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The Torrance Youth Council is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room.

**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021
REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M. WEST ANNEX COMMISSION MEETING ROOM**

**THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Council members Addanki, Ala, Berga, Chang, Choi, Coleman, Cruze, Ernest, Han, Hirata, Kang, Kaplan, Park, Phan, Ro, Sharma, Yeh, Chairperson Kim

2. FLAG SALUTE: Council Member

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE REPORT ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 30 minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items on the agenda or on topics of interest to the general public. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Any speakers please turn off or mute your cellular phone.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 1 and 13, 2021

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that Torrance Youth Council accept and file updates concerning:

- Bishop Montgomery
- CAMS
- North High School
- South High School
- Torrance High School
- West High School
- El Camino

7B. Youth Council Member – Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions. Recommendations of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

- 1) Report on any meetings attended; and
- 2) Discuss and share information; and
- 3) Assign Council members for upcoming meetings.

7C. Discussion – Youth Council 2020-2021 Annual Report

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the Torrance Youth Council discuss and approve the 2020-2021 Annual Youth Council.

7D. Discussion – Youth Council apparel for 2021-2022

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discuss and decide on a design and type of apparel.

7E. Discussion – Selecting Committees

Recommendations of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council to discuss and decide on committees and committee members.

8. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

(Limited to a 30-minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Youth Council cannot act on items raised during public comment, but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under orals may speak only once and no longer than 3 minutes per speaker.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. Adjournment of the next Torrance Youth Council meeting on WEDNESDAY, October 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex Commission Room; 3031 Torrance Blvd.

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Acting Chair Jennifer Kim at 6:44 p.m. on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The meeting was held in the West Annex Commission Meeting Room, Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

PRESENT: Nitya Addanki, Viraj Ala, Camron Berga, Kelli Chong, Shelby Coleman, Sonia Cruze, John-Milo Ernst, Selah Han, Jonah Hirata Chloe Kang, Harry Kaplan, Jennifer Kim, Christina Park, Summer Phan, Willie Ro, Susanna Yeh,

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Deborah Reed, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Veronica Minter, Recreation Supervisor

2. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL

Flag Salute: Camron Berga

3. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Youth Council member Phan moved to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting of the Youth Council meeting of September 1, 2021. Youth Councilmember Ala seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN DEFERRED AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

- Akhil Addanki former TYC member; 2014-2015 stopped by. Profession: Software Engineer. Wished TYC the best of luck and talked a little about his experience on TYC.
- Community Services Director; John LaRock; Welcomed TYC. Reminded TYC about COVID protocols and guidelines.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 2, 2021

MOTION: Youth Council member Coleman moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2021 meeting with amendments; Item # 1 Kelli Chong was present at the 6/2/21 meeting; Chair should be Chairperson; 7A Jeffery Yum, should be Jeffrey Yum; 7B "Youth Council"; incomplete sentence; word COVI should be COVID; Youth Council member Berga, seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7A. Student Body – Accept and File Updates Regarding Events and Activities at Each Torrance School

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Council accept and file updates concerning:

Bishop: Nitya Addanki – Club awareness all week. Football game on Friday.

CAMS: Susanna Yeh – Ice cream Social on 9/10/21. This is election week 8/30-9-3/21; there is COVID testing for the unvaccinated.

El Camino: Suji Kim – College Skills Workshop continues. Summer session starts for 6 and 8 weeks on 6/21/21.

North: Jonah Hirata, Camron Berga – College and Career Club; offer seniors help with college applications. CSF applications are due 9/3/21; Club Rush 9/22/21; Class Council and ASB applications are due 9/9/21; Saxton Time starts next week

South: Jennifer Kim, Harry Kaplan – Homecoming court 9/12-9/17; Welcome Week 8/3-9/3 wear blue and green' 9/9-9/14 virtual Club Rush; Members at Large applications are due on 9/3/21.

Torrance: Willie Ro – Freshman Welcome Week 9/20-9/24/21; Redondo v/s Torrance Football on 9/3/21.

West: Chloe Kang, Shelby Coleman, Viraj Ala – Athletes are COVID tested. Football: West v/s Santa Monica on Friday 9/3/21

7B. Discussion – Accept and File Updates and Information Regarding Youth Council Notebooks.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that Torrance Youth Council discuss the 2021-2022 notebooks.

