

CITY OF GALT

GALT CITY COUNCIL YOUTH COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes, November 7th, 2016

Meeting held in City Council Chambers

A. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** Juliet Rodriguez, Youth Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

B. **ROLL CALL:**

Adult Mentors Present: Cross, Flores, Gordon, L.Klotz (6:08 P.M.), Payne

Members Absent: None

Youth Members Present: Cuevas, Gamez (6:13 P.M.), Hassey, Miller, Muller, Munoz, Rodriguez, Sessions, Yebra

Members Absent: O.Klotz

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

D. **PRESENTATIONS:** None

E. **REGULAR BUSINESS:**

1. Winter Bird Festival Participation

No action was taken as Mr. Durand did not present.

2. Delta College Letter of Support

Commissioner Rodriguez and Adult Mentor Gordon wrote a letter to be signed by all the commissioners advocating a decision in favor of bringing the San Joaquin Delta College North Campus to the Liberty Road site. Mr. Eugene Palazzo, Galt City Manager updated the commission on the college's current process. The commission was informed that on November 15th the college board of trustees would be holding a workshop at 1:30 PM, followed by a virtual tour of the Liberty Road Site at 2:30 PM with the Board of Trustees

meeting taking place at 5:00 P.M. at San Joaquin Delta College. Commissioners were encouraged to attend to show their support.

3. GYC Agreements

In view of Commissioner O. Klotz's absence, the review and signature of the agreements has been postponed until the December meeting.

4. Apparel Update

Adult Mentor Flores informed the commission that UPS has lost the shirts that the commission previously ordered and the shirt company has offered to send polo shirts for all members free of charge. She showed the commission sample polo shirts and asked for a motion to be made to either order the polo shirts for all the commissioners or to keep the original order of a formal shirt and t-shirt for the newest members only. A motion was made to order the polo shirts free of charge for all members.

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

5. Galt Herald Editorials

Galt Herald Editor Bonnie Rodriguez and Commissioner Yebra provided an update on the Galt Herald editorials. The subcommittee is currently working on three stories for the youth page this month: the election, Delta College, and the can food drive; they will be using the hashtag #letsthinkaboutit to stimulate response to the editorials on social media. Bonnie shared that she has reached out to the high school art teachers about getting students to submit comics for the page. She also shared that she wants to run a feature on what the commission is thankful for and will be looking for responses from the commissioners via email.

6. Publicity Update

Publicity Chair Cuevas provided an update. The website domain www.galtyouthcommission.com is up and running. Galt City Clerk Donna Settles is working on the homepage and should be up soon. Commissioner Cuevas stated he is still awaiting bios from many of the commissioners. He is also keeping track of GYC's Instagram followers; there are currently 91 followers.

7. Health Awareness Day

Commissioners Gamez and Sessions informed the commission that they have teamed up with the Tiny Smiles Children's Race to provide basic health screening for kids on the day of the event, scheduled for February 11, 2017. They plan to utilize City Hall's

community room before and after the race. They still need to get in touch with doctors to perform vision, hearing, and blood pressure checks. A representative from State Farm will also be there to provide health insurance information. They would like to encourage parents and children to get more physically active, especially with outdoor activities.

8. Crafting with Santa

Adult Mentor Lupe Flores shared that the subcommittee of Jesus Cuevas, Paige Sessions, Martina Muller, Hannah Hassey, and Magaly Munoz haven't meet yet but are expected to in the next week. Previous suggestions to hold Crafting with Santa at the same time as the Rotary Community Dinner have been discarded as being too chaotic and not serving its purpose. The event will be held Sunday, December 11th at the Chabolla Community Center. As for expenses, she is usually able to get enough donations to cover all expenses but she would like to get budget approval for \$300 if needed. A motion was made to approve a budget of \$300 for the Crafting with Santa event.

Moved: M. Muller Second: K. Miller Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

9. Art Exhibit Update

Chair Rodriguez shared that the subcommittee is looking for new entertainment because David Garibaldi hasn't responded. Amanda suggested a talent showcase and a presentation/slideshow recognizing young community members and their unsung volunteer actions. No budget amount has been finalized yet, especially since the entertainment aspect has changed. The subcommittee is also working on a flier and logo.

10. Galt Rotary Community Dinner

Adult Mentor Klotz informed the commission that the Community Dinner will be held Saturday, December 17th from 1-5 PM. Set up will be on Friday from 4-6 PM. She asked the commission to volunteer for shifts and find additional volunteers amongst their peers. Anyone committing to a shift would be asked to find a replacement if unable to fulfill their commitment. A motion was made to have the commission participate at the dinner and to help find volunteers.

Moved: M. Muller Second: J. Cuevas Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0

A five-minute break was taken at 6:35 PM

11. December Team Building Excursion

Adult Mentor John Gordon informed the commission that he would like a commissioner to take over the planning of the Christmas break team building excursion. Various

locations in the Sacramento area offer an activity where a group escapes from a room by using hints, clues and working together as a team. Ideally, it would take place the first week of Christmas break. The commission would participate in the activity and then eat something afterwards. Commissioner Kirsten Miller volunteered to take over the planning, with the assistance of Mentor Gordon. She would need to identify a day, pick a location, determine a time, what to eat and a budget.

12. Lessons of Leadership

Adult Mentor Klotz presented this month's lessons of leadership. She showed pictures of Presidential candidates Clinton and Trump and asked both youth and adult members to describe what non-verbal communication the candidates were making based on their body language. She then shared what certain hand gestures and body positions meant and how they reflect your emotions.

13. Approval of minutes for the meeting of October 3rd, 2016

Moved: P. Sessions Second: J. Cuevas Ayes:9 Nays: 0 Abstain:0

14. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Alex Games shared the Treasurer's Report. In the General fund, there is currently \$1,846.82. John Moran Scholarship Encumbered funds hold \$1,622.11 and City Council funds are \$1,372.49 for a current balance of \$4,841.42. The commission has yet to receive any monthly reports from the city but they should be forthcoming soon.

15. Galt Herald Newspaper

Commissioner Munoz shared an article she wrote about suicide prevention. She wrote that society depicts depressed suicidal people as always depressed. They may appear happy when around other people, but depressed when they are alone. She spoke of her experience after losing a friend to suicide and stated the message she wanted to get across in her article was that everyone should make people feel appreciated and loved.

16. City Council Update

Council member Barbara Payne revealed this was her last meeting. She shared the vision she had when she founded the GYC: that youth would learn about government, give back to their community, and each member would use their individual talents. She stated she sees a good future in our youth. She was happy to welcome Tracy Cross as an adult mentor. She shared that the council is considering expanding the library as there is a huge need for an added community room. The city will be looking for support for this project

at their December meeting. The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, with the assistance of Supervisor Don Nottoli, has already committed \$100,000 to the project.

17. Future Agenda Items

Economic Development for the City of Galt

18. Around the Horn / Give your Gratitude

Gratitude was given to Leesa Klotz for the lessons of leadership lesson and to Lupe Flores for dealing with the problems that came with ordering the shirts. Many thanks were given to Barbara Payne for founding the GYC, setting a good example for the commissioners, being a role model for the community, providing so many opportunities for the youth of Galt and for having the vision that caring people can make a change and difference. Many commented on how much she will be missed. Councilwoman Payne stated that what you give to the community comes back tenfold.

AJOURNMENT: Youth Chair J. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:24 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Martina Muller, GYC Youth Secretary