This meeting will be held via teleconference only in order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 and pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the County of Los Angeles Public Health Officer's Order (revised April 2, 2021). All votes taken during this teleconference meeting will be by roll call vote, and the vote will be publicly reported.

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**Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission**  
**Special Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, April 15, 2021**

**6:00 P.M.**  
Various Teleconference Locations

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approval of Agenda**

**Report on Posting of Agenda - April 12, 2021**

1. **Ceremonial/Presentations**

   None.

2. **Written and Oral Communications from the Public and Commissioners**

   A. Communications from the public concerning matters which are not on the agenda but for which the Commission has subject matter jurisdiction. The Commission may not act on
these matters at this meeting.

3. **Consent Calendar**

   A. **Previously Discussed Items**

      None.

   B. **New Items**

      1. **Approval of Minutes**

         Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the March 4, 2021 Special meeting and the March 4, 2021 Regular meeting.

         Staff contact: Recreation Supervisor Gallo, 456-2489 ext. 363

4. **Old Business**

   A. **Health and Wellness Program**

      Recommended Action: Discuss and provide feedback on the format of the Health and Wellness Program.

      Staff contact: Recreation Supervisor Gallo, 456-2489 ext. 363

   B. **Life Skills Program**

      Recommended Action: Select an activity and determine the date of the Life Skills Program.

      Staff contact: Recreation Supervisor Gallo, 456-2489 ext. 363

5. **New Business**

   A. **Petition to Form an Independent Malibu Unified School District**

      Recommended Action: Receive an update on the City of Malibu’s petition to form an independent Malibu Unified School District and direct the Chair to submit written and oral communication in support of the City’s petition.

      Staff contact: Assistant to the City Manager Shavelson, 456-2489 ext. 254

6. **Staff Updates**

7. **Commissioner Reports, Comments and Inquiries**

Future Agenda Items
Adjournment

Future Meetings

Thursday, May 6, 2021  6:00 p.m.  Regular Meeting  Location to be determined
Thursday, June 3, 2021  6:00 p.m.  Regular Meeting  Location to be determined

Guide to the City Commission Proceedings

As a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City is under a state of local emergency, as well as states of emergency that have been declared in the County of Los Angeles, state of California, and a federal emergency declared by the President of the United States. At the direction of the Governor, starting March 19, 2020, the entire state is subject to stay-at-home orders. These measures are imposed to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19. To comply with these emergency measures, the Commission meeting will be open and public but conducted via teleconference only. This way the public, the staff, and the Commission will not be physically in the same place.

The Oral Communication portion of the agenda is for members of the public to present items, which are not listed on the agenda but are under the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Although no action may be taken, the Commission and staff will follow up, at an appropriate time, on those items needing response. Each speaker is limited to (3) three minutes. Members of the public wishing to speak during the meeting must participate through the Zoom application. You must first sign up to speak before the item you would like to speak on has been called by the Chair and then you must be present in the Zoom conference to be recognized. Please visit https://malibucity.org/VirtualMeeting and follow the directions for signing up to speak and downloading the Zoom application.

Items in Consent Calendar Section A have already been considered by the Commission at a previous meeting where the public was invited to comment, after which a decision was made. These items are not subject to public discussion at this meeting because the vote taken at the previous meeting was final. Resolutions concerning decisions made at previous meetings are for the purpose of memorializing the decision to assure the accuracy of the findings, the prior vote, and any conditions imposed.

Items in Consent Calendar Section B have not been discussed previously by the Commission. If discussion is desired, an item may be removed from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration. Commissioners may indicate a negative or abstaining vote on any individual item by so declaring prior to the vote on the motion to adopt the entire Consent Calendar. Items excluded from the Consent Calendar will be taken up by the Commission following the action on the Consent Calendar. The Commission first will take up the items for which public speaker requests have been submitted. Public speakers shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

Old Business items have appeared on previous agendas but have either been continued or tabled to this meeting with no final action having been taken. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

Items in New Business are items which are appearing for the first time for formal action. Public comment shall follow the rules as set forth under Oral Communication.

Copies of the staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business described above are on file in the Community Services Department, and available upon request by emailing kgallo@malibucity.org.

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Dated this 14th day of April 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Kate Gallo  
Kate Gallo  Recreation Supervisor
Youth Commission Agenda Report

To: Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission

Prepared by: Kate Gallo, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director

Approved by: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director

Date prepared: March 5, 2021 Meeting date: April 15, 2021

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the minutes for the March 4, 2021 Special Meeting and the March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting.

