

# Parks and Recreation Commission



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: 2/24/2021

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting Location: Zoom.us/join – ID# 911 6597 4358

### Regular Meeting ([Zoom.us/join](https://zoom.us/join) – ID# 911 6597 4358)

#### A. Call To Order

Chair Baskin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

#### B. Roll Call

Present: Baskin, Bryman, Diepenbrock, Harris, Johnson, Staley, Payne

Absent: None

Staff: Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart, Assistant Community Services Director Adriane Lee Bird

#### C. Public Comment

- Marc Reoutt spoke regarding the issues of accessing the pickleball court at Kelly Park.

#### D. Presentations and Proclamations

##### D1. Youth Advisory Committee Introduction

Recreation Coordinator Allan Bruce and the Youth Advisory Committee made the presentation ([Attachment](#)).

##### D2. Rebuilding library and community services for post-COVID operations ([Staff Report 21-005-PRC](#))

Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart made the presentation.

#### E. Regular Business

##### E1. Approve: Parks and Recreation Commission minutes for the meeting of January 27, 2021 ([Attachment](#))

**ACTION:** Motion and second (Bryman/Diepenbrock), to accept the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting minutes of January 27, 2021, passed 6-0-1 (Payne abstained).

##### E2. Review/update: Parks and Recreation Commission agenda calendar ([Attachment](#))

Assistant Community Services Director Adriane Lee Bird and the Commission reviewed and updated the agenda calendar.

**F. Reports and Announcements**

F1. Commissioner reports (Chair Baskin)

Chair Baskin reported on the possibility of using some outdoor space of Burgess Park to reactivate programming of gymnastics.

F2. Menlo Park Community Campus Project ([Staff Report 21-006-PRC](#))

Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart gave the Menlo Park Community Campus Project report.

F3. Department updates

Library and Community Services Director Sean Reinhart gave the department updates.

**G. Adjournment**

Chair Baskin adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Linda Munguia, Senior Office Assistant

These minutes were approved at the March 24, 2021 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

A photograph of a grassy field with a wooden fence in the foreground. In the distance, two people are walking on a path. The sky is overcast.

# YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Youth Advisory Committee Team: 2020-2021



# AGENDA

- Meet Our Team
- Role
- Goals
- Events in Progress
- Questions







# MEET OUR TEAM



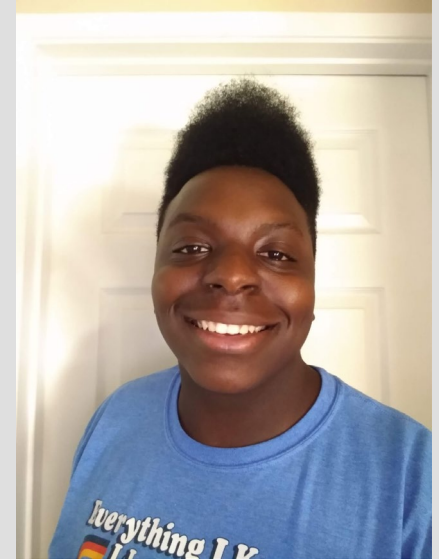
## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Annika Bai*
- Grade: *Sophomore*
- High School: *TIDE Academy High School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*To gain a greater understanding of how events are planned within the City on a greater scale, and to encourage youth to become involved in civic affairs.*
  
- Fun Fact: *I'm really good at making tuna salad.*



## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Judge Cantrell*
- Grade: *Junior*
- High School: *Eastside College Prep*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*To be apart of the change I want to see in the world. I want to give back to a community that has given me so much already.*
  
- Fun Fact: *I have been to the Cannes Film Festival as apart of the cast of one of the films debuting there.*

