



# City of Saratoga Youth Commission

## *Minutes*

### **Call to Order 7:03**

**Roll Call:** Agrawal, Chang, Chien, Finch, Lee, Khare, Pandya (late 7:26), Smith, Sreedhara, Tang, Vijay.

**Report on Posting of the Agenda:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, this meeting was properly posted on March 21, 2013.

**Accept Agenda Items:** No additional items may be added pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2.

### **Approval of March 12 Minutes [Shefali, Nihar](#)**

**Oral & Written Communication:** Any member of the public may address the Commission about any matter not on the agenda for this meeting for up to three minutes. *Commissioners may not comment on the matter, but may choose to place the topic on a future agenda.*

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **I. SYC application due May 14, 2013**

- a. Continue to recruit potential applicants
  - try to get a variety of schools
- b. Presentation at Redwood MS (Sierra)
  - presented 2 to 3 weeks ago in a homeroom

#### **II. Saratoga Library's Teen Advisory Board**

- a. Volunteer Opportunities
  - Library's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary -> Library Fair
    - o Youth Commissioners participate as volunteers
  - Bookmark competition: Saratoga Library Heart of the Community
  - Library Teen Advisory Board: help library plan activities that cater to teens (ie. Coffeehouse)
    - o SYC help with publicizing Library events
  - ways to make the library more teen-friendly
    - o give access to club events for high school clubs
    - o offer free food during finals
    - o publicize the wi-fi
    - o provide high school textbooks
      - ask schools to donate old textbooks

- o make library available for school events that attract high schoolers
- potential joint meeting with Teen Advisory Board

### III. Arbor Day

- a. Wednesday, April 24 @ Saratoga Library
  - a. 3 PM
- b. Youth Commission's Role
  - help with walk-a-thon (probably won't start until 3:30)
  - City's Poster Contest – celebrate trees of Saratoga
  - Sarah link page on Facebook group
  - make one by SYC (?)

### IV. Saratoga Radio (1610 AM)

- a. Update
  - a. Arbor Day announcement next week

### V. Teen Friendly Business Award

1. Update – La Cueva
  - do two per year
  - next year: keep publicizing it & keep it a regular activity for SYC
    - ask La Cueva if they notice an increase in teen customers
    - make video announcement (Anu)
    - involve the school's ASB/students
    - keep up the Facebook poll
    - share flyer on timeline
    - stuff into people's lockers
2. News article for *Saratoga News*
  - Somya wrote one
  - SYC featured in Saratoga News

### VI. WOW – Walk One Week 2013

- a. Update
  1. Argonaut
    - each day around 10 stickers
    - average 120 kids
  2. Foothill
    - make sure to go to your assigned day
- b. Prizes
  1. Date for prizes
    - award during lunch/assembly
    - choose Foothill's grand prize the Friday after the week
    - Friday April 26
      - Argonaut: 11:45-1 PM
      - Foothill: TBD
    - award miscellaneous prizes online – more health and wellness and active prizes (ie. Jump rope, etc.)
  2. Award for grand prize

- Argonaut: Gabriel, 4
- c. Documentary about WOW
  - currently compiling the clips

## **VII. JT. Council Meeting**

### **a. Wednesday, May 1st @ 5:30 p.m.**

1. Schedule for evening (wear nice attire)
  - Warm-up @ the Warner (5:15 p.m.) – meet at 5:15
  - Presentation/Dinner (6:00 p.m.)
  - Summary at Council Meeting (7:00)
- b. Topics & Assignments – Practice your speeches!
  - Training - Justin
  - JW House - Nihar
  - Political Forum – Somya – add second component (future)
  - TFBA - Sierra – add more personal experiences to it, explain Chamber Council's involvement, add future component
    - WOW
      - Preparation - Mercedes – add future component
      - Actual Event – Jane
    - Arbor Day – Anu
    - Media - Ruchi – add future component
    - Goals for next year– Sarah, Shefali
      - Shefali: Outreach/collaboration (Project Cornerstone, etc.)
      - Sarah: Events (YAC social, etc.) – relate own experiences
  - Wrap-up - Kaitlin

## **VIII. End of the Year Party? Potluck swim party at Kaitlin's 5/24, 5 PM**

## **IX. Upcoming Events:**

- a. Pet Parade in Downtown Village (4/27)
- b. Recreation Open House (5/4) 11-2, take shifts – Anu, Kaitlin, Shefali, Sierra (?), Somya (?), Nihar (?)
- c. Rotary Art Show – 1st Sunday in May (5/5)
  - 7 AM – 5 PM, only need volunteers on Sunday, no food booths, no free lunch
- d. Commission Recognition Dinner (5/30)
- e. Movie Night @ Wildwood Park (6/19, 7/19, 8/16)

## **X. Agenda Items for Next Meeting: May 14, 2013**

## **XI. Adjournment 8:44**

**Minutes completed by Mercedes Chien, Secretary.**