DISCUSSION: Staff has prepared draft minutes for the March 4, 2021 Special Meeting and the March 4, 2021 Regular Meeting.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. March 4, 2021 Youth Commission Special Meeting Minutes
2. March 4, 2021 Youth Commission Regular Meeting Minutes
MINUTES
HARRY BAROVSKY MEMORIAL YOUTH COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2021
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
5:00 P.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance via teleconference by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Mia Foster; Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien; Commissioners Eden Amar, India Cortese, Chloe Loquet, Matthew Maischoss, Michael Maischoss, Luca Moore, Takoda Moore, Amanda Myers, Cooper Norby, Wesley O’Brien, Jacqueline Reynaga, Nicole Reynaga, Max Shurgot, and Luke Webster

ABSENT: Commissioners Jaz Abbey, Garrett Button, Tyler Button, Jaden Fisher, Maxine Kelly, Gabi Kofsky, Layla Polito, and Estelle Shah

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Gallo, Recreation Supervisor; Lisa Crespo, Recreation Coordinator; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

Youth Government Summit with speakers Karen Farrer, City Councilmember; Julia Holland, Cultural Arts Commissioner; and Brian Sousa, Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica.

March 4, 2021 Youth Government Summit Questions:

- How did you get your job, and what do you enjoy the most about it?
- What are your day-to-day responsibilities?
- Why did you enter your career field?
- What steps did you take to get into your field?
- What advice would you give to students who want to be involved in advocacy?
- What types of programs or campaigns have you implemented that have sparked youth involvement?
- Can you tell us about a firsthand experience that prompted change or awareness in your community?
- How can young people contribute to making a change?
• What are your biggest accomplishments?

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 5:42 p.m., Chair Foster moved, and Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 16-0, Commissioners Abbey, Garrett Button, Tyler Button, Fisher, Kelly, Kofsky, Polito, and Shah absent.

Approved and adopted by the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission of the City of Malibu on April 15, 2021.

ATTEST:

MIA FOSTER, Youth Commission Chair

KATE GALLO, Recreation Supervisor
The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance via teleconference by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Chair Mia Foster; Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien; Commissioners Eden Amar, India Cortese, Maxine Kelly, Chloe Loquet, Matthew Maischoss, Michael Maischoss, Luca Moore, Amanda Myers, Cooper Norby, Wesley O’Brien, Jacqueline Reynaga, Nicole Reynaga, Max Shurgot, and Luke Webster

ABSENT: Commissioners Jaz Abbey, Garett Button, Tyler Button, Jaden Fisher, Gabi Kofsky, Takoda Moore, Layla Polito, and Estelle Shah

ALSO PRESENT: Kate Gallo, Recreation Supervisor; and Lisa Crespo, Recreation Coordinator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Foster led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Chair Foster moved, and Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 16-0, Commissioners Abbey, Garett Button, Tyler Button, Fisher, Kofsky, Takoda Moore, Polito, and Shah absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recreation Coordinator Crespo reported that the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on March 1, 2021.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS
ITEM 2  WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COMMISSIONERS

None.

ITEM 3  CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Foster moved, and Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien seconded a motion to approve the consent calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 16-0, Commissioners Abbey, Garett Button, Tyler Button, Fisher, Kofsky, Takoda Moore, Polito, and Shah absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
   None.
B. New Items
   1. Approval of Minutes
      Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the February 4, 2021 Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission Special Meeting.

ITEM 4  OLD BUSINESS

A. Health and Wellness Program
   Recommended Action: Discuss the format and determine the date of the Health and Wellness Program.

   Recreation Coordinator Crespo presented the staff report.

   Commissioner Amar suggested planning the program around Advanced Placement Testing.

   Chair Foster recommended an in-person fitness program at Malibu Bluffs Park the weekend of May 22, 2021.

   Commissioner Luca Moore indicated agreement with Chair Foster.

   Chair Foster, Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien and Commissioners Loquet, Luca Moore, Norby, Wesley O’Brien, Nicole Reynaga, Shurgot and Webster indicated support for scheduling the Health and Wellness Program on Saturday, May 21, 2021.
Chair Foster, Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien and Commissioners Amar, Kelly, Luca Moore, Myers, Norby, Wesley O’Brien, Nicole Reynaga, and Shurgot indicated support for starting the program at 10:00 A.M.

Chair Foster and Commissioner Luca Moore stated they would contact yoga instructors and provide an update at the April 15, 2021 Special meeting.

MOTION

Vice Chair O’Brien moved, and Commissioner Loquet seconded a motion to approve a Yoga Health and Wellness Program at Malibu Bluffs Park on Saturday, May 21, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. The question was called, and the motion carried 16-0, Commissioners Abbey, Garett Button, Tyler Button, Fisher, Kofsky, Takoda Moore, Polito, and Shah absent.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Life Skills Program

Recommended Action: Discuss the format and recommend activities for the Life Skills Program.