Jennifer Kim discussed the Youth Council notebooks; officers' responsibilities, City and Youth Council's policies and procedures. It is each member's responsibility to read over the manual and become familiar with it.

7C. Youth Council Member – Provide Updates and Information Regarding Meetings of the City Council and Various City Commissions.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council:

City Council report – None

Assignments: **9/14/21** – Willie Ro, Kelli Chong, Summer Phan, Shelby Coleman, Selah Han.

Library Commission: 9/13/21

Parks and Recreation Commission report – None

ASSIGNMENTS: Viraj Ala, Jennifer Kim, Susanna Yeh, Chloe Kang

7D. Discussion – Youth Council 2020-2021 Annual Report

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the Torrance Youth Council discuss and assign the 2020-2021 Annual Youth Council.

The Annual Report was discussed and assigned as follows:

- ASB Bowl: Christina Park
- Mental Health Webinar: Susanna Yeh
- Publicity: Harry Kaplan
- Senior Project: Willie Ro
- Beat the Odds Scholarship Program: Kelli Chong

7E. Discussion – Youth Council Annual Workshop – September 13, 2021 6-8pm at the Attic; 2320 West Carson Street

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council discussed workshop details.

Jennifer Kim gave a brief description of what we expect to achieve at the Workshop. The Workshop was cancelled in 2020, due to COVID. TYC needs to arrive by 5:45pm. An official meeting will be conducted.

8. YOUTH COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Inspirational by Jennifer Kim – Name, grade, school and an "Interesting or fun fact about yourself."

- Jennifer Kim announce election of officers at 9/15/21 meeting.
- Jennifer Kim expressed it was great to see everyone in person.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9A. MOTION: At 7:36 p.m., Youth Council member Han moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, September 13, 2021 at 6:00p.m., Youth Council member Ro seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP
OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A meeting of the Torrance Youth Council was called to order by Acting Chair Jennifer Kim at 5:49 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2021. The meeting was held in The Attic Teen Center; 2320 W. Carson Street, Torrance CA 90501.

ROLL CALL/MOTIONS FOR EXCUSED ABSENCE

PRESENT: Addanki, Ala, Chong, Choi, Coleman, Cruze, Ernst, Han, Hirata, Kang, Kaplan, Kim, Park, Ro, Sharma, Yeh

ABSENT: Youth Council members Berga, Phan

STAFF: Deborah Reed, Senior Recreation Supervisor
Veronica Minter, Recreation Supervisor

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT AND FILE THE REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Youth Councilmember Coleman moved to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting of the Youth Council meeting of September 13, 2021. Youth Councilmember Kaplan seconded the motion; a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Berga and Phan).

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS – None.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

6. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

6A. WORKSHOP: Discussion

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that the Torrance Youth Council: discuss and participate in teambuilding and leadership activities. Discuss goals and expectations for the 2021-2022 year.

Staff was introduced followed by an icebreaker activity.

Guest speaker Viet Hoang discussed points that make good leaders and conducted various activities.

7. COUNCIL ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 8A. **MOTION:** At 7:52 p.m., Youth Councilmember Park moved to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 7:00p.m. in the West Annex Commission room, 3031 Torrance Blvd. Youth Councilmember Yeh seconded the motion and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioners Berga and Phan).

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Subject to Approval

**TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL
2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

PURPOSE OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL

The Torrance Youth Council is composed of Torrance high school students whose purpose is to identify and take action on problems affecting the youth of Torrance, as well as to advise and confer with City professional staff, various City Commissioners and City Council on such matters. Members are interviewed each June by a selection committee comprised of Community Services Department Commissioners and Youth Council Members and appointed by the City Council in August. The Youth Council meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, at 7 p.m., in the West Annex Commission Room at City Hall. All meetings are open to the public and youth are encouraged to address the Youth Council on matters of concern to the Youth in the community.

