

City of Fresno Youth Commission – Minutes - Draft

Date: Friday, February 22, 2019

Location: Fresno City Hall – Room 2165A

1. 5:14 P.M. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Present: 8 – Chair Antonio Jauregui* (Mayor's Office), 1st Vice Chair Marco Sanchez (Mayor's Office), 2nd Vice Chair Citlali Palma* (CD 6), Sergeant of Arms Kyra Vang (CD 5), Secretary Alyssa Villegas* (CD 4), Commissioner Daniel Galvan* (CD 3), Commissioner Luis Guzman (CD 4), Commissioner Adriana Reyes* (CD 5), and Secretary-elect Gabriela Martinez (CD 6)

Absent: 2 – Commissioner Ciweya Tennison (CD 3)

Vacancies: 6 – Voting seats and alternate seats for CD 1, CD 2, and CD 7

Commissioner Guzman joined the meeting at 5: 20 P.M.

3. Review & Approve Agenda

Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Program Coordinator Jose Espinoza stated that he forgot to remove the item for Accomplishments and that it should be removed from the agenda. Chair Jauregui called for the removal of the item. On motion of Secretary Villegas, seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Palma, that the item for Accomplishments be removed from the agenda. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Jauregui, Palma, Reyes, Villegas

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

Chair Jauregui called for the approval of the agenda. On motion of Commissioner Reyes, seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Palma, that the agenda for 2/22/19 be approved. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Jauregui, Palma, Reyes, Villegas

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

City Clerk's Office Coordinator Marco Martinez reminded the commission that they can remove an item from the agenda and approve it as amended with one vote instead of taking two votes.

4. General Administration

a. Election of Officers – Secretary

Coordinator Martinez stated that Secretary Villegas had done a great job as secretary in the previous year. He reminded the commission that the term for officers is one year, with the eligibility to serve an additional year and that if Secretary Villegas wanted, she could serve an additional year with the commission's consensus. Chair Jauregui opened the election and asked for nominations. Secretary Villegas declined to run again since

her term on the commission was ending in October. However, she was willing to assist the new secretary. She also answered questions and gave input in regards to the secretary position. Commissioner Martinez expressed interest in the position and nominated herself. 2nd Vice Chair Palma seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Chair Jauregui called for a vote on the nomination of Commissioner Martinez to the office of secretary, which was to be effective immediately.

Commissioner Martinez was elected to the office of Secretary for the Fresno Youth Commission for the term of 2/22/19 through 2/22/2020, by the following vote:

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Jauregui, Palma, Reyes, Villegas

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

5. Ice Breaker / Team Builder

Ice Breaker

YLI Coordinator Truong “Rich” Nguyen asked the commission to share about one of the nicest things someone has done for them. 2nd Vice Chair Palma spoke about the kindness shown to her by her friend’s family at a concert; Secretary Martinez spoke about how her teammates cheered her up after she made a mistake during a soccer game; Commissioner Villegas spoke about the nice way her now-boyfriend asked her to prom; Commissioner Reyes spoke about the opportunity she received to do small jobs for her sister’s boss, which allowed her to pay tuition; 1st Vice Chair Sanchez spoke about when a mentor purchased his college books during a semester when his family was having financial difficulty; Sergeant of Arms Vang spoke about how her Avid teacher paid her college application fees; Chair Jauregui spoke about how an airline agent helped him re-book a connecting flight that he missed; Commissioner Galvan spoke about how he was encouraged by his friend to pursue his interest in rap music and was allowed to use his studio; Coordinator Nguyen spoke about how he was offered a place to stay by a stranger, at a time of need; Coordinator Espinoza spoke about being nominated by a mentor to be part of a program that focused on community involvement; and Commissioner Guzman spoke about how he was welcomed at a family friend’s home while he attended a program at Berkeley. He also thanked Chair Jauregui for taking him to Miami for the “United We Dream” program.

Chair Jauregui stated that the ice breaker allowed him to see that there is good being done. Coordinator Espinoza stated that the commissioners occupied the highest office for youth in the City of Fresno, and that in their roles as commissioners, they now had the opportunity to help somebody else.