Recreation Coordinator Crespo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Kelly indicated support for an in-person farming workshop or a virtual cooking workshop.

Chair Foster indicated agreement with Commissioner Kelly.

Vice Chair O’Brien stated she preferred an interactive workshop.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Recreation Coordinator Crespo provided updates regarding the Park and Beach Beautification Community Service Project, Recruitment for the 2021-2022 Youth Commission, upcoming community service learning opportunities, and Community Services Department programs.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND INQUIRIES

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT
MOTION  At 6:37 p.m., Chair Foster moved, and Vice Chair Sophia O’Brien seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 16-0, Commissioners Abbey, Garett Button, Tyler Button, Fisher, Kofsky, Takoda Moore, Polito, and Shah absent.

Approved and adopted by the Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission of the City of Malibu on April 15, 2021.

ATTEST:

MIA FOSTER, Youth Commission Chair

KATE GALLO, Recreation Supervisor
To: Harry Barovsky Memorial Youth Commission

Prepared by: Kate Gallo, Recreation Supervisor

Reviewed by: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director

Approved by: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director

Date prepared: March 9, 2021

Meeting date: April 15, 2021

Subject: Health and Wellness Program

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and provide feedback on the format of the Health and Wellness Program.

DISCUSSION: On June 24, 2019, the City Council approved an assignment for the Commission to coordinate a teen health and wellness program to encourage physical activity and mental wellness.

On February 4, 2021, the Commission expressed interest in hosting a one-hour yoga class. Participants would follow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Fitness Establishment Guidelines, which outline safety protocols for outdoor group training classes.

On March 4, 2021, the Commission decided to host a teen yoga class on Saturday, May 22, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at Malibu Bluffs Park. Chair Foster and Commissioner Takoda Moore stated they would contact local yoga instructors who could teach the class and provide the Commission with an update at the April 15, 2021 Special Meeting.

The Commission may discuss and provide feedback regarding the format of the Health and Wellness Program.

ATTACHMENTS: None.
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Recommend an activity and select a date for the Life Skills Program.

DISCUSSION: Since 2017, the Commission has hosted a teen life skills program, including workshops to improve interviewing skills, resume writing, and college scholarship preparation.

On March 4, 2021, the Commission expressed interest in hosting an interactive virtual teen workshop rather than an informational presentation.

The Commission may discuss and select the type of activity and date for the Life Skills Program.

ATTACHMENTS: None.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:  Receive an update on the City of Malibu's petition to form an independent Malibu Unified School District and direct the Chair to submit written and oral communication in support of the City's petition.

DISCUSSION:  Youth and children in Malibu and the surrounding unincorporated area have attended schools within the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD) prior to the City's incorporation in 1991. Local school families and community groups have long expressed the desire to separate from SMMUSD to form a separate Malibu Unified School District (MUSD).

Among the reasons for separation expressed by Malibu families is the physical distance between Malibu and Santa Monica, the distinct character of these communities, inadequate representation of Malibu on the SMMUSD Board of Education, and the need for local control over the education of Malibu's children.

In 2011, Malibu families formed the Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS), devoted to the mission of creating an independent Malibu Unified School District dedicated to excellence in education for the Malibu community. AMPS commissioned studies to examine the feasibility of school district reorganization and collected thousands of signatures in support of separation.

In response to the community's effort to advance separation, the City Council adopted Resolution 15-60 (Attachment 1), authorizing the transmission of a petition for unification of the MUSD to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.
In 2015, the Malibu Unification Negotiations Committee (MUNC) was formed with three members appointed to represent the interests of the Malibu school community and three members appointed to represent the interests of the Santa Monica school community. MUNC met for two years to develop financial terms for the separation of SMMUSD and the formation of two distinct districts. MUNC's recommendations were presented to the City Council and SMMUSD Board.

In September 2017, the Malibu City Council formed the School District Separation Ad Hoc Committee. In April 2018, Council asked the Los Angeles County Committee on School Separation to accept and temporarily suspend the City's petition pending negotiations with SMMUSD regarding separation. The Council directed the City Manager and City Attorney to pursue negotiations with SMMUSD representatives to reach a mutual separation agreement and financial plan for both proposed districts under the guidance of the City Council's School District Separation Ad Hoc Committee.

On October 12, 2020, the Ad Hoc Committee members reported that the negotiations had stalled, and in response, the Council voted unanimously to reinstate the City's petition for unification with the LACOE Committee on School District Organization (County Committee).

