

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Brandy Pech called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Michelle Aranovsky, Ben Baranovsky, Paul Glenn, Peter Hadar, Hirsh Goswamy, Killian Jackson, Sheridan Jones, Brandy Pech, Nicky Robinson, Autefeh Sajjadi, Robbie Van Unen, Amy Zhang

Commissioners Absent: Kelsey Hall

Staff: Chief Scott Seaman, Irene Shrier, Mike Loya

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nicky Robinson made a motion, seconded by Ben Baranovsky, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2009 meeting. **(Passed 12-0)**

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

No verbal communication.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

New Library Presentation – Chris Noll/Dannielle Sergent, Noll & Tam Architects
Mr. Noll and Ms. Sergent did a power point presentation displaying the plans for the new library facility. Mr. Noll described the process used in the planning and layout of the new facility and the input that was given through focus groups. There was considerable explanation regarding the teen space which will be incorporated. The building will be 30,000 square feet and should be completed in 2011 with construction to begin in early 2010. Mr. Noll received input and feedback from the youth commission and answered questions.

Youth Friendly Business Subcommittee Report

Target date to have applications/nomination forms out will be September 2009.

Youth Commission Input Regarding Response to Teen Parties

Chief addressed the youth commission regarding teen parties and drug use in the community. He explained the process and value of registering a teen party with the police department. There has been an increase in the number of teen parties where alcohol is involved. The police department and the community are concerned with this trend. It is the purpose of the police department to get kids home safely and to create accountability of teens and parents. There is a balance between how the department enforces and cites for these activities. Parents are called to come and pick up their kids and those hosting the party with alcohol are cited. Suggestions were made by members of the commission to have a mentoring program for middle schoolers by high school students, punishing those who are buying alcohol for teens, making kids aware of youth party registration information, having spot checks of backpacks, letting the community know about heroin arrests, and educating teens about drugs and alcohol and the consequences. An anonymous tip line was discussed but the commission felt that it would not be used by kids.

Discussion of Survey Results

There was discussion about how to make a survey successful. Suggestions included better follow up, ask questions that draw out specific data and use an on-line system to get better results.

General Plan Community Report

Brandy has attended three general plan meetings. It is important to give youth input for the future of the town.

Youth Commission Goals for Next Year

- Continue with Project Cornerstone objectives
- Get youth friendly stickers up in business windows
- Conduct meetings more professionally
- More youth input – forums
- Ask the Mayor what he/she would like to see the Youth Commission participate in
- Increase publicity
- Continue mini grants

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Update from the Adolescent El Camino Task Force Meeting

Peter Hadar reported that the task force wants youth input. Paul Glenn and Autefeh Sajjadi volunteered to take part in this task force.

Announcements

- The Town will be co-sponsoring an outdoor event with the Chamber of Commerce which will be held the 2nd Saturday of each month beginning in June. Ambassadors are needed to welcome visitors, hand out maps and answer general questions. If you are interested, please let Irene know.

- Mike Honda has invited the youth commissioners to “It’s Right...To Know Your Rights” conference sponsored in conjunction with his Student Advisory Council. It will be held on Sunday, May 31, 2009 at Cupertino Community Hall at 10350 Torre Avenue, Cupertino CA 95014 from 1-3:30 pm and will address the current issue of student rights and how it affects schools and young people everywhere. If you plan to attend, register at www.tinyurl.com/rsvp-honda or call 408-558-8085.
- CASC (California Associated Student Council) is looking for new members. It is an organization lead solely by kids for kids. The goal is to get student members on local school boards. California is divided into 12 regions and we are in region 4. [CASC's region cabinet application for 2009-2010 is now available!](#)

Chief Seaman thanked the commission for their input and service to our Town and for supporting Project Cornerstone.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.