## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALABASAS, CALIFORNIA HELD TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021

Chair Jacob Rosoff called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing.

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

Absent: Malyssa Eddy, Jordan Matalon, and Parinaz Toufighi

Staff: Maricela Hernandez, City Clerk

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Zachary Samuel.

### 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 April 19, 2021

Zachary Samuel moved to approve the minutes, and Anika Kolanu seconded. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Elginer, Grayson, Haber, Improta, Kolanu, Konheim, Kurciska, Mazaheri, Naziri, Perel, Z. Rosoff, J. Rosoff, Samuel, Shapiro, Spiegel, Stepenosky, Sweeney.

ABSENT: Eddy, Matalon, Toufighi.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 2. Report from subcommittee leaders and discussion of respective events
  - Jacob Rosoff reported the following for the Civic Engagement subcommittee:
- Subcommittee members discussed the gaga pit and created a list that includes costs.
- They also discussed having a voter registration booth at the Fourth of July Celebration.
- Chair Rosoff also noted that the subcommittee is planning a Women's Panel.

Mayor Bozajian and Ms. Hernandez suggested that the Concerts at the Park may be a better option for voter registration. The City can provide voter registration cards, iPads and Mifi devices for registration.

Ms. Hernandez and Mayor Bozajian suggested foregoing the Women's History Panel and instead focusing on prominent guest speakers like Henry Stern. The outdoor amphitheater near City Hall is a possible location for such event.

Chair Rosoff suggested that subcommittees come up with speakers for a potential speaker series. The Civic Engagement Subcommittee will reach out to Henry Stern.

National Voter Registration Day falls on September 28. Ms. Hernandez reminded members of the registration contest between Calabasas High School and Viewpoint.

Matthew Shapiro reported the following for the Communications subcommittee:

- The subcommittee reached out to Kevin Faulconer's campaign (former Mayor of San Diego) for the upcoming recall election, but he has not responded yet.
- They also had discussions with the Cultural Awareness & Diversity Subcommittee about doing an Instagram takeover for Indigenous People's Day.

Mayor Bozajian recommended reaching out to "yes" and "no" sides rather than individual campaigns. He and Ms. Hernandez offered to find resources and contact information.

Mayor Bozajian hoped to dedicate a piece of land next to De Anza Park with the Mayor's Youth Council working with the Chumash tribe to provide an adequate name for it. Olivia Haber reported the following for the Cultural Awareness & Diversity Subcommittee:

- At their last meeting, they focused on Pride Month, which started June 1. One
  of their ideas was to have an LGBTQ Mariachi Band.
- She also expressed support for the dedication of a piece of land for Indigenous People's Day.

Mayor Bozajian and Ms. Hernandez considered the price of having a Mariachi band, asking Ms. Haber to obtain pricing information. Mayor Bozajian cautioned the subcommittee not to wait too long to start planning Indigenous People's Day.

Zachary Samuel reported the following for the Environmental subcommittee:

- Mr. Samuel thanked everyone for coming to the Arbor Day and Creek Cleanup events.
- For the remainder of the year, the subcommittee would like to plan similar cleanup events. They would also like to continue using Instagram to inform people about environmental issues, including fire safety.
- He also expressed that the City could screen an environmental documentary at a drive-in movie or at Founders Hall.
- The subcommittee will start reaching out to potential guest speakers.

Ms. Hernandez requested Mr. Samuel to reach out to the winner of the Earth Week contests. Mayor Bozajian stated that he had a great time at the Earth Week events. He suggested that the subcommittee do another bug-eating contest, as it can increase publicity and can teach about insect nutrition. He stated that the contest could take place at the showing of the environmental documentary.

Gia Perel reported the following for the Wellness subcommittee:

- She noted that the subcommittee collected over 150 bags of clothes at the Clothing Drive, and she thanked members of the MYC.
- She reported that future projects could include collecting school supplies for the Guadalupe Center, canned goods for homeless shelters and toiletries for homeless veterans.

Mayor Bozajian suggested that MYC members come to City Council meetings to publicize their events.

Ms. Hernandez announced that the Communications Department is creating public service announcements to encourage people to get the vaccine. In addition, she announced that the Communications and Technology Commission has an open student commissioner seat, and she encouraged MYC members to apply.

Mayor Bozajian expressed the desire to hold future MYC meetings in person, and many members voiced support.

# **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. to a date to be determined.

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Zachary Rosoff, Secretary of the Mayor's Youth Council