The County Committee has scheduled the Preliminary Hearing on the City's petition for Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m. Deputy City Attorney Christine Wood will present an update on the status of the City's petition and the April 17 Preliminary Hearing and answer questions.

Staff recommends that the Commission direct the Chair to submit written and oral communication in support of the City's petition.

**ATTACHMENTS:** City Council Resolution 15-60
RESOLUTION NO. 15-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MALIBU
AUTHORIZING TRANSMISSION OF THE PETITION FOR UNIFICATION OF
A MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The City Council of the City of Malibu does hereby find, order and resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. Recitals.

A. The City of Malibu and the unincorporated area surrounding the City of Malibu (collectively, Greater Malibu), is currently within the territory of the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District (SMMUSD).

B. Greater Malibu, and specifically the City of Malibu, has developed significantly since Greater Malibu was organized as part of SMMUSD.

C. Under current law, the organization of SMMUSD, including both Santa Monica and Greater Malibu, would not be permissible as California Education Code Section 35543, enacted in 1980, provides that “a school district shall not be formed or reorganized to include territory which is separated from other portions of the territory of the district by the territory of one or more other school districts.” Greater Malibu is separated from Santa Monica by the Los Angeles Unified School District.

D. The City of Malibu was incorporated in 1991 and Greater Malibu, despite significant population growth, strives to maintain its rural character, while Santa Monica has developed into a densely-populated, urban community. As those distinct communities have developed, children residing in Greater Malibu have, since 1992, attended public schools from kindergarten through 12th grade entirely within the City of Malibu.

E. The city centers of Malibu and Santa Monica are separated by several miles, and Santa Monica and Malibu have become distinct communities.

F. For several years, concerned residents and community groups within Greater Malibu have expressed the desire to organize a separate Malibu school district.

G. SMMUSD’s central office is located in Santa Monica, a significant distance from even the closest portions of Greater Malibu.

H. Residents of Malibu have expressed concern and frustration that they are not adequately represented by the SMMUSD governing board due to its at-large system of election, and that their concerns about the policies and practices of SMMUSD go largely unaddressed. At-large elections have been known to have this effect where there is a minority community distinct from the overall community, regardless of whether the minority community is a racial/ethnic minority, socio-economic minority, geographic minority, or any other minority community with interests distinct from those of the majority.

I. The City of Santa Monica adopted a city charter in 1947 that requires its city council and the governing board of SMMUSD to be elected at-large, and that charter provision prevents SMMUSD from adopting district-based elections.

Attachment 1
J. The principle civic group that has advocated for the organization of a Malibu Unified School District, Advocates for Malibu Public Schools (AMPS), has worked cooperatively with SMMUSD staff to investigate the feasibility and desirability of organizing a Malibu Unified School District from the existing territory of SMMUSD, and in that effort retained the services of WestEd to prepare a report on the feasibility and desirability of the contemplated unification using data in a large part generated by SMMUSD.

K. The comprehensive report of WestEd, completed on July 16, 2015, confirms that unification of a Malibu Unified School District is both feasible and desirable.

L. The nine criteria for unification of a school district set forth in California Education Code Section 35753 are all satisfied by the contemplated organization of a Malibu Unified School District.

M. The unification of a Malibu Unified School District from the existing territory of SMMUSD will benefit all children in Santa Monica, as well as Greater Malibu, as each of the two resulting school districts will:

- Be better suited to utilize the unique resources, and address the particular needs, of their respective communities
- Have more funds for educating each student than the existing SMMUSD, pursuant to the State’s school funding formulas
- Be capable of implementing the distinct educational philosophies of their respective communities
- Continue to promote sound educational performance with no disruption to educational programs
- Not result in a significant increase in school housing costs or otherwise have an adverse effect on the fiscal status of any district

N. Organization of a Malibu Unified School District enables all residents of Greater Malibu to have representation on their local school board through the adoption of by-trustee-area elections.

O. Unification of a school district may be initiated by a resolution of a city council that has jurisdiction over at least a portion of the affected area, pursuant to California Education Code Section 35721(c).

SECTION 2. The City Council does authorize transmission of the petition for unification of a Malibu Unified School District to the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.
PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 16th day of September 2015.

JOHN SIBERT, Mayor

HEATHER GLASER, Acting City Clerk
(seal)

CHRISTI HOGIN, City Attorney

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION NO. 15-60 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Malibu at the regular meeting thereof held on the 16th day of September 2015 by the following vote:

AYES: 5 Councilmembers: House, La Monte, Peak, Rosenthal, Sibert
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

HEATHER GLASER, Acting City Clerk
(seal)