



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

YOUTH COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2008

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on October 27, 2008 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:32p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Liao, Shankar, Hill, Trevino, Aldama, Polussa and Tu

Absent: Commission Loo

Late: None

II. ORDERS OF THE DAY

None

III. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

IV. CONSET CALENDAR

Upon motion and unanimously adoption, the September meeting minutes were approved.

V. COUNCIL LIAISON (Information Only)

a. Council Liaison Assistant, Tiana Seymore informed the commission of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Crime and Gang Prevention Summit that will take place in November and of the San Jose Go Green School Program that provides grants to fund school environmental programs and trainings. Ms. Seymore also informed the commission of the three year deficit elimination plan that they may be interested in hearing about and of the Global Entrepreneurial ship for teens and young adults that is scheduled to come to San Jose in November. Ms Seymore also announced that Council member Judy Chirco had a write up in her newsletter announcing the trail system goal of having 50 miles of trails competed hit the half way mark of the goal to have 100 miles of trails in San Jose.

b. Mayor's office Assistance was not present to inform

VI. SUB-COMMITTEE AND LIAISON (Information Only)

a. San José Public Library Liaison Angie Miraflor thanks the commissioner for participating in their unnatural causes focus group. Ms. Miraflor announced that the Library is planning on distributing a teen survey to address teen's needs and concerns.

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Information gathered from the survey will assist the library to implement a Teen Services Plan. Ms. Mirafior reminded the commission that the library is a good place for teens that may be looking for community service hours. She also informed the commission of the libraries efforts in updating their website to be more teen friendly.

- b. Senior Commission Liaison Elisa Perez, had nothing to inform.
- c. Human Right Commission Liaison Vanessa Burbach, was not present to inform.
- d. Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Liaison Sergeant Luis Quezada reported the incidents that occurred throughout the city. Sergeant Quezada informed the commission that due to an increase of residential burglaries there has been a focus on the Truancy Abatement Burglary Program. Currently there has been 454 kids that were out of school during school hours. They are also reemphasizing the counseling aspect in their centers to assist both parents and teens if needed.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS

(Information Only)

District 1 Commissioner Shankar informed the commission that the District 1 Youth Advisory Council has four new YAC members. Their focus has been on Cultural Night.

District 2 Commissioner Hill, informed the commission that he held the first District 2 YAC meeting on Wednesday September 24th at the Edenvile Library. He informed his YAC members of the upcoming commission activities and events. They also discussed their work plan and other activities they as an Advisory Council for district 2 may be interested in achieving.

District 4 Commissioner Loo was not present to report

District 5 Commissioner Travino informed the commission that she will have the first D5 YAC meeting every 2nd Monday of the month starting on November 10th.

District 7 Commissioner Aldama informed the commission that on October 14th the D7 YAC held their monthly meeting and had over 15 members in attendance. During there meeting they updated their work plan. They also now have YAC members from District 7 High Schools, Andrew Hill and YB. The D7 YAC has secured their talent for Cultural Night.

District 8 Commissioner Liao informed the commission that he will be assisting the new D8 Commissioner with establishing the D8 Youth Advisory Council

District 9 Commissioner Hawn informed the commission that the D9 Youth Advisory Council will need to rework their middle school presentation strategy since some of the middle schools were not interested in their presentations.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa informed the commission that the D10 Youth Advisory Council has been meeting every week in preparation for the Haunted Hallway at the Harvest Fair at the Almaden Community Center. There had 170 people in attendance. The D10 YAC will now focus their efforts on preparing for the Cultural

Night.

City Wide Commissioner Tu informed the commission that she will be assisting the new District 8 Commissioner with the Cultural Night event.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

a) Approval of the Quarterly Report Memo

After discussing the reports content and who would attend and present their quarterly report the Neighborhood Services and Education Council Sub-committee, It was moved by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Hill, and to approve the Commissioner Quarterly Report and have the executive board, Commission Shankar, Hawn and Hill present their report to the NSE Committee.

