

**LAGUNA NIGUEL CITY COUNCIL AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**  
Minutes of the Special Joint Meeting of March 19, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

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**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennings at 5:36 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor John Mark Jennings - Present  
Mayor Pro Tem Laurie Davies – Present  
Council Member Elaine Gennawey - Present  
Council Member Fred Minagar – Present  
Council Member Sandy Rains - Present  
City Clerk Eileen Gomez - Present  
Parks and Recreation Director Alison Giglio – Present  
Recreation Supervisor Gretchen Malcolm – Present

**YOUTH COMMITTEE**

Committee Member Ileana Avila - Absent  
Committee Member Matthew Bermingham – Absent  
Committee Member Makayla Brown – Present  
Committee Member Sean Casey - Absent  
Committee Member Lauren Chou - Present  
Committee Member Nick Drossel – Absent  
Committee Member Caroline Halloran - Absent  
Committee Member Nikki Minagar – Absent  
Committee Member Skylar Neeve – Present  
Committee Member Alex Probolsky – Absent  
Committee Member Mason Rosal - Absent  
Committee Member Matthew Richerson - Present  
Committee Member Alyssa Siegel - Present  
Committee Member John Stensby – Absent  
Committee Member Avery Walker - Present

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – was led by Mayor Pro Tem Davies

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Annual Joint Meeting of City Council and Youth Committee**

Parks and Recreation Director Giglio provided information as stated in the staff report. She stated that each year, the City Council and Youth Committee (Committee) meet to have an open dialogue about teen programs in Laguna Niguel. She stated the Committee has a budget of \$12,900 to be used for their activities throughout the year.

Committee Members that were present introduced themselves and provided a brief background on their past work and future plans for the Committee.

Committee Members discussed the following activities and events that they participated in this school year as presented in the staff report:

- Volunteered at Haunted Trails – October 18-20, 2018
- Continually update the monthly newsflash feature for Inteens.org (quick news for the calendar page of Inteens.org)
- Volunteered at Christmas Tree Lighting – December 1, 2018
- Peddled in surreys in the Holiday Parade – December 8, 2018
- Volunteered at Chanukah Celebration – December 2, 2018
- Subcommittee organized & planned Pizza with Police – January 31, 2019
- Subcommittee actively promoting events & Live Clean facts on social media - January 2019
- Attended Swing Dance Workshop – March 1, 2019
- Created Songs for Seniors application & organized event at Crestavilla on March 16, 2019

The Committee and the City Council discussed events, activities, and ideas for Committee participation in the upcoming year as presented in the staff report:

- Volunteer at Senior Games – March 29-31, 2019
- Promote & Attend High School Job & College Fair – March 30, 2019
- Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission – April 11, 2019
- Volunteer at Bunny Bonanza – April 13, 2019
- Volunteer at Earth Day Celebration - April 20, 2019
- Select bands – May 2 - for Music Festival - May 17, 2019
- Attend Volunteer Appreciation Dinner - May 18, 2109

The Committee and the City Council discussed promoting the Youth Committee, upcoming programs and future campaigns. The following suggestions were made:

- Advertise the benefits of being a Youth Committee Member and future events on social media
- Work on a campaign focusing on drug prevention that includes parent participation and encouraging their support in promoting the adverse effects of teen vaping and other drugs
- Coordinate a campaign on teen suicide prevention and advertise it on social media
- Encourage human connection, which is talking with friends and personally inviting them to Youth Committee and City sponsored events
- Spread the word about the Youth Committee and how to become a member at the High School Job & College Fair
- Recommend programs intended to increase awareness and education among local high school students for preventing teen vaping, drug use and alcohol abuse
- Work on a drug testing requirement at local schools and language on the form to opt-in or opt-out
- Coordinate a petition to the Capistrano Unified School Board to enforce consequences and zero tolerance for vaping

The Committee and the City Council discussed the following plans for future activities:

- Participate in Meals on Wheels, Songs for Seniors, and other services for seniors
- Reach out to high school bands and orchestras to provide music to seniors
- More outreach to youth to attend City and Youth Committee events including incentives such as free food similar to Pizza with Police events
- Promote the benefits of serving on the Youth Committee such as the ability to add Youth Committee membership to their college applications
- Encourage more teen social interaction like face to face board games, music events, day camps and other activities to disconnect from phones and social media
- Coordinate a Teen Ambassador Program where a Youth Committee representative would speak at local service club meetings to inform them about activities and events that the Youth Committee is coordinating and participating in

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Jennings adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Eileen C. Gomez  
City Clerk