

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION Regular Meeting March 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 Secretary, Marho Akpo, led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Review of the Path to Positivity Event.

The Path to Positivity event was reviewed by Commissioners, highlighting key successes and areas for improvement. The "Blooms for Benefit" booth was praised for engaging participants during speaker transitions. There was the suggestion to have a dedicated bracelet-making table to alleviate crowding and increase participation. The speakers were commended, most especially the Tell My Story representative, and their return next year was recommended. The event's success in educating attendees on the potentials of teen dating dangers was commended. Noteworthy is the event's limited school diversity. Broader inter-school participation to maximize the community impact of the positive messages should be a focal effort next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

Details of the Family Fun Day event were confirmed including face painting, a photo booth, games, a DJ, food trucks, and a dance group. There will be a total of seven booths, including "Child Action" providing daycare resources for parents. The Youth Commission will also host an interactive STEM station focused on Sun, Water, and Earth. The plan is to enhance the educational aspect of the STEM station by incorporating a screen displaying an environmental video on Life Cycle of a Plant.

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 sum of \$1,500 will be available for scholarships. The subcommittee is to work on the final details of the awards so that graphic request can be put in early.

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. Graphics should be out soon, and advertisement will commence late April.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

No new updates were available. The project will be incorporated as an interactive educational STEM booth at Family Fun Day, scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

Communications Officer Adrian Bayardo reported that he is working on creating a summary of the Path to Positivity Event, indicating that the text is complete and pending photographic materials. Youth Advisor Omotesho advised that desired changes to the Commission's webpage cannot move forward presently due to the planned migration of the City's website to a new domain.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Advisor Omotesho announced the Sacramento County Youth Commission's "Stand Up, Speak Out" event, a statewide activism initiative, scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2025, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Commissioners may wish to attend.
- Vice Chair Pratham Rangwala reported that the Sacramento Youth Commission invited the Elk Grove Youth Commission to host a table at the event. Advisor Omotesho clarified that tabling would require a formal proposal to the City for approval.
- Commissioners were reminded about the budget writing contest for Elk Grove high school students and were encouraged to participate.
- Commissioners were informed of an email received from a community member interested in making a mental health presentation to the commission. This will be included in the next meeting agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The March 11, 2025, Youth Commission Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Marho Akpo
Youth Commission Secretary