

CITY OF FAIRFIELD

Youth Commission Meeting

MONDAY, May 3, 2021, 7:00 P.M.

VIA TELECONFERENCE:



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AGENDA

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PURSUANT TO RALPH M. BROWN ACT, GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953, ALL VOTES SHALL BE BY ROLL CALL DUE TO MEMBERS PARTICIPATING BY TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Taylor Alexander

Commissioner Nihal Grewal

Commissioner Christopher Knight

Commissioner Eshan Kulkarwi

Commissioner Shery Lauron

Commissioner Sara Lodin

Commissioner Danielle Murphy

Commissioner Madelene Sciortino

Commissioner Nadia Smith

Commissioner Melissa Theodorus

Commissioner Nathaniel Thomas

Commissioner Sydeny Wang

Commissioner Kalelah Washington

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. City Council Report
2. CDBG Report
3. Advocacy Report
4. Events/Services Report
5. Outreach Report

PRESENTATIONS

6. Sullina Sanchez – Quality of Life Homeless Outreach Efforts

PARKS & RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

7. Updates – Meghan Sullivan

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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MINUTES

8. Approval of minutes from April 5, 2021

ACTION REQUIRED

NEW BUSINESS

9. Appointment of the Vice Chair Position – Meghan Sullivan

ACTION REQUIRED

10. Distribution of the Youth Needs Assessment – Commissioner Lodin

DISCUSSION ONLY

OLD BUSINESS

11. Transition to in-person meetings – Meghan Sullivan

DISCUSSION ONLY

ADJOURNMENT

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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

I, Meghan Sullivan, Parks and Recreation Manager, to hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the Fairfield Youth Commission, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at 1000 Webster Street on Friday, April 30th 2021.

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Monday, April 5, 2021, 7:00 PM

via Teleconference:

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CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Commissioner Taylor Alexander
Commissioner Nihal Grewal
Commissioner Christopher Knight
Commissioner Eshan Kulkarni
Commissioner Shery Lauron
Commissioner Sara Lodin
Commissioner Danielle Murphy
Commissioner Madelene Sciortino
Commissioner Nadia Smith
Commissioner Melissa Theodorus
Commissioner Nathaniel Thomas
Commissioner Sydney Wang
Commissioner Kalelah Washington

ABSENT: Commissioner Nihal Grewal, Commissioner Shery Lauron, Commissioner Madelene Sciortino, Commissioner Nathaniel Thomas, Commissioner Kalelah Washington

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

1. City Council Report
Commissioner Murphy reported that there was not a lot of information on youth during the last City Council Meeting.
2. CDBG Report
Commissioner Lodin reported that each CDBG member scored the applicants who were interested in receiving funding. This allowed for goals to be met and applicants to be approved. She reported that they were able to move forward with the action plan. She claimed that she was able to learn and observe how it worked.
3. Advocacy Ad-Hoc Group Report
Commissioner Kulkarni reported that the Advocacy Group discussed Mental Health Month ideas, such as having podcasts and guest speakers talk about mental health.
4. Events and Services Group Report
Commissioner Murphy reported that the Events and Services Group was able to discuss further steps with helping the homeless, the 4th of July parade, and reopening. Events and Services will be reaching out to have a guest speaker talk about homelessness during the next meeting.
5. Outreach Group Report
Commissioner Smith reported that Outreach posted two Instagram posts about two young women making a change in their community for Women's History Month.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Ryan Olsen, Parks & Recreation Supervisor
Mr. Olsen presented the Commission a lifeguarding job opportunity for youth to earn money at the Allen Witt Aquatics Complex. There will be certification courses during the current and following month. This opportunity will provide life and professional skills. The application is on the City's website. He would like the Commission to share the opportunity with others and to contact him directly for questions.

PARKS & RECREATION MANAGER REPORT

Ms. Sullivan reported that she will be meeting with the Quality of Life and Events on Services to discuss ways to work with the Youth Commission. She presented the Commission with summer camp and Fun on the Run job opportunities for youth. She claimed that the City is planning for fully reopening in the summer and making changes as they occur.

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There was no public comment.

MINUTES

7. Approval of Minutes from March 1, 2021

Action Required

Commissioner Kulkarni motioned to approve the minutes from March 1, 2021. Commissioner Lodin seconded the motion. The action item passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Scheduling Subcommittee Meetings – Meghan Sullivan

Discussion Item

Ms. Sullivan said she will be sending a Survey Monkey to every subcommittee group during the week to pick a day to act as one set ongoing day every month.

9. Transition to in-person meetings – Meghan Sullivan

Discussion Item

Ms. Sullivan wanted to let the Commission know that it will be likely that the formal May meeting will be held in-person in the City Council Chambers. She said subcommittee meetings will continue to be held on Zoom even after the pandemic. She wanted to know everyone’s comfort level about transitioning back to in-person meetings.

10. Library Zoom Series – Commissioner Theodorus

Discussion Item

Commissioner Theodorus mentioned that Solano County Library’s Virtual Teen Advisory Board reached out to her to talk about their 7-week series on Zoom called Teens Talk Together. Each meeting will happen on Friday from 3-4 pm. The series’ purpose is to give teens an open space to talk with other teens and a representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The events subcommittee would like Commissioners to volunteer to attend and report about each meeting in future formal meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

11. 4th of July – Meghan Sullivan

Ms. Sullivan wanted to bring the 4th of July parade and Youth Commission float back so the Commission could decide on the level of involvement to take, such as building an entire float or doing something smaller. She would like the Commission to check their availability and report back during May’s formal meeting.

12. Youth Needs Assessment – Meghan Sullivan

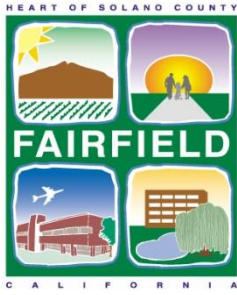
Ms. Sullivan reported that Advocacy will meet to find out ways to spread the Youth Needs Assessment since the school district will not be able to. She said distribution of the assessment should begin at the start of the next school year.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Commissioner Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Commissioner Theodorus, Secretary



Agenda Report

DATE: May 3, 2021
TO: The Youth Commission
FROM: Meghan Sullivan, Parks & Recreation Superintendent
SUBJECT: Appointment of Commission Vice Chair

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Appoint Commissioner Sara Lodin as Vice Chair of the Youth Commission.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Commissioner Madelene Sciortino has stepped down as the Vice Chair of the Youth Commission. The Commission has been without a Vice Chair for two months and needs to fill the vacancy.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Lodin was the sole nominee for the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Lodin has been a member of the Youth Commission for over a year and feels ready to take on the responsibilities of the Vice Chair position. She has exemplary meeting attendance, is the current Youth Commission CDBG representative and an active member of the advocacy subcommittee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Do not appoint Commissioner Lodin and leave the position vacant.

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