

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2010

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Ben Baranovsky, Rodd Farhadi, Paul Glenn, Hirsh Goswamy, Jacob Hershberger, Killian Jackson, Sheridan Jones, Doug McLeod, Matthew Mingrone, Nicky Robinson, Autefeh Sajjadi, Avi Salem, Robbie Van Unen

Commissioners Absent: Andrew Yang, Alissa Miller

Alternates Present: Zaul Moayedian, Noel Painter, Julie Wiederhold

Alternates Absent: James Marino

Staff: Capt. Alana Forrest, Irene Shrier

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Nicky Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of March 9, 2010

Ben Baranovsky made a motion, seconded by Nicky Robinson, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010 meeting. **(Passed 13-0)**

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

John Hogan addressed the commission regarding his progress on the youth jobs program he is starting. The business will be called Teen Source and is designed to help Los Gatos teens get jobs in the community. It will be a non-profit staffing company. The goal will be to have enough income to sustain the company and the cost of doing business and to provide grants to the community. The business will be located at 101 Church Street. Mr. Hogan will begin taking applications for administrative assistance for the company and will be accepting teen applications for the type of jobs that they are seeking in May. Teen Source will incorporate Project Cornerstone assets into this business. Applications will be accepted from teens, whether in high school or college.

Mr. Hogan congratulated the Youth Commission on implementing the Youth Friendly Business program.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

2. General Plan Presentation & Discussion

Wendie Rooney, Director of Community Development, and Joel Paulson, Associate Planner attended the meeting to introduce a draft of the amended General Plan for review and solicitation of feedback of ideas by the commission.

Copies of the slide show presentation were distributed to each member of the commission. The draft will be going to the Advisory Committee on May 6. In August, the General Plan will go to the Town Council for adoption.

Wendie discussed and presented what the general plan is, what's included in the plan, the update, organization and format of the plan, and a review of youth-oriented general plan goals, policies and actions. A question and answer session followed. There was concern from some of the commissioners regarding parking in and around the high school, the concrete roads in the historic areas of town, and the VTA bus schedule for the Town and county areas. Wendie acknowledged that these are all valid concerns and complex issues which are being discussed and viewed from many different perspectives. She thanked the commission for their input and ideas.

3. Youth Friendly Business

- More YFB letters, information and nomination forms will be distributed to the Los Gatos businesses by the commission. Irene will print up packets and Nicky will get them to the teams. When going out to the businesses, the commissioners will talk with the person in charge and explain the YFB and answer any questions. The goal is to have all of the packets distributed by Monday, April 26. Announcements regarding the program have been made at Los Gatos High School and Nicky encouraged students who go to other schools to do the same.
- A spreadsheet of nominations that have been received was reviewed by the commission. Of the businesses nominated, the commission found only one that they thought was not youth friendly by a majority vote. It was recommended that a letter be drafted to that business to let them know of their concerns. Zaul, Ben and Rodd will draft the letter and send it to Chief Seaman for perusal. A number of other recommendations were made for businesses that are not listed. Please send your recommendations, with comments, to Irene for the spreadsheet. The subcommittee will meet prior to the next meeting to go over the new nominations. Decisions will be presented at the May meeting. Once the list has been accepted, visits will be made to those businesses recommended as youth friendly and they will be congratulated and presented with a YFB decal to be placed in their place of business.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

4. Recognition of Vice chair Nicky Robinson, 2010 Youth Citizen of the Year

Captain Forrest announced that Nicky Robinson has been selected as the 2010 Youth Citizen of the Year in Los Gatos. This was based on the work that Nicky has done as a member of the Youth Commission over the last four years, in particular the Youth Friendly Business program, and his involvement in the community and the schools and the contributions that he has made. Congratulations, Nicky!

5. Town Council/Commission Retreat Update

On April 19, the Town Council convened a meeting of all of the town commissions. Nicky attended the meeting as a representative of the Youth Commission. The six core values and two year goals for the town were discussed. This was the first time that a meeting of all of the commissions was held. There was definite value in this type of a meeting and the possibility of liaisons between commissions was discussed.

COMMISSION MATTERS

5. Youth Commission Applications for Next Year

The commission was reminded that applications are now being accepted for Youth Commissioners for next year. Each commissioner was given a copy of the application and was encouraged to reapply if their term expires and to let their friends know about the openings.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.