



MINUTES OF THE YOUTH LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE
Meeting of November 4, 2024

1) CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Acting Chairperson Vanesa Doss.

2) ROLL CALL

Roll was taken by Secretary Valerie Gamboa.

Members Present: Jayden Brown, Jaeleen Casillas, Valeria Corona, Scarlet Espinoza, Angelica Gamboa, Valerie Gamboa, Mikaela Olivia, Sophie Pantoja, Audrie Perez, and Milana Ruiz

Members Absent: Serenity Hernandez

Staff: Wayne B. Bergeron, Community Services Supervisor/Executive Secretary
Paul Brascia, Community Services Program Coordinator II
Nancy Gallardo, Library Services Aide

3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Committee Member Jaeleen Casillas was called upon to led the pledge.

4) ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Oral communications item was opened by the Acting Chairperson. There were no members of the public to speak. Acting Chairperson Doss then closed oral communications.

5) CONSENT AGENDA*

- a. Valerie Gamboa made a motion to approve Consent Agenda item 5a. The motion was seconded by Mikaela Oliva. The vote was eight (8) yeas / zero (0) nays / three (3) abstentions (Brown, Espinoza, Pantoja). The item passed by majority vote.

6) EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON
Executive Secretary Wayne Bergeron gave a brief report on the following items:

- a. Provided a brief overview of the items that were up for the General Elections taking place on November 5th. He informed the YLC that there were two open seats on the City Council and four individuals running for it. There was also a measure on the ballot, Measure SFS, that would tax business owners in the City and the revenues generated would go towards roads repair.
- b. Provided updates on volunteer opportunities at City-coordinated activities.
 - i. Veterans Day Ceremony. Being held on November 11th and the following YLC members volunteered to be present and assist at the event: Jayden Brown, Valeria Corona, Scarlet Espinoza, Angelica Gamboa, Valeria Gamboa, Mikaela Oliva, and Audrie Perez.
 - ii. Fall Day Camp taking place November 25th – 27th. Request was made for YLC members to assist.
 - iii. Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 7th. The YLC committed to be assisting that day in the hot cocoa tent and arts & crafts area.
 - iv. Grinchmas! This special one-day camp will take place on December 14th.

- v. Winter Break Day Camp will take place December 26th, 27th, 30th, 31st and January 2nd and 3rd. It was requested that members of the YLC be present to assist during the time camp would be in session.

7) OLD BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON

- a. The Acting Chairperson called on the Executive Secretary to provide background and explanation to the election process. Mr. Bergeron informed the YLC that this is the third month that the YLC has not had duly elected board of officers and that elections needed to take place this meeting. It was fully acknowledged by the Committee. As the office to be elected was called on, the candidates were given 90 seconds to introduce themselves and to explain why they should be elected to the respective board officer position. The following summarizes the elections for the four YLC board officers:

- Chairperson

The following members ran for the office: Jaeleen Casillas, Valerie Gamboa, and Mikaela Oliva. The tally was Miss Gamboa – 7, Miss Casillas – 2, Miss Oliva – 2. Miss Gamboa was elected as Chairperson for 2024-25 year.

- Vice-Chairperson

The following members ran for the office: Vanesa Doss and Mikaela Oliva. The tally was Miss Doss – 4 and Miss Oliva – 7. Miss Oliva was elected as Vice-Chairperson for 2024-25 year.

- Secretary

The following members ran for the office: Scarlet Espinoza and Angelica Gamboa. The tally was Miss Espinoza – 2 and Miss Gamboa – 9. Miss Gamboa was elected as Secretary for 2024-25 year.

- Treasurer

The following members ran for the office: Serenity Hernandez and Sophie Pantoja. The tally was Miss Hernandez – 1 and Miss Pantoja – 10. Miss Pantoja was elected as Treasurer for 2024-25 year.

Valerie Gamboa, the newly elected Chairperson, assumed responsibility for running the remainder of the meeting.