b) Commission Sub-committees Structure

After reviewing the sub-committee structure and time frame, it was moved by Commissioner Hawn, seconded by Commissioner Aldama to hold the sub-committee meeting directly after the regular monthly commission meeting at 7:30pm every fourth Monday of each month. After additional discussion of meeting time frame, Commissioner Hill and seconded by Commissioner Polussa to amend the main motion by striking out 7:30pm and inserting 8:00pm. After further discussing meeting start times, it was moved by commissioner Hill, seconded by commissioner Hawn and voted unanimously to postpone the approval of the sub-committee structure to the following commission meeting to included new commissioner's comments and input.

c) Agenda Format

After reviewing and discussing the draft new agenda format, it was moved by Commissioner Hill, seconded by Commissioner Aldama and voted unanimously to have staff revise the New Agenda Format to include comments made during the discussion and present New Revised Agenda Format for review and approval that the next months meeting.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a.) Student's Guide to Police Practices

Diane Doolan from the Independent Police Auditor addressed the commission and distributed the new Student Guide to Police Practices to them. Ms Doolan informed the commission that the Student Guide was a result of a joint project between the Police Department and the Independent Police Auditors Office. The main focus of the guide is to educate young people on basic legal issues and basic crime that are commonly associated with young people. Suggestions are made on what to do and what not to do when stopped by an officer. In addition, the new guide has a section of how to avoid being a victim of a crime, staying safe, and resources for students.

b.) Ace Mentor Program

Jenny Nair, Education Chair for the ACE Mentor program, informed the commission about the ACE mentoring program. The ACE mentoring program is a 12 to 15 week program that focuses mentoring students between 9th and 12th grade

in the Architecture, Construction and Engineering fields. Students are exposed to these fields by meeting on a bi-monthly base with professionals in the field and participating in field trips. They also work on projects that simulate these professional fields. By participating in the ACE mentoring program, students have the opportunity to meet and network with professional in the field and have the opportunity to apply for college scholarships.

c.) Public Access Channel 15

CreaT.V Channel 15 Executive Director Suzanne St. John Crane, presented the array of resources CreaT.V may provided for the commission in general. In general, CreaT.V main goal is to be a community run and community based media center. Public announcements, documentaries, monthly talk show and interviews are only a few ways channel 15 may be utilized. There are training, media equipment rentals and workshops are provided at a low membership cost. Director Suzanne St. John Crane announced additional channels that CreaT.V will be acquiring in April. These channels will be educational bases and will be available for college and universities to access. CreaT.V would also like to give the same opportunities to local youth organizations to air their educational programs and/or events.

X. STAFF REPORTS

(Information Item)

a.) Council Policy Changes

PRNS manger Neil Rufino, presented an overview of the Public Private Partnerships the department has been studying for the past year. They has Identifies several city policies in which government partnerships with non-profit volunteer organizations and corporations may be revised.

b.) Youth Outreach Report and Deadlines

Staff Veronica Ruiz, reported on her outreaching efforts to the different high Schools with Gunderson High being the most resent school she outreached to. She will continue outreaching to the high schools throughout the year with the goal of recruiting YAC members. Staff announced upcoming deadlines for reports, district specific work plan and reminded commissioners of their upcoming training.

c.) Commissioner Appointment

Staff Betty Montoya announced the three new commissioner appointments and the three re-appointments of incumbent commissioners.

c.) YTRS (Youth & Teen Recreation Services) Report

Staff Betty Montoya reported on the YTRS scholarship that will be coming out soon for high school Juniors and Seniors. There will also be a YAC Social will is scheduled for November 22, 2008 at Redwood City.

d.) Agenda posting and meeting minutes time scheduled

Staff Betty Montoya informed the commission that in order to comply with the Sunshine Reform policies, agendas and minutes must be ready to be posted on a timely bases.

e.) Commission Web-site update

Staff Betty Montoya reported that the City clerks office has offer to assist the commission by posting agenda and meeting minutes on line while the commission web-site is updated. Staff requested that the Public Relation Sub committee take the lead on ensuring the commission web-site is updated.

f.) Western City Magazine

Staff Betty Montoya suggested that the Public Relation Sub Committee submit a copy of the Youth Commission newsletters once completed to the Western City Magazine. The Western City Magazine is an electronic newsletter type magazine that is distributed to California cities. Articles high lighting what youth commissions from different cities are involved in. Staff reminded commissioners that they represent one of the 10th largest cities of the nation and their efforts to address youth issues and make recommendations should be informed to other cities.

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviews by commissioners

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm by Commissioner Shankar.