

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Nicky Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Ben Baranovsky, Morgan Brost, Rodd Farhadi, Hirsh Goswamy, Jacob Hershberger, Killian Jackson, James Marino, Doug McLeod, Matthew Mingrone, Zaul Moayedian, Nicky Robinson, Avi Salem, Kiara Stickney,

Commissioners Absent: Erin Hughes, Julie Wiederhold

Alternates Present: Adam Gramling, Jack Horan, Warren Nakazawa, Nikhil Patel, Thomas Wrappe

Alternates Absent:

Staff: Chief Scott Seaman, Irene Shrier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of February 8, 2011

Ben Baranovsky made a motion, seconded by Rodd Farhadi, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2011 meeting. **(Passed 13-0)**

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Peggy Dallas, Board Member for A Place for Teens, let the commission know that this organization will be sponsoring a 2011 TV talent show and fundraiser to be aired on KCAT, Channel 15 on May 15, 2011. The Venue is looking for performers, volunteers, actors, comedians and talented youth in our community. Performances will be recorded at KCAT and sign-up sheets and information can be obtained at www.lgvenue.org. The deadline for recording is May 7. The public will be able to call in pledge money for their artist of choice. Ms. Dallas asked that the commission take this information back their schools.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

2. Youth Friendly Business Plan

- **Library Summer Reading Program** – No one from the youth commission was in attendance at the last library summer reading program. The next meeting will be held in May. Agendize for the April 12 meeting.
- **Youth Friendly Business of the Year Nomination Review** – There was discussion around the criteria for YF business of the year. The YFB information under the Youth Commission on the Town website has some criteria mentioned. Suggestions were made to have top 10 YFB's posted on Facebook and receive votes from the public. In the absence of a Facebook page, the subcommittee will meet and bring suggestions to the next meeting regarding the process.

3. **Walk-One-Week in Cupertino**

- The committee discussed the possibility of offering this event to the elementary and middle schools. Chief Seaman mentioned that Blossom Hill and Fisher Middle are involved in the Safe Routes to School initiative and might be receptive to the WOW program. Adam said that he could introduce the program to St. Mary's and Rodd and Doug will contact Fisher Middle. Chief Seaman suggested that the commission first make contact with the Cupertino Commission that has spear-headed this program and become more familiar with the details of the program. The Cupertino group has a fact sheet with specific details which they presented at the February 8 Youth Commission meeting. The following subcommittee was formed to collect information on the program: Hirsh, Killian, Jack, Doug, Rodd and Warren. Rodd will chair the subcommittee and report back at the next meeting in April.
- Chief Seaman mentioned that there will be a meeting this Friday, March 11, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the high school with Town management to discuss the number of students who drive to school. The Town/school requested that two or three students come to that meeting. Jack Horan, Zaul Moeyadian and Adam Gramling volunteered to attend that meeting.

4. **Review Ideas for the Remainder of the Year**

- **Discussion of Youth Commission Ongoing Core Services**
 - Nicky reported on the Town of Los Gatos Core Values work sheet that was presented at a meeting with the Town Management. They encouraged the Youth Commission to come up with their own core services.
 - Nicky drafted Youth Commission ongoing core services for 2011-2013. The items were discussed and approved by the commission with the addition of "support the town's sustainability efforts" to be added to Community Character.
 - There was discussion around the public safety core value. Chief Seaman thought it might be valuable to create a strategic goal related to reducing victimization of teens related to traffic safety, theft and crimes. It was also suggested that drugs and alcohol be added to teen tobacco use.
 - Nicky will amend the Core Services and send it to Irene for next month's agenda discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.