



Livermore Area  
Recreation and Park District  
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**LIVERMORE AREA YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, JUNE 3, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 PM**

**ROBERT LIVERMORE COMMUNITY CENTER (RLCC)  
FIESTA ROOM  
4444 EAST AVENUE  
LIVERMORE, CA 94550**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 7:00 PM.**

Secretary Arroyo called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner/Liaison	Present	Absent	Commissioner/Liaison	Present	Absent
Sarah Ansell (C)		X	Robert Purcell (C)		X
Evelyn Arroyo (C)	X		Yagulan Srikumar (C)	X	
Shlok Bansal (C)	X		Daphne Yan (C)	X	
Denica Bellucci (C)	X		Alicia Zhang (C)	X	
Miraya Choudhury (C)	X		Ashley Zhuang (C)	X	
Jason He (C)		X	Ann Brown (AC)	X	
Madeline Lovdahl (C)		X	Nancy Blair (L)	X	
Elizabeth Ludwig (C)	X		Lynn Gardner (L)	X	
Yesenia Medina (C)		X	Scott Vernoy (L)		X
Amelia Nelson (C)		X	Holly Friden (SS)	X	

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** For the approval of the regular May 6, 2019 meeting minutes, brought by Secretary Arroyo, motioned by Commissioner Zhuang and seconded by Commissioner Srikumar, the minutes passed unanimously and with no amendments.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Adult Commissioner (AC) Brown provided updates on:

- The Youth Environmental Action Summit. It's going to be a Tri-Valley event, with meetings being held over the summer with Pleasanton youth. You have my information and can contact me over phone/email if you're interested.
- Rally for Love: It's a complement to the World Cultural Fair. It's this Sunday, June 9, from 1:00 – 3:00 P.M. There will be speakers, poetry, spoken word. Mayor Marchand

will be presenting the Inclusivity Proclamation that LAYAC started working on in 2017. It's very satisfying to see this. Also, the Youth Art Mural will be on display. The Rally for Love may be an idea for a project for next year.

**5. CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**6.a Civic Appreciation Dinner Update:** Commission: It was a fun time! Our display was very nice, and we had nice interactions with the other Commissions, Mayor Marchand and past Commissioners.

**7. OLD BUSINESS:**

**7.a Registering High School Seniors to Vote:** Commissioner Srikumar: Mayor Marchand specifically asked LAYAC to help, so we should make this a priority.

Liaison Gardner: Yes, obviously if the Mayor and City Council ask us to be involved, we should make an effort. You'd work with principals, and we'd get Liaison Vernoy involved. The City (of Livermore) could explore the training requisites, also. Since you talked about it at the last meeting, you can vote on it during this meeting, if you'd like to select this as a project.

Liaison Blair: Liaison Vernoy is very supportive of it, including having tables out at the schools at lunchtime. It's good for the younger kids to learn and gain an awareness, even if they can't quite register to vote.

Commissioner Choudhury: At the last meeting, we discussed getting clubs (high school) involved.

Liaison Gardner: Yes, and you could also put a sub-committee together over the summer – or you can do it when you get back – but the sub-committee could do the research and provide recommendations once back from summer. It's a doable, manageable project if it ends up being a LAYAC-only (vs. sub-committee). Schools involved would include: Livermore, Granada, Del Valle, Vineyard. The goal is to pre-register as many 16+ year olds as possible, so that they will be able to vote during the 2020 election (they'll be 18). This gives us six months to pre-register kids (September – March).

Commissioner Ludwig: Would the sub-committee involve research only?

Liaison Gardner: Yes, just involves reporting back, after doing the research.

Sub-committee volunteers:

- Commissioner Choudhury
- Commissioner Ludwig
- Commissioner Zhang

The Commission voted to have this as an official 2019-20 project: On the motion brought by Secretary Arroyo, motioned by Commissioner Srikumar and seconded by Commissioner Bansal, the item passed unanimously.

**7.b Commission Support of and/or Letter About Flavors Hook Kids Initiative Based on Item 8.a:** Liaison Gardner: Flavors Hook Kids, an organization started by mothers

concerned about the tobacco epidemic amongst youth, has been the foundation of the case to try and push a tobacco ordinance in Livermore. City staff has been asked to look into this to show how many stores would be affected, the impact of the city, etc. If this ordinance goes into effect, this will make a lot of people – vendors especially – unhappy. There was already a sting where eight different vendors were targeted, and four of those vendors sold to minors. This will come up for discussion during an upcoming City Council meeting (most likely July).

