



# CITY OF PITTSBURG YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES –October 25, 2023  
REGULAR MEETING

Chair Aafia Sammee called the meeting of the Commission to order at 5:04 p.m. at the Marina Community Center – Classroom #1, 340 Marina Blvd., Pittsburg, California.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT** Commissioners Sammee, Badhan and Crose were present. Non-Voting Members Fernandez and Shepard were present.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT** Commissioner Barakzai was absent. Commissioner Jackson was absent and excused. Non-voting member Rattu was absent and excused.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** A majority of the commissioners present approved the meeting minutes for September 27, 2023.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No correspondence at this time.

**REPORTS** Last weekend, the Haunted House event was hosted at the Marina Center, which was aimed at youth and teens. 30 high school and junior high school students came to volunteer. 803 people attended. Small World Park will host a Halloween Bash for younger kids this Saturday, October 28 from 12pm to 5pm. A canned good donation will allow free entry for kids.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS** No audience remarks.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Climate Action in Contra Costa – Emily Groth and Nicole, Contra Costa County: Department of Conservation and Development. Discussed the County Sustainability Team’s mission, explained their climate action plan to create a clean environment and address climate issues, and how the youth can get involved.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Commissioner Recruitment Discussion – added the idea to recruit students at all levels of education, along with possibly advertising at the community colleges. A challenge that comes up is that many of the commissioners are in school, so the school would have to give permission to leave. A solution could be to set a month and ask the district to give permission for the possible field trip. The next school would be Rancho Medanos Junior High School.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. November and December meeting dates – Motioned to postpone the November meeting date to November 29<sup>th</sup>. Motioned to cancel the December meeting.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS**

1. Commissioner Crose informed that there are events going on at Pitt High, haunted hallway from 6pm to 8pm next Monday, October 30, fall festival, Homecoming will be on November 4th.
2. Commissioner Bahdan informed that at Pitt High, the Annual Car Parade will be on November 3rd, Homecoming and the Big Little Game will be on November 4th.
3. Sam informed attendees that the County will be planning to build youth centers. They provided QR codes so that they can receive survey responses about what events and programs people are interested in. The youth centers would be three in total, one in West, Central and East Contra Costa County. Sam also found a group called SLIA, which is a youth commission that focuses on sustainability and environmental justice.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING**

Commissioner Sammee adjourned the meeting at 5:48pm