2020-2021 MEMBERS OF THE TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL

Viraj Ala, Camron Berga, Kelli Chong, Neelaj Das, Shelby Coleman, Neelaj Das, Henry Hasnah, Eugene Joo, Harry Kaplan, Jeannie Kim, Jennifer Kim, Suji Kim, Darin Mateman, Summer Phan, Willie Ro, Sean Yamaguchi, Susanna Yeh and Jeffrey Yum. During 2020-2021, eighteen Youth Council members continued the excellent tradition of their predecessors representing the voice of the Youth of Torrance. New faces, various cultures, new idea, new challenges that were met head on; with an amazing amount of energy these talented members played a key role in turning Zoom ideas and programing into successful realities for the youth of the Torrance Community.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2020 – 2021 PROGAMS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Through the year was a challenge due to COVID19, it was met head on by this diverse assembly of youth. They quickly became a cohesive group, half were sworn in on September 16, 2020 and the other half-on September 21, 2020. On November 4, 2020, the 2020-2021 Youth Council began meeting virtually via Zoom. Elections were held December 16, 2020 resulting in Daren Materman being elected as Chairperson; Jennifer Kim, Vice Chairperson, Eugene Joo, as Secretary; Jeffery Yum as Sergeant-At-Arms, and Harry Kaplan, Susanna Yeh and Shelby Coleman as Historians.

The Youth Council committees discussed several activities and chose the following to hold via Zoom.

The Senior Events Committee was created to offer support to the senior citizen population. Due to the pandemic, the Committee was not able to host an in person event, instead, the Committee created a video for seniors where members highlighted the amazing talents of the youth of Torrance. Each member was required to either make a talent video or find someone from their peer group with a talent to highlight. The talent videos included dance performances, time-lased art pieces, hula dances, and various instrumental performances. The videos were edited and uploaded to various social media outlets and sent to senior facilities and nursing homes. TYC also created videos with words of encouragement to the seniors with the hope that it would raise their spirits during these challenging times.

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ASB Bowl: The Torrance Youth Council hosted ASB Bowl on Friday, March 26 from 6-8 pm. Each of the Torrance schools' ASBs, including Bishop and CAMS were invited to attend. With pandemic restrictions still in place, the council hosted the event via Zoom. Each school was limited to having 13 members participate. RSVP's were based on a first-come-first-serve basis. Estimating around 60 student participants in addition to the 18 TYC members.

It was Beach/Cruise theme, and each school dressed accordingly. Various games were played throughout the evening with all scores tallied at the end. South High School was declared the winner. The perpetual trophy will remain at South until the next ASB Bowl. The night, however, ended after invitees were sorted into random breakout rooms to have open discussions about their ASB experiences. This portion, despite it being a last-minute addition to the itinerary, was most likely the biggest success of the event. Members shared details regarding their favorite events; struggles in ASB; and what they would like to see implemented at their schools.

Mental Health: The Youth Council held a Mental Health Webinar on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 6:00p.m. via Zoom. This event focused on mental health awareness for students as well as ways to cope with hardships and stress. The webinar was conducted in a similar format to the Youth Forum event TYC has sponsored in the past years. Guest speaker Jeff Yalden, a bestselling author and mental health motivational speaker spoke on his life experiences and encouraged students to ask for help when needed.

Over 38 youths attended and participated. Committee members prepared three prompts as well as additional questions to facilitate discussions. Attendees participated through both the Q&A. The full webinar recording was posted on the Torrance Recreation Youtube Channel for the public to view, as well as FaceBook pages for the Youth Council and the Attic Teen Center.

The 25th Annual Beat the Odds Scholarships opened for applications in early March and closed mid-April. The scholarship program garnered many applications. The scholarship program is based on students who have faced different obstacles in their life and grown stronger as a result, while maintain above average grades and volunteering in their community. Similar to the year prior, the event was in a digital setting. The selection committee reviewed each individual application remotely and each commissioner sent in his or her votes. The Selection Committee chose five applicants to receive the scholarship. The recipients were recognize at the May 4, 2021 City Council meeting. Youth Council continues to rely on the Community Services Departments Commissions to help in choosing these well deserving youth.

The Youth Council continues to persevere in-spite of the pandemic and have become more involved in government protocol and procedures by attending City Council and Commission meetings. Each member gained greater knowledge and learned how the City of Torrance operates as a government body.

CONCLUSION

Youth Council is grateful to the City Council for their continued support of Torrance youth, as well as to the Community Services Departments Commissions.

Respectfully submitted,

Daren Materman, Chairperson
2020-2021 Youth Council