

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**110 E. MAIN ST.**  
**MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2012**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Ben Baranovsky called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Ben Baranovsky, Rodd Farhadi, Hirsh Goswamy, Adam Gramling, Jack Horan, Killian Jackson, Laura LaBombarda, Matt Mingrone, Zaul Moayedian, Stefan Montana, Alisha Nagendran, Nikhil Patel, Kiara Stickney, Claire Strickland, Henry Strickland

Commissioners Absent:

Alternates Present:

Alternates Absent: Morgan Brost, Michael Daboll

Staff: Chief Scott Seaman, Irene Shrier

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Rodd Farhadi made a motion, seconded by Hirsh Goswamy, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 meeting. **(Passed 15-0)**

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

No verbal communication.

**ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

**Youth Friendly Business**

- Heidi's will be removed from the YFB list since they are no longer in business. Changes will also include Tandoori Oven which is now Chakra Indian Restaurant which has moved to 137 N. Santa Cruz Avenue.
- By verbal vote, the commission selected Los Gatos Meats as the youth friendly business for 2012. A press release will be done and Los Gatos Meats will be recognized and awarded a plaque at the June 4, 2012 Town Council meeting.

- Main Street Burger was discussed among the commission. A few years ago a couple of commissioners and Chief Seaman had met with owner, Mr. Rathman, regarding unfriendly behavior exhibited by employees. At that time, Mr. Rathman committed to speak with his employees regarding this issue. This problem is again presenting itself so Chief Seaman, Matt Mingron, Stefan Montana, Rodd Farhadi and Zaul Moayedian will set up another meeting with Mr. Rathman to discuss the continuing issue.

### **Facebook Update**

- Adam reported that there have been 80 hits on FB since it was constructed. He will update information regarding the Teen Dating, Anti-bullying Seminar which will be held on May 17, at the Los Gatos United Methodist Church, from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
- Since Adam and Nikhil are administrators of the website and will be going to college next year, Matt Mingrone and Henry Strickland agreed to oversee the website. Chief Seaman and Irene Shrier, along with Matt and Henry, will be added as administrators.

### **Publicity Update**

Not report.

### **Student Commission Recruitment/Reapplications**

The commission was encouraged to have friends interested in applying for student commissions get their applications in by Wed., May 16.

### **Brainstorming for Next Year**

Ben asked the commission what they would like to carry forward for next year or new ideas for involvement. The following is a list of suggestions:

- Publicity for the Youth Commission
- Working with CASA
- Getting 8<sup>th</sup> graders involved with the commission; outreach to Fisher Middle School
- Speak with Principals Fraser and Autrey regarding who the leaders are among the kids at school and then reach out to them to generate interest in the youth commission
- Send individual notes/invitations to potential teen leaders to become more involved
- Work with the library regarding teen interests
- Talk with teachers at the high school so presentations can be made in classes
- Have senior commissioners make presentations to 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Sponsor a Los Gatos Fair and get youth friendly businesses involved
- Make a great publicity video
- Visit other youth commissions in the area
- Each commissioner to come up with one idea over the summer

Adam, Rodd, Stefan, Jack, Zaul and Henry will work on putting a youth commission publicity video together over the summer. Chief suggested that KCAT could be of help

in making a video. He also suggested that they contact Marianne Hamilton about the realities of drug use among teens. A video regarding this issue would be helpful.

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

Information regarding the Youth Venture Summit 2012, July 26-29, in Washington, DC was passed along to share with the commission from former commissioner Jacqui Kemp.

**COMMISSION MATTERS**

Thank you commissioners for your work, creative ideas and time spent making this year memorable and successful! Ice cream sundaes were shared as a special thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.