Chair Jauregui called for a recess at 5:41 P.M. so that commissioners could get food. The meeting reconvened at 5:49 P.M.

6. Commissioners’ Reports and Comments

Chair Jauregui called for reports and comments. Coordinator Espinoza stated that the City’s PARCS Department was hosting a youth jobs preparation conference on March 2, 2019. The Youth Commission

would be participating by hosting three workshops between 10:30 A.M. and 12:30 P.M. in regards to youth voices and leadership. He also said that there would be a booth for recruitment. He requested volunteers to assist with the workshops. Sergeant of Arms Vang and Commissioner Guzman volunteered. Secretary Martinez stated that she would be able to attend and assist.

There were no other reports or comments made.

7. Review & Approve Minutes

Chair Jauregui called for review and approval of the minutes. On motion of Commissioner of Commissioner Villegas, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that the minutes for 2/15/19 be approved. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Jauregui, Palma, Reyes, Villegas

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

8. Presentations / Workshops / Action Items

Chair Jauregui called for the next item.

a. Capacity Building Trainings

Coordinator Espinoza gave a recap summary of the previous meeting's capacity building training and concluded that the point of the exercise was to problem-solve in order to create long-lasting change.

b. Identifying Current Youth Issues

"The Ideal Community" activity. Coordinator Espinoza split the commission into two groups and assigned the groups the task to identify things (assets) about the City of Fresno that they would keep and what they would change or improve. Group 1 (Galvan, Guzman, Martinez, Reyes, and Vang) and group 2 (Jauregui, Palma, Sanchez, and Villegas) worked on this activity. After the groups created the lists, Coordinator Espinoza and Coordinator Nguyen compared the results from the two groups.

Commonalities between the two groups in regards to assets (keep) included: Fresno Art Hop, agriculture, Fresno State University and Fresno City College, Woodward Park, community diversity (business representation), California Endowment, Youth Leadership Institute, Boys & Girls Club, and transportation (airport, bus system (subsidized bus passes), and Amtrak).

Commonalities between the two groups in regards to improvements (changes) included: improving air quality, reducing gang violence, improving schools (better preparation for AP exams and better facilities), increasing youth funding in City budget, improving roads/public transportation/public access, improving parks, improving neighborhood revitalization/integration, improving zoning (increased housing costs), creating more shopping centers/commercial centers (similar to River Park) in the south of Fresno,

changing negative stereotypes about Fresno (ghetto, why move to Fresno, etc.), and increasing LGBT awareness.

After discussing the commonalities listed by both groups, Coordinator Espinoza gave the commissioners the task to ask at least five residents (ages 15 – 23) in their district to list the top asset and the top change/improvement needed in Fresno. The purpose of this task is to narrow down the issue that the commission will work on in order to present to City Council in May.

c. FYC T-Shirt Design

2nd Vice Chair Palma gave an update on the t-shirt design and requested the commission's feedback in regards to a youthful design versus a more professional design. She also passed around a new sketch of the t-shirt design with the Fresno Water Tower and FYC letters. The commissioners also discussed making the design more professional with a logo. 2nd Vice Chair Palma said that she would work on the design using Photoshop and would hopefully have the final design done by the next meeting. Due to time constraints, the remaining discussion on this item was tabled until the next meeting on 3/8/19.

9. Committee Reports

Chair Jauregui tabled the reports until the next meeting on 3/8/19.

10. Calendar Items

Coordinator Espinoza asked new Commissioners Galvan, Guzman, and Secretary Martinez to attend Spring Jam, if possible. He said that the event would include trainings on leadership and recruitment/retention. Secretary Martinez said she would only be able to attend part of the event.

11. Public Comments

Chair Jauregui called for public comments. None made.

12. Adjournment

Chair Jauregui called for adjournment. On motion of Chair Jauregui, seconded by Commissioner Reyes, that the meeting be adjourned. Passed 5-0.

Ayes - 5: Galvan, Jauregui, Palma, Reyes, Villegas

Noes - 0: None

Absent - 0: None

The commission meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.