



**PALM DESERT YOUTH COMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2019 – 6 P.M.  
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM  
73-510 FRED WARING DRIVE, PALM DESERT, CA 92260**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Youth Committee Advisor Amy Lawrence convened the meeting at 6 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Kyna Huang, Chair  
Daphne Driza, Vice Chair  
Alan Cho  
Georgie Jeffrey  
Erin Kulas  
Rick Post  
Teana Ross  
Todd Shaw (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)  
Nelly Valencia

Members Absent:

Alternates Present:

Also Present:

Councilmember Jan Harnik  
Rachelle Klassen, City Clerk  
Amy Lawrence, Advisor/Recording Secretary  
Paula Simmonds, Family YMCA of the Desert  
Jeff Schick  
Max Schick

Alternates Absent:

**III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**IV. PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedure – Rachelle Klassen (Palm Desert City Clerk)

Palm Desert City Clerk Rachelle Klassen provided information to the Committee on the Ralph M. Brown Act and Parliamentary Procedure.

- B. Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade – Paula Simmonds (Family YMCA of the Desert Interim CEO)

Family YMCA of the Desert Interim CEO Paula Simmonds provided information to the Committee on the Palm Desert Golf Cart Parade scheduled for Sunday, October 7, 2019, and invited them to assist with the event's senior seating area from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Ms. Lawrence circulated a sign-up sheet and informed Ms. Simmonds that she would be in touch.

***At this point, Ms. Lawrence suspended the agenda and took up Section VI – New Business, items A and B.***

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. MINUTES of the May 13, 2019, Palm Desert Youth Committee meeting

Upon a motion by Member Kulas, second by Member Shaw, and a 9-0 vote, (AYES: Cho, Driza, Huang, Jeffrey, Kulas, Post, Ross, Shaw, and Valencia; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None; ABSENT: None), the May 13, 2019, Minutes were approved as presented.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. ELECTION of Chair for the 2019/2020 School Year

Upon Ms. Lawrence's request for self-nominations for the office of Committee Chair for the 2019/2020 School Year, Member Kyna Huang declared her candidacy and gave a statement of qualification.

Upon consensus of the Committee, Member Huang was elected Chair for the 2019/2020 School Year.

- B. ELECTION of Co-Chair for the 2019/2020 School Year

Upon Ms. Lawrence's request for self-nominations for the office of Committee Chair for the 2019/2020 School Year, Member Daphne Driza declared her candidacy and gave a statement of qualification.

Upon consensus of the Committee, Member Driza was elected Co-Chair for the 2019/2020 School Year.

***At this point, Ms. Lawrence suggested that Chair Huang suspend the agenda and take up Section V – Approval of Minutes.***

- C. APPOINTMENT of Member to Lead the Pledge of Allegiance and Provide a Presentation on Youth Committee Activities at the City Council Meeting on September 26, 2019

Upon a motion by Member Kulas, second by Member Valencia, and a 9-0 vote, (AYES: Cho, Driza, Huang, Jeffrey, Kulas, Post, Ross, Shaw, and Valencia; NOES: None; ABSTENTIONS: None; ABSENT: None), Member Ross was appointed to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the City Council meeting on September 26, 2019.

- D. CONSIDERATION of Activities for the 2019/2020 School Year

Ms. Lawrence explained that this year she wanted the Committee to focus on activities that are meaningful to them. She indicated that working with the Joslyn Center on intergenerational programs and with the students at Lincoln Elementary School's Afterschool Program are still important, yet asked for input from the members on what else they would like to focus on during the year.

Ms. Lawrence circulated a handout for members to complete with questions regarding preferred areas of focus for the year, suggested speakers and ideas for activities, as well as ideas to better the community. Verbal suggestions on activities included working with the "Make a Wish Foundation", focusing on environmental issues such as the Salton Sea, and holding a food drive. Speaker suggestions included presentations on the San Pablo Streetscape Improvements, the CV Link project, and renewable energy resources. Suggestions on how to better Palm Desert included expanding sidewalks for those that bike to school, expanding the skate park, and providing better entertainment centers for kids.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**VIII. CONTINUED BUSINESS**

None

**IX. REPORTS AND REMARKS**

**A. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councilmember Harnik stated that she was glad members were talking about pedestrian and bike safety.

B. STAFF

None

C. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Events

None

2. Projects and Sub-Committee Updates

a. Palm Desert Sister Cities Foundation

Member Kulas noted that she would attend the next meeting in November and report back then.

3. Other

None

X. ADJOURNMENT

Upon consensus of the Committee, Chair Huang adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Amy Lawrence  
Youth Committee Advisor/Recording Secretary

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