

CITY OF GALT

GALT CITY COUNCIL YOUTH COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, October 3rd, 2016

Meeting held in City Council Chambers

A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Juliet Rodriguez, Youth Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

B. **ROLL CALL:**

Adult Mentors Present: Cross (6:03 PM), Flores, Gordon, L.Klotz, Velasco

Members Absent: Payne

Youth Members Present: Cuevas, Hassey, O. Klotz, Miller, Muller, Munoz, Rodriguez, Sessions, Yebra

Members Absent: Gamez

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eugene Palazzo, Galt City Manager, updated the commission on the San Joaquin Delta College North Campus and the city's efforts to bring it to the Liberty Road site. The college's board will be holding a workshop in November and a final decision may be made as early as December. Mr. Palazzo requested the support of the GYC in the form of a letter to be sent to the board advocating a decision in favor of the greater Galt community. The letter would need to be submitted by November 14, 2016.

D. **PRESENTATIONS:**

Jeannine St. Claire of the Galt Beautification Committee informed the GYC of their plans to upgrade the landscaping at the school bus facility at 1035 Beaver Park Way. It will take place Saturday, October 15 beginning at 8:00 AM with a barbeque lunch to be provided. Volunteers are needed to replace mulch, plants and do some trimming of remaining landscaping. Ms. St. Claire asked the commission to contact her if anyone was interested in volunteering and to also help get the word out on the activity. Adult mentor John Gordon commented we could also post about the activity on our social media resources to inform others.

Jennifer Collier from the Galt Joint Union Elementary School District invited the GYC to participate at the Lights on After School event at Greer Elementary School to be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 4-6:30 PM. The event will showcase a variety of youth groups available in the Galt area and a meal will be provided as well to attendees.

E. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Lights on After School Event Participation

Action was taken by the commission regarding the request made by Jennifer Collier to participate in the Lights on After School event. The following commissioners agreed to participate in the event: M. Munoz, M. Muller, O. Klotz, and J. Rodriguez, P. Sessions.

Moved: M. Muller Second: H. Hassey Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

2. Icebreaker

Vice Chair Olivia Klotz lead the commission in a get-to-know-you icebreaker. Both adult and youth members were asked to write down five items they would take with them if stranded on an island. She read several out loud and whoever guessed correctly as to the author received a piece of candy.

3. GYC Agreements

Vice Chair Olivia Klotz shared the agreements agreed upon during a previous meeting. These agreements include the following as well as other key points: respect our peers, focus on communicating with honesty and kindness, ask for opinions. She will make a poster with all the agreements listed for everyone to sign at the next meeting upon final approval.

4. Galt Harald Agreements

Commissioner Magaly Munoz shared she wrote an editorial on suicide prevention for the Galt Herald newspaper. Bonnie Rodriguez, managing editor, reported that the newspaper had set aside space on the fourth Wednesday of every month for a teen page. This month Commissioner Munoz's editorial and Commissioner Juliet Rodriguez's article on the President's Summit where both San Joaquin Delta College and California State University Sacramento presidents spoke of opportunities available to students at their respective schools, will be on the teen page, as well as the pros and cons of block scheduling as seen by some of our commissioners. Ms. Rodriguez also mentioned they are looking for sponsors for the page, she welcomes ideas and pictures from the commission, will be reaching out to the art departments at the high schools for possible editorial cartoon art for the

page, suggested rating movies and concerts and surveying youth through social media. She also informed the commission that when the teen page publishes, the newspaper will donate 50 free issues to each school. Other ideas presented by the commission included articles on Delta College, planning for college, what to do in Galt, Crafting with Santa, holiday events, the Dairy Bowl football game, daylight savings time and the high school band season.

5.Publicity Update

Publicity Chair Jesus Cuevas provided an update on the progress of the commissions' website through the city's website. So far he has a home page and would like each commissioner to write a short bio with photo for the site. The website will have information about our past and future projects as well as our meeting agendas and minutes. He would like to purchase a domain name that would redirect from the city's website to www.galtyouthcommission.com. The cost would be \$1.17 for the first year and \$9.98 plus tax each year thereafter. A motion was made to approve the purchase of the domain name www.galtyouthcommission.com for two years with the cost not to exceed \$15.00.

