

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 11, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Youth Commission Chair, Lindsey Ngo, called the Youth Commission to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Abbas Chaudhry; Adielle Nelson; Adrian Bayardo; Andres Guzman; Kara Hughes; Lindsey Ngo; Manjot Rai; Marho Akpo; Ohm Shah; Pratham Rangwala

Absent: None

Late: None

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Land Acknowledgment was read by Youth Commission Chair Lindsey Ngo.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Youth Commission Chair Lindsey Ngo led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes – (M/S) Abbas Chaudry/Pratham Rangwala 10/0/0

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Receive a presentation on and discuss the City's 2025-2030 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)/Home Investment Partnership Program, (HOME) Consolidated Plan by Alicia Tutt.

Alicia Tutt explained the goals and past accomplishments of the CDBG and HOME programs. The Commissioner then delved into issues and challenges facing Elk Grove youth, brainstorming potential solutions. Commissioners discussed several challenges and needs facing Elk Grove youth, drawing upon data from the Youth Needs Assessment. Questions explored included the challenges youth face, emerging needs or problems compared to five years ago, underserved youth needs, and potential services or activities the City could provide. Commissioners also considered the issue of youth homelessness, since

some students are without permanent housing and what resources might assist them. Finally, they discussed additional information sources to consult. Recurring themes included poor mental health, a lack of safe spaces for youth interaction outside of school, and bullying. Several members highlighted concerns about declining social skills among youth. The commission also underscored the need for a supportive space for students experiencing housing instability to focus on their studies. Ms. Tutt commended the Commissioners for their robust contribution to the brainstorming session.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.2 Receive information from the Path to Positivity subcommittee and discuss action.

The subcommittee reported that preparations for the event are nearing completion. Commission Chair Lindsey Ngo shared that her club, Blooms for Benefit, will be participating as a vendor at this year's Path to Positivity. Advisor Dr. Femi Omotesho encouraged commission members to continue promoting the event to Elk Grove youth.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.3 Receive information from the Family Fun Day subcommittee and discuss action.

The School of Rock's performance at the event is unlikely, as the Elk Grove school has a conflicting event that day. They are, however, exploring the possibility of the Roseville school performing instead. The Commission also was informed that the SCOE Prevention & Early Intervention Department will be represented by a nonprofit organization providing family resources. The event's DJ is confirmed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.4 Receive information from the Scholarship subcommittee and discuss action.
The Scholarship subcommittee had no new updates, as everything was finalized in the last meeting. Any new development will be after the Family Fun Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.5 Receive information from the Food Drive subcommittee and discuss action.
There were no new updates from the Food Drive subcommittee. The Drive is slated for the first two weeks in May.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.6 Receive information from the Sun, Earth, & Water event subcommittee and discuss action.

To broaden participation and make the event a family experience, the Subcommittee discussed several ideas. Commissioner Nelson suggested offering separate, engaging activities for children and teens following a slideshow presentation. To allow for more advertising and planning time, the commission considered moving the event to next year. Their priority is to create a high-quality, unique event with a strong message. One proposed advertising strategy is to include small, interactive projects at the Family Fun Day to attract a younger audience. The Commissioners all agreed to have a project table at the Family Fun Day event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.7 Receive information on the Communication plan for the year and discuss action.

The Communications Officer Adrian Bayardo informed the commission that an event at Elk Grove High School, scheduled close to the Path to Positivity event, may create a scheduling conflict for students wishing to participate in both..

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Commissioners discussed uploading the Youth Needs Assessment for public viewing and promoting the upcoming Path to Positivity event to encourage more sign-ups.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The February 11, 2025, Youth Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.



Marho Akpo
Youth Commission Secretary