8) NEW BUSINESS* - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON

- a. The following YLC members volunteered to attend the City Council meetings to lead the Pledge of Allegiance:

- *November 12th* – Valeria Corona, Angelica Gamboa, Valerie Gamboa, and Mikaela Oliva

- b. A discussion was held to determine what organizations should be identified to provide financial assistance to for the upcoming holiday season. Mr. Bergeron provided a recap of the discussion that was had in October on this item. It was determined that the Little Lake City School District's (LLCSD) Family Resource Center, the Whittier Police Department Shop with a Cop Program, and the Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (L.A. CADA) Mothers & Children Program be considered. The Chairperson then opened the floor for suggestions of organizations to assist.

There was a suggestion for Toys for Tots, an organization not previously

Committee Member Scarlet Espinoza suggested donating blankets and warm clothing through her church. Mr. Bergeron informed her that this would be a monetary donation and that an organization or organizations would have to be identified at this evening's meeting in order to have a check cut before Christmas so it could be presented.

Miss Oliva stated that she would like to assist the LLCSD once again.

Chairperson Gamboa put forward a motion to assist both LLCSD and L.A. CADA in a fifty-fifty manner.

A vote was called and the YLC determined that LLCSD's Family Resource Center would receive a \$500 donation.

9) PRS PROGRAM UPDATES - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY WAYNE B. BERGERON

- a. T.E.E.N.S. & The CLUB – Mr. Bergeron encouraged the YLC to go to The Club and participate in the programming that goes on.

Mr. Brascia requested that the YLC come out and make suggestions for various activities and games so that they can attract more high school students at The Club.

- b. Day Camp:
 - i. Fall Day Camp will be held at Little Lake Park November 25-27, 2024
 - ii. Grinchmas! Taking place on December 14, 2024 at Town Center Hall
 - iii. Winter Break Day Camp at Town Center Hall on December 26, 27, 30, 31, 2024 and January 2 & 3, 2025
- c. Family Fun Excursions:
 - i. Riley's Farm for Apple Picking on November 16th

10) LIBRARY SERVICES PROGRAM UPDATES – LIBRARY REPRESENTATIVE

Nancy Gallardo, Library Services Aide, provided a brief overview of the following:

- Ms. Gallardo shared that the Library would be hosting a bilingual story hour on Tuesday, November 5th.
- She thanked the YLC for helping to spread the word and getting youth to come out and volunteer for the Lantern Tours at Heritage Park on October 11th. There were 27 teens who came out and assisted in various areas and this was one of the best attended Lantern Tours.
- She also reported that it is expected that Jessica Magallanes, the Librarian I in charge of Teen Services, is expected to return in March 2025. Ms. Magallanes has been putting together a calendar of activities and among them is a Bridgerton-themed Tea Party in April. Ms. Gallardo handed out the draft of activities the Library is planning for next year.

11) SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Bergeron reported that now the officers had been elected, the Subcommittee for Events would meet virtually on November 13th and a report would be provided at the next YLC scheduled meeting in December.

Mr. Bergeron also informed the YLC of the Community Garden Clean-up Day on Saturday, November 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

12) PRESENTATION

There were no presentations.

13) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

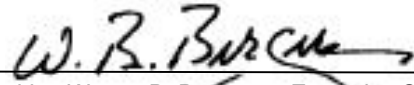
- a. Subcommittee Report
- b. Recap of the Veterans Day Event
- c. Recap of the Fall Day Camp
- d. YLC Retreat

14) MEMBER COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A YLC member inquired about the in-service that is held in September in advance of the YLC retreat. Mr. Bergeron explained that due to the very busy Parks & Recreation schedule of programs and events, it was not possible to meet in the months of September and October. The YLC overview of history, local government operations, and Roberts Rules of Order would take place during the retreat on Martin Luther King Jr. weekend 2025.

15) ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Gamboa at 7:41 p.m.


Prepared by: Wayne B. Bergeron, Executive Secretary