chinnakotla stated that they would make plans to attend the CERT training sessions.

Sub-Committee Meeting Discussions

7. Equity/Social Justice — Isabella Debling/Arshia Mathur/Kelli Keady
 - Isabella Debling announced the Special Treasures dance and cookie decorating event will be held at the Los Gatos Community Center on December 7th, 2019, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
8. Environmental — Paula Bernholz/Silpa Chinnakotla/Anjali Vidya
 - Silpa Chinnakotla commented that the subcommittee is planning on hosting an intergenerational garden planting and park clean-up event with the town's Parks Commission.
 - Sasha Ryu added that the subcommittee is putting together a presentation on how to become a state-certified eco-friendly business to potentially be shared at a Los Gatos Town Council meeting sometime before the end of the year.

9. Teen Wellness — Sasha Ryu

- Sasha Ryu stated that the subcommittee is working with Los Gatos High School and local therapy dog organizations to host their annual Puppy Therapy events for 2019 and 2020.
- Sasha Ryu commented that the subcommittee is putting together fliers and social media posts for National Mental Health Awareness Day on October 10th.
- Sasha Ryu stated that the subcommittee made plans to coordinate for a CERT advisor to speak at the High School.
- The commission agreed to Staff Liaison Jackie Rose's proposal to participate in a joint fire safety training session with the Monte Sereno Youth Commission.

10. Community Outreach — Robert Stanley/Anjali Vaidya/Lucas Raspe

- Robert Stanley commented that the subcommittee is currently looking for performers for their Valentine's Concert at the Terraces, which will be held on February 14th, 2020, from 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.
- Sasha Ryu proposed hosting a 'Tip-a-Cop' style fundraiser for Make-a-Wish Greater Bay Area.
- Staff Liaison Jackie Rose commented that there will be a LGYC booth at the Los Gatos tree lighting on December 6th, 2019, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M, where commissioners will hand out free popcorn, hot chocolate, and light sticks.
 - Robert Stanley, Isabella Debling, Silpa Chinnakotla, Kelli Keady, Lucas Raspe, Kameron Emami, Jake Hakim, Brady Akenbrandt, Shreya Desai, Emily Choi, Adam Moore, and Blythe Reynolds volunteered to attend the event.
 - Sasha Ryu commented that the commission could add a 'Letters to Santa' booth at the event to contribute to Macy's Believe Campaign/Fundraiser for Make-a-Wish.

8. LGYC 2019-2020 Sweatshirt Design

- Isabella Scott volunteered to design the youth commission's sweatshirt for 2019-2020. The commission voted to order dark grey crew necks with the LGYC logo embroidered on the front.

9. Discussion from Commission Liaisons

- Arts and Culture Commission — Anjali Vaidya discussed the commission's 'gateway project,' where residents can go to the public library vote on the design for the new 'Welcome to Los Gatos' sculpture.
- Bike/Ped. Advisory Committee — Silpa Chinnakotla commented that the commission made plans to create a video on the importance of walking and biking to show at local schools.
- Community and Senior Service Commission — Sasha Ryu did not have anything to report to the Youth Commission.
- Library Board — Jack Noymer commented on the library installing new security cameras.
- Parks Commission — Kameron Emami commented that the commission is looking into ways they can spend grants for local parks.
- Transportation and Parking Commission — Adam Moore commented that the commission is currently discussing their bus pilot program, as well as potentially merging with BPAC.

10. Discussion on Presentation Topics that are of interest to the Commission

- The commission voted unanimously to have a speaker deliver a 10-15 minute presentation on the Youth Voice Live event at their November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:58 P.M.

Minutes written by Sasha Ryu and submitted by Jackie Rose, Staff Liaison.