



YOUTH COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2008

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on November 24, 2008 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:05p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Shankar, Carrera, Trevino, Taxera, Aldama. Uzoh, Hawn
Not Present: Commissioner Hill, Loo and Tu
Late: Commissioner Polussa

II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES

December meeting minutes was approved

III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

None

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION

City Manager office intern Joyce Chen, presented the City Student website

V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT (Information Only)

Council assistant Tiana Seymore informed the commission that the Santa Clara County Public Health Department and the Tobacco Coalition are collaborating with the community Teens of Today advocates on the city's Health Report Card related to tobacco. Ms. Seymore also informed the commission of the City Budget deficit and the utilization of homework centers. Lastly, Ms. Seymore extended an invitation for the commission to attend the Project Cornerstone Breakfast on March 19th.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS (Information Only)

San José Public Library liaison Sandra Stewart informed the commission of the teen tech week at the library. This year's theme is Press and Play a music and technology theme. They will also be hosting the 2nd annual battle of the bands.

Senior Commission liaison Elisa Perez informed the commissioners of the current budget deficit

Human Right Commission Liaison Vanessa Burbach reported that the Human Right Commission met and reviewed the process of filing against Prop 8. Human Right

Commission retreat will take place in March. They are also interested in supporting the hire of a new Independent Police Auditor. The Human Rights Commission is also seeking new commission members.

Truancy Report Liaison Sergeant Quezada reported for the month of Dec, there were 433 youth that were picked up for truancy. School year to date numbers is 1957

VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS (Information Only)

Commission Shankar spoke on behalf of the Policy Team. Commissioner Shankar informed the commission of a possible policy recommendation the AD HOC Working Team may present to the commission at the next meeting Policy will be related to the banning of smoking in apartment buildings.

Commission Hawn reported that the Recreation and Safety Team did not meet this month will be looking into the truancy issue, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force reports and the community centers and their recreation programs.

Commission Polussa reported that the Health and Education Team did not meet but may be addressing the health and education of teens by keeping them in school.

Commission Aldama reported that the Public relation Team did not meet but will be focusing on the newsletter and getting the word out regarding the conference.

VIII COMMISSIONER REPORTS

District 1 Commissioner Shankar reported that the D1 YAC in collaboration with D9YAC are working together on a possible teen mixer. The D1 YAC will also be assisting the Library with their teen master plan. D1 will be involved with the illegal sign clean up and litter clean up in their district.

District 2 Commissioner Hill, was not present to report.

District 3 Commissioner Carrera reported that the D3 YAC will have its first meeting at the MLK library.

District 4 Commissioner Loo was not presents to report.

District 5 Commissioner Trevino had nothing to report.

District 6 Commissioner Texara was not present to report

District 7 Commissioner Aldama reported that the D7 YAC assisted at the West Evergreen Christmas gift giving where they gave 191 gifts to families. The D7 YAC has also revised their workshop for the youth conference.

District 8 Commissioner Uzoh reported that the D8 YAC met and completed their District Specific work plan .

District 9 Commissioner Hawn reported that the D9 YAC gave three gift baskets to the children's shelter over the holidays. Their Identity Workshop they presented to Ida Price

Middle school was a success. They plan on presenting it to other middle schools in their district. The D9 YAC in collaboration with the D1 YAC and the To Write Love On Our Arms organization will be working together to address teen suicide. Teen mixer is tentatively planned for April 2009.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa reported that the D10 YAC will be conducting a family movie night in February at the Almaden Community Center.

City Wide Commissioner Tu was not present to

IX. ACTION ITEMS

a) Approval of the Commissioner Report Template

Commissioner Shankar walked through and reviewed the report template. It was moved and unanimously accepted to approval the new Commissioner Report Template.

b) World Affairs Challenge Judges registration Form

Commissioner Hawn led the discussion and the importance of being peer judges at the World Affairs Challenge. It was moved and unanimously accepted to attend the world affairs challenge as peer judges.

X INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a.) City Boards and Commissions Focus Group

Staff reported on the board and commission focus group

b.) Mayor's Budget Focus Group

Commissioner Carrera and commissioner Hawn reported that they attended the Mayor's Budget Focus Group. The scope is large and many programs may be affected.

XI STAFF REPORTS

(Information Item)

a.) YTRS Report

Staff reported that the YTRS is accepting applications for the Day on the Green for Teen Bands. Staff reported that there was an invitation to other city advisory to attend and observe the Youth Conference.

b.) Teen Specialist Report

Staff reported that the PRNS Specialists are working together to put together city sport leagues

c.) Conference Logistic Updates

Staff informed the commissioners that the Harker School will be sending eight teens to the conference making the teen attendance to their conference reach 261.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm by Commissioner Shankar.