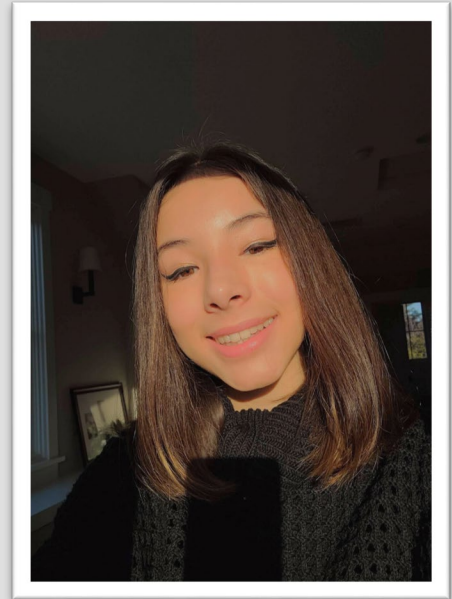






## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Ana Chung*
- Grade: *Sophomore*
- High School: *Menlo-Atherton High School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*To help make positive change in my community.*
  
- Fun Fact: *I am half Singaporean.*





## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Alex Feinstein*
- Grade: *Freshman*
- High School: *Sacred Heart Preparatory*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*I wanted to make a difference in my community and give back to my community as well. I also wanted to create new opportunities for teen engagement.*
  
- Fun Fact: *I like Chewing gum.* 😊





## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Grace Hinshaw*
- Grade: *Junior*
- High School: *Menlo-Atherton High School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
I want to be a part of YAC because I want to get more involved in the Menlo Park community. I think it is so important for our community to value teen voices, so I'm really glad to have this opportunity.
  
- Fun Fact: I'm a member of my high school's journalism team this year that also reports on our community!



## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Annika Kaval*
- Grade: *Sophomore*
- High School: *Menlo-Atherton High School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*I joined because I wanted to get the youth in Menlo Park involved in our community especially during these stressful times.*
  
- Fun Fact: *I have lived in Menlo Park my entire life.*





## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Bridget McHugo*
- Grade: *Sophomore*
- High School: *Menlo-Atherton High School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*To get the teens of Menlo Park more involved in their community.*
  
- Fun Fact: *My favorite sports are skiing, soccer, and cross country.*







## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Ella Nelson*
- Grade: *Junior*
- High School: *Menlo-Atherton High School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*I love my community and I believe I can be a positive voice for my peers.*
  
- Fun Fact: I am in the M-A Surf Club!



## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Emily Olson*
- Grade: *Junior*
- High School: *Menlo-Atherton High School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*To uplift the youth voice and help create positive change in our community.*
  
- Fun Fact: *My favorite fruit is a papaya!*



## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Adam Paczuski*
- Grade: *Sophomore*
- High School: *Menlo-Atherton High School*
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
I wanted to join YAC to learn how parts of government work, as well as gain an opportunity to practice leadership..
- Fun Fact: *I have being skiing for almost all of my life, having started when I was only 5 years old.*





## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Natalie Tantisira*
- Grade: *Sophomore*
- High School: *Menlo Atherton High School*
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*To give back to my community by helping create opportunities for others and to help engage teens in activities through the city.*
- Fun Fact: *I love to cook/bake for my family because my family loves trying different foods.*





## MEET OUR TEAM

- Name: *Elisabeth Westermann*
- Grade: *Senior*
- High School: *Menlo School*
  
- Why did you want to join YAC?  
*To work on projects that benefit young people in our community and help give high school students a voice in government.*
  
- Fun Fact: *I got a dog last week!*





# ROLE





## ROLE

- The Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) advises staff on matters relating to the teen population within the City of Menlo Park. This may include programs relating to safety, community involvement, special interests, recreation, sports, socialization, socio-economic and environmental concerns.





# GOALS







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- Maintain active participation in all meetings and events while creating a safe environment for members to express and share ideas and/or concerns.
- Foster a greater involvement of youth in municipal government and city affairs.
- Members will be a voice for teens in Menlo Park.
- Building an inclusive environment for teens to be successful.
- Plan events and initiatives that are relevant and current to Menlo Park culture.
- Advise on current department initiatives and provide insight accordingly.
- Promoting leadership skills through service learning experience and volunteerism
- Identify gaps in teen programming and obtain input from committee to provide solutions.



# EVENTS IN PROGRESS





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- Memorial Installation
- Youth Poetry Contest/Open Mic
- Teen and Senior Connections
- Mental Health Awareness Month





**THANK YOU**