Moved: O. Klotz Second: M. Muller Ayes: 9 Nays:0 Abstain:0

6. College and Career Fair

Adult mentor Tracy Cross asked the commissioners if they were interested in volunteering at the College and Career Fair at Liberty Ranch High School on February 22, 2017~~nd~~ from 8:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. She would like volunteers to be there at 7:15 to set up and stay until 12:30 to clean up. Volunteers would need to dress professionally as if going to a job interview. She also offered the GYC a table to promote the commission. Volunteers would be excused from school and would be provided a lunch. Volunteers can be from either high school. Action was taken by the commissioners to support this event. The following commissioners agreed to volunteer at this event, run a booth, and recruit more volunteers: O. Klotz, K.Miller, M.Muller, J. Rodriguez, P. Sessions,

Moved: M. Muller Second: O. Klotz Ayes: 9 Nays:0 Abstain: 0

7.Health Awareness Day

Adult mentor John Gordon informed the commission that he and Adult mentor Tracy Cross would be taking over the Health Awareness Day subcommittee. He informed the commission of a potential partnership with Lodi Health and has a meeting scheduled with them for October 13, 2016. He will also be getting in touch with the Sacramento County Health Department to gauge their possible involvement.

8.Crafting with Santa

Adult mentor Lupe Flores shared that she has been checking on the dates available at the Chabolla and Littleton centers for Crafting with Santa. The Chabolla Center is available December 3rd, 4th, 11th, 17th, and 18th. The Littleton Center has December 4th, 10th, and 18th available. The subcommittee consisting of Magaly Munoz, Paige Sessions, Jesus Cuevas, Martina Muller and Hannah Hassey will meet before the next meeting and decide on a date.

9. Art Exhibit Update

Youth Chair Juliet Rodriguez gave an update on the Art Exhibit. The exhibit is still to be called the Teen Perspective Art Exhibit, they are currently looking for possible grants, working on a logo and trying to get in touch with David Garibaldi through his assistant.

10. Lessons of Leadership

Adult mentor Leesa Klotz shared “7 Lessons We Can Learn From Geese to Succeed at Work” These lessons include: sharing a common goal, increasing visibility, being able to seek help, empowering others to lead, recognizing great work, offering support in challenging times and staying committed to your core values and purpose. She gave examples to the commissioners of how they could utilize these lessons in their work on the commission.

11. Approval of minutes for the meeting of August 29, 2016

A motion was made to make a revision to Item No. 13 to say, “August 14th” instead of “September 14th”.

Moved: J. Cuevas Second: K. Miller Ayes:9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

12. Treasurer's Report

Adult mentor Lupe Flores shared the Treasurer’s Report and informed the commission of upcoming changes to the city’s recordkeeping of our funds. Since the city council allowed the commission’s ending balance at June 30, 2016 to be carried forward, they have rescinded the previously allocated funds of \$2,500.00 for the 2016-2017 year. As of the beginning of this fiscal year, July 1, 2016, the city will now maintain accounts separating our fundraising and John Moran Scholarship funds from any allocated funds they may provide in the future. Budget allocated funds will be required to be spent prior to the end of any fiscal year. Currently, our balance is shown as \$4,841.42 in General and Encum-

bered funds. Adult mentor Flores also shared that the city council has informed us that we will now be charged for our minute and agenda packets.

13. Galt Herald Newspaper

Youth Commissioner Paige Sessions shared the article “Meet City Council High School Trustee Hopefuls”. The article states that in November the citizens of Galt will be voting on the candidates for the Galt City Council and Galt Joint Union High School District Board of Trustees. She chose this article as both city council and high school board members affect the commission and the youth they represent.

14. City Council Update

None

15. Future Agenda Items

Economic Development for the City of Galt, Escape Sacramento, Galt Rotary Community Dinner, and the letter of support for Delta College were suggested as future agenda items.

16. Around the Horn / Give Your Gratitude

Adult mentor America Velasco announced that this was her last commission meeting, effectively resigning immediately, and thanked the commission members for the experience she shared. Chair Juliet Rodriguez congratulated Adult mentor Tracy Cross on her first meeting and welcomed her. Leesa Klotz shared that Barbara Payne is retiring and she would like for the commission to attend Barbara’s last city council meeting to show our appreciation for all her time and efforts during her years on the commission. Adult mentor Lupe Flores invited the commission to Barbara’s retirement party on October 15th. She also invited the commission to visit the Brentwood Youth Commission’s next meeting on October 5 and offered transportation to anyone interested. John Gordon gave gratitude to Paige for presenting her article and for stepping up to the podium to speak.

ADJOURNMENT: Youth Chair Juliet Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martina Muller, GYC Youth Secretary