



# CITY OF PITTSBURG YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

MINUTES – March 27, 2024  
REGULAR MEETING

Chair Aafia Sammee called the meeting of the Commission to order at 5:02 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 Shepherd was present.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT** Commissioner Jackson was absent. Non-voting members Fernandez was absent and excused. Pittsburg Unified School District and Pittsburg Police Activities League were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** A majority of the commissioners present approved the meeting minutes for February, 2024.

**CORRESPONDENCE** No correspondence at this time.

**REPORTS** No reports.

**AUDIENCE REMARKS** No audience remarks.

## PRESENTATIONS

1. Contra Costa County Measure X Teen Centers – Social Change Partners – Dr. Gregory Burks. Discussing the proposed Measure X Teen Center that will be built in East Contra Costa County. Dr. Burks provided background on the Measure X referendum that was passed, the Board of Supervisors designation of funds to create youth centers, and plans for operating. Dr. Burks solicited feedback from Commissioners for youth center services, operations, and amenities.
2. Center for Human Development: The Empowerment Program - Caitlin Gulseth - Empowerment Program Coordinator. Empowerment Program is a support program for LGBTQ+ youth. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 430 Railroad Ave, Suite 102A Pittsburg CA, 4:30-6:30pm. Background information on Center for Human Development and the health and wellness services they have provided since 1972 was given. Focus on building healthy social and support networks. Spotlight and background information on LGBTQ+ women's history month contributions.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Youth Advisory Commission Recruitment – Rancho Medanos Junior High visit to

Leadership and Avid Classes. Commissioner Badhan has contacted Principal Fortney and they would like to have us present. Chair Sammee is available on Fridays. We will try to coordinate with the Principal to find a date to visit Rancho Medanos. Staff will pull together a presentation and basic slides.

2. YAC Instagram Account – Commissioners can post. Just need to share draft with Pittsburg Staff for approval.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. YAC Social at the end of the year. Commissioners trying to coordinate a day to have a social/event.
2. End of Year Report to Council. YAC last meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Could we present to Council June 3? June 17?
3. Remake the YAC video for future recruitment.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS/STAFF COMMENTS**

1. Contra Costa Health Workforce Health Ambassador Program – hiring 6-month, grant funded positions. Open to 18-30 year olds. Sabrina Villaro is the contact [Sabrina.villaro@cchealth.org](mailto:Sabrina.villaro@cchealth.org)
2. Pittsburg sports programming transitioning from Jr. NBA basketball programs to outdoor sports like baseball, soccer, and flag football later in the summer. Over 250 young people involved in the basketball league including Recreation Leaders and community members serving as coaches and referees.
3. Twilight Hoops update – 66 young people aged 14-25 registered. Darius Jones Foundation kicked-off the workshops with information on her foundation and CPR/AED. Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY) Program came out 2<sup>nd</sup> week to give information on navigating the justice system.
4. Commissioner Sheppard's last YAC meeting. New appointment on Community Advisory Commission. Thank you!
5. The play at Pittsburg High may be rescheduled because of construction.
6. March 27 is the first day of Spring Break at Pittsburg High School.

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

Commissioner Sammee adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.