



# City of Saratoga Youth Commission

## **MINUTES**

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 14, 2013  
**TIME:** 7:00p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Warner Hutton House  
13777 Fruitvale Avenue  
Saratoga, CA 95070

### **Call to Order 7:06**

**Roll Call:** Agrawal, Chang (*absent*), Chien, Finch (*late 7:37*), Lee, Khare, Pandya, Smith, Sreedhara, Tang, Vijay.

**Report on Posting of the Agenda:** Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, this meeting was properly posted on May 7, 2013.

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

### **Approval of April 9 Minutes Vijay, Khare**

**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.*

- Citizens Resource Center, CERT – Emergency Plans
- Youth Programs; Leadership in Training Program

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **I. Clarification on “Oral & Written Communication”**

- can ask questions about the topic, but cannot express an opinion
- can put the topic on a future agenda

#### **II. Let’s Walk – Trail walk led by Councilmember Howard Miller**

a. 9:30 a.m., May 18 @ [Congress Springs Quarry](#), located off of Highway 9, a quarter of a mile west of Toll Gate Road

- restricted trail
- this even is the only time people are allowed to go on trail

#### **III. San Jose Youth Conference (Hima)**

a. June 14 at San Jose City Hall

- register by June 3, conference
- workshop on marketing, leadership, funding
- opportunity to learn about business/meet new people

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **IV. SYC application - due May 14, 2013**

#### **V. Saratoga Radio (1610 AM)**

- a. Meeting Update with Mr. Steffens of Redwood Middle School (Nihar)
  - plan to have weekly updates for KSAR (done by multimedia students at Redwood)
  - start with radio announcements
  - Redwood students would be able to record on their own and then send to Manini
  - students seem really interested → start next year
  - event that will connect the Youth Commission to middle school students

#### **VI. WOW – Walk One Week 2013**

- a. Review of WOW
  - space out the weeks, underestimate how few volunteers we had
  - send email at the end of the week to remind the students to turn in their card
    - 1. Argonaut
      - prize distribution went smoothly
      - Adam went back next Wednesday since that Friday 5<sup>th</sup> graders weren't there for field trip
      - next time: refine process for turning in card, some claimed to be on the list but didn't turn in their card/ give them additional few days to turn them in
    - 2. Foothill
      - prize distribution also went smoothly
      - teachers were more proactive about giving students their cards
- b. Documentary about WOW
  - currently a work in progress

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

- a. Review
  - overall went very well
  - Lace-Up – program founded by former Saratoga High student
    - o Anti-bullying campaign
    - o Laceupstandup.com
    - o Possible program to pursue next year
    - o Start potential speaker series program for next year, table to training
  - food was good – La Cueva (TFBA winner)
  - potentially meet with city council in the beginning of the year
    - o they have really good ideas that could be useful, table to training next year

#### **TFBA:**

- Los Gatos YC gave stickers to all businesses that were teen friendly
  - o Those who didn't get a sticker wanted to know how to get one

- criteria: how business noticed teens or acknowledged them

### **VIII. End of the Year Party**

- a. Friday, May 24 @ Kaitlin's
- b. Potluck?
  - sign up sheet for food
  - 6 PM, change date to Tuesday 5/28

### **IX. Past Events**

- a. Arbor Day - recap of event & walk-a-thon (4/24)
  - city band was playing, city council plants a tree
  - held walk-a-thon, got lots of participants from Redwood
  - student participants got Jamba Juice gift card
- b. Pet Parade in Downtown Village (4/27) )Nihar
  - fun, Nihar was emcee
- c. Recreation Open House (5/4) (Kaitlin, Somya, Nihar)
  - pictures were posted on Facebook, good publicity
  - meet lots of different organizations from Saratoga
  - did Zumba and broke boards
- d. Rotary Art Show – 1st Sunday in May (5/5) (Kaitlin, anyone else???)
  - plan ahead early to get friends or club members to go
  - fun, volunteer at kids booth, overall went well – food trucks helped

### **X. Upcoming Events:**

- a. Commission Recognition Dinner: 5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 30 @ Hakone Gardens
  - dress: casual formal
- b. Movie Night @ Wildwood Park (6/19, 7/19, 8/16)
  - date change: 6/21
  - National Treasure, Tangled, Parent Trap

### **XI. Thoughts from outgoing commissioners**

- a. Ideas for next year
  - Lack of representation at events, More attendance at YC and city events
  - Continue with TFBA & WOW
  - Continue Involvement
  - TFBA – 2 offering (Fall & Spring)
  - Integrate with Redwood & High School
  - Focus on events that you are passionate about
  - Great Year \*\*\*
  - Continue with legacy – presence in elementary, middle, and high school
  - Political forum
  - Give own opinion, you were chosen by city council and voice your opinion
  - Speak! At the meetings

### **Reflection from returning commissioners:**

- Get off to strong start
- Partner with other commissions – spread out more
- Continue with radio broadcasts

- Lots of “open doors”
- Speaker series
- Love the commission
- Meet with other city councils
- Interact more with city council earlier in the year
- Bullying
- Qualities in new commissioners: dynamic, strength in beliefs, follow-through
- Be realistic about goals you set for commission
- Involve private school students in Saratoga (ie. Blue Hills)

\*Adam’s last year as Youth Commission Advisor

## **XII. Adjournment 8:07**

Minutes by Mercedes Chien, Secretary