

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF
CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021**

Chair Jacob Rosoff called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing.

Present: Mayor Bozajian, Councilmember Weintraub and Mayor's Youth Council Board members.

Absent: Malyssa Eddy, Olivia Haber, Alexandra Kurciska, Mia Spiegel, Kearston Stepenosky, Ben Sweeney and Parinaz Toufighi.

Staff: Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kavon Naziri.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/INTRODUCTIONS

There were no announcements or introductions.

ORAL COMMUNICATION - PUBLIC COMMENT

No one spoke during public comment.

CONSENT

1. Approval of meeting minutes from March 17, 2021

Matthew Shapiro moved to approve the minutes, and Zach Samuel seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Elginer, Grayson, Improta, Kolanu, Konheim, Matalon, Mazaheri, Naziri, Perel, Z. Rosoff, J. Rosoff, Samuel, Shapiro

ABSENT: Eddy, Haber, Kurciska, Spiegel, Stepenosky, Sweeney, Toufighi

NEW BUSINESS

2. Report from subcommittee leaders and discussion of respective events

Morgan Konheim reported the following for the Civic Engagement subcommittee:

- She reported the subcommittee's prioritized events. They would like to move forward with an installation of a gaga pit at De Anza Park; however, she noted that it might be too expensive.
- They have started to contact participants for the Women's History Panel.
- They will push voter registration and the MYC Cup to later in the year.
- They were unsure if the City Block Party and Pumpkin Festival would be held.

Mayor Bozajian noted that the Pumpkin Festival will probably be happening. He also explained that, if the gaga pit was going to be a permanent feature of the park, funding would probably not have to come from the MYC. Mayor Bozajian stated he would check with the City's Community Services Director and the City Manager about feasibility.

Board members discussed the installation of the gaga pit. Chair Rosoff explained that this is very popular with those who go to summer camps. Zach Samuel explained that the gaga pit would be a permanent fixture, like a basketball court. Kavon Naziri said that the gaga pit might become less popular over time, and he thought it might not be a good investment of time and resources. Chair Rosoff noted that most members were in support of the gaga pit.

For the Women's Panel, Chair Rosoff said they will contact Councilmember Weintraub, Mayor pro Tem Mary Sue Maurer, LVMWD Board member Linda Lohill, and LVUSD President Angela Cutbill.

Matthew Shapiro reported the following for the Communications subcommittee:

- They posted events for Earth Week on the MYC Instagram.
- They will contact the *Acorn* to notify them about future events.
- They have not discussed the debates for the Gubernatorial campaign.

Chair Rosoff asked about alternative media to get publicity. Shapiro expressed support for using the Associated Student Body at Calabasas High School and other schools, and Chair Rosoff suggested offering volunteer hours to increase participation.

Chair Rosoff reminded Board Members that they can always contact the Communications subcommittee if they need anything publicized.

Mayor Bozajian explained that the Governor's recall election will probably be in November, so they need to start planning for a debate soon. In addition, there will be an open County Supervisor Seat, with an election in June 2022, and there may be an additional recall election for the District Attorney's office.

Kavon Naziri reported the following for the Cultural Awareness & Diversity Subcommittee:

- For the MYC Speaker Series, they would like to contact a representative of the Satwiwa Native American Cultural Center in Newbury Park to teach about Chumash culture and history.
- They also want to create a Culture Awareness & Inclusion Event in Mid-June or July to focus on educating about cultures through music, movies, and a book display at the Calabasas Library.
- They would also like to hold a Pride Day at the end of June to support the LGBTQ+ community.

Secretary Rosoff suggested combining the Pride Day event with the Culture Awareness & Inclusion Event. He also asked if there would be a celebration for the Culture Awareness & Inclusion Event, and Naziri explained that it would just be an educational event online due to Covid-19. Mayor Bozajian voiced support for holding events online until further notice, and Councilmember Weintraub explained that public events may be held in person soon.

Zachary Samuel reported the following for the Environmental subcommittee:

- He explained that from April 22 to April 30, the MYC Instagram is hosting an Earth Week. Each day will represent a different environmental theme with a graphic and challenge. There will be a \$25 gift card award for the challenge winner.
- On April 24, there will be an Arbor Day Celebration, and on April 25, there will be a Creek Cleanup.

Mayor Bozajian explained that Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel is scheduled to attend the events. Ms. Hernandez explained that there are still registrations available for both events. Mayor Bozajian suggested that participants at the Creek Cleanup wear long pants, but the City will provide rubber boots, trash bags and gloves.

Samuel outlined the Earth Week Instagram posts and challenges, which are related to fast fashion, vaping, rodenticides, electron waste, plastics, climate change, and renewable resources. He also expressed hope that other Board Members could repost the Instagram graphics on their stories. Ms. Hernandez suggested tagging the City of Calabasas to get more visibility.

Gia Perel reported the following for the Wellness subcommittee:

- They will be hosting a Spring Cleaning Clothing Drive on May 15 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. in front of the Civic Center. They are asking for donations of gently used clothing and shoes.
- Perel asked if there was a place to store the donations for the weekend.

Ms. Hernandez and Councilmember Weintraub suggested using Founder's Hall as storage.

Perel also noted that she will send out the revised flyer to Ms. Hernandez, and it will be promoted in the e-news and Mayor Bozajian's weekly letter. Perel said that the Wellness subcommittee will be there, but any extra volunteers would be appreciated. She finally added that the Wellness Subcommittee may focus on an anti-bullying week after the Clothing Drive.

During general discussion, Mayor Bozajian discussed the Mayor's Challenge for Earth Day in 2003 in which he was challenged to eat insects. Chair Rosoff suggested that the Mayor eat insects as an incentive for participation, and he agreed that he would.

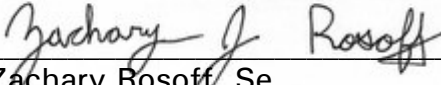
Mayor Bozajian added that he enjoyed watching Jack Elginer's volunteering story with a Covid-19 clinical trial. He also discussed details about the Earth Week events.

Councilmember Weintraub and Chair Rosoff both commended board members for their hard work.

Ms. Hernandez added that subcommittees must get their event dates approved by the City. Mayor Bozajian also noted that the MYC can have a booth at the 4th of July celebration, perhaps working on voter registration.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. to a date to be determined.



Zachary Rosoff, Se
Secretary of the Mayor's Youth Council