AC Brown: If you feel strongly about it, go to the meeting and voice your thoughts on the matter.

Liaison Gardner: Since you spoke about this at your last meeting, you can vote on it: approving a letter template or involvement.

AC Brown: Do you think this is something you'd support?

Commissioner Srikumar: If we're unsure about the health effects, and we're to take on a project, we should have at the September meeting a presentation to show how this can affect people. Just as we learned about cigarettes, hookah, marijuana in health classes, vaping is much bigger now, and we should learn about it.

AC Brown: I've learned from moms how much the tobacco industry targets youth with the youth flavors – it's very addictive. The industry's put together a cocktail of addiction; it's very nefarious.

SS Friden read aloud a sample online letter; this letter can be filled out online and sent directly to Mayor Marchand.

AC Brown: You could, as LAYAC, write a letter – and also do so individually.

Secretary Arroyo: Could we add why we want to support this, why personally?

Commission: Not really –

AC Brown: Or, you could write a letter to the *Independent*; adults pay more attention to this than to the Council meetings.

Commissioner Srikumar: I think that part of the issue with kids and smoking is that once adults say 'no, you can't do X, Y, Z', youth rebel. It's part of the thrill.

Secretary Arroyo: Yes – and in other countries, youth drink at younger ages. Other cultures speak more openly about it and its (drinking's) effects, and parents don't inflict fear.

Liaison Gardner: There are a couple of ways of looking at it, in terms of teaching not only youth, but parents, too:

- Education (TUPE)
- Programs (In Lieu of Program)

... parents and kids are unaware of the harm, for example, marijuana will do. Part of this is because that the marijuana is different than what parents are used to, in terms of potency. THC levels are now at 90%, vs. 3% of the parents' generation.

Commissioner Srikumar: In other countries, the drinking age is 18 years old, and it's a different mentality: Drinking is social, kids even drink with family - versus in America - and people drink to get drunk.

Liaison Gardner: For September, I'll work on getting the TUPE people here for discussion, and we can get a packet of materials together for you.

The Commission voted to support and/or submit letters for the Flavors Hook Kids organization on the item brought by Secretary Arroyo, motioned by Media Chair Yan and seconded by Commissioner Bellucci. The item passed unanimously.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**8.a Guest Speakers: TUPE Educators Team for Information on Flavors Hook Kids:**  
Liaison Gardner, Speaking on TUPE's Behalf:

- TUPE stands for Tobacco Use Prevention Educators
- The educators are comprised of 15 youth, grades nine – 12; it's a volunteer organization
- These volunteers try and educate schools (elementary – high school) about e-juice, tobacco, vaping, etc., and the dangers of using such products
- They are educated by the Alameda County Office of Education; there are grants which provide this kind of training
- Doreen Aubel:
  - Works with these youth educators at lunchtime
  - Coordinates events
- It's a great program
- I (Liaison Gardner) work with them on the In Lieu of/Reduction of Suspension Program
- This program allows for a shorter suspension length, if a Vice Principal recommends and approves it, if a youth is caught on campus in possession of, or using, tobacco products
- Hopefully, come September, the TUPE Educators can come and give a presentation to you; TUPE's a great resource

**8.b Summer Hiatus: No Meetings: July + August. Next Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2019, 7:00 P.M.**

**8.c Interfaith Backpack Project:** Takes place in August; SS Friden will email you the details. This is a project the Commission selected as a 2018-19 project. Commissioners help to stuff backpacks that are then delivered to community youth.

Liaison Gardner: The Livermore Police Department also has a 'Stuff the Cruiser' campaign. If you're interested in helping, Volunteers are needed on Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21 at various locations throughout Livermore; please let SS Friden know if you're interested in helping, and she'll send you more information.

## **9. Matters Initiated:**

**9.a:** Commissioner Zhang: Congratulations to the seniors!

Liaison Gardner: Thank you for all of your hard work and support. It's been a blessing to have you on the Commission. We appreciate you – and please visit!

**10. Adjournment:** Secretary Arroyo adjourned the meeting at 8:17 P.M. to a regular meeting on Monday, September 9 at 7:00 P.M. (Fiesta Room, Robert Livermore Community Center, 4444 East Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550).