



*Parks, Recreation and
Neighborhood Services*

YOUTH COMMISSION

Commission Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2008

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on March 23, 2009 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, Loo, Trevino, Taxera, Aldama, Uzoh, and Hawn,

Not Present: Commissioner Polussa

Late: Commissioner Hill and Commission Tu

II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES

February meeting minutes was approved

III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS

Commissioners presented T-shirts to Park Recreation Neighborhood Services, Community Coordinator Kevin Hirabayashi and Youth Commission Alumni Adan Lupercio, for their contribution and assistance at the 2009 City Wide Youth Conference Beat the Statistics.

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

(Information Only)

Council assistant Tiana Seymore informed the commission that there will be a Go Green conference on April 4th at the Fairmont Hotel. She thanked the commissioners for attending the Project Cornerstone Breakfast of Champions and congratulated them for their outstanding youth conference.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

(Information Only)

San José Public Library liaison Angie Miraflor informed the commission that there would be a regional teen talent competition in April with the finals being held on May 9th at the Almeden Library Branch. She informed the commission that the Library was featured on the NBC 11 channel for their free to succeed programs for the general public. Teen application and interview workshop will be conducted at the King Library in May. She also reminded the commissioners that if they have YAC members that would like to volunteer at their library to volunteer for the summer reading program.

Senior Commission liaison Elisa Perez had nothing to report.

Human Right Commission Liaison Vanessa Burbach

Truancy Report Liaison Officer Brian reported for Sergeant Luis Quesada. In the month of February, 406 teens picked up for truancy. 97 out of the 406 were repeat offenders; 9 were given citation; 7 were on probation; 2 were reported run-a-ways; 8 were picked at home and taken back to school; 7 were referred to counseling services. Tab officers conducted 43 home intervention visits. All 406 teens were local. Eastside tabs picked up 240 and Westside Tabs picked up 166.

VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS

(Information Only)

Commission Taxera announced that the Policy Team will discuss the smoking ban issues under action items of the agenda.

Commission Hawn stated that the Recreation and Safety Team has not met therefore does not have anything to report

Commission Uzoh had not met and had nothing to report

Commission Aldama had nothing to report .

VIII COMMISSIONER REPORTS

District 1 Commissioner Shankar reported that the D1 YAC attended a district illegal sign clean up. The YAC is in the planning stage with D9 to host the first Teen Mixer/Dance event. D1 YAC is still working on their district website and conducting their D1 teen survey. Commissioner Shankar attended the California Teen Action Summit where she gathered ideas for the commission to pursue into such as putting together a Bill of Teen Rights and a Youth Annual Report and host a teen forum.

District 2 Commissioner Hill, was not present to report.

District 3 Commissioner Carrera reported that he attended the Project Cornerstone Breakfast and the World Savvy event where he was a teen judge. He also attended the Alma Community meeting where community issues were discussed.

District 4 Commissioner Loo reported that the D4 YAC attended the freshmen information meeting to recruit YAC members.

District 5 Commissioner Trevino had nothing to report.

District 6 Commissioner Taxera reported he attended the World Savvy event where he was a teen judge. He also attended a Community Neighborhood meeting where there were They discussed the process of addressing issues. Commissioner Taxera continues to Conduct some outreach to gather information relating to the Smoking Ban in apartment Complex.

District 7 Commissioner Aldama reported that the D7 YAC held their meeting on March 19th where they discussed the Operation Prom Dress Project. Commissioner Aldama Attended the Project Cornerstone Breakfast of Champions.

District 8 Commissioner Uzoh reported that the D8 YAC has 3 new YAC members. The YAC discussed the smoking ban at their last meeting.

District 9 Commissioner Hawn reported that the D9 YAC is still in the process of planning Their Mixer/Dance with the D1 YAC and partnering with the PRNS Recreation Staff.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa was not present to report

City Wide Commissioner Tu was not present to report

IX. ACTION ITEMS

a.) Smoking Ban

After discussion of the impact a smoking ban would have on the general public it was moved and 2nd to have the commission make a recommendation to ban smoking inside apartment complex. Commissioners will be gathering more information to support their recommendation in the next few months.

b.) District 8 Specific Work Plan

Commissioner Uzoh presented the District 8 Specific Work Plan to the Commission. It was moved and 2nd to accept and approve the District 8 Specific Work plan.

c.) District 4 Event Proposal for approval

Commissioner Loo presented the District 4 Community Beautification activity for approval. This activity will support their Building Stronger Communities Relations by Involving Youth goal in the District Specific Work Plan. After discussion, it was moved and 2nd to approve the District 4 Beautification activity.

Commissioner Loo presented the District 4 YAC fundraiser in order to have funds for the District 4 YAC to pursue different activities in their district. After discussion, it was moved and 2nd to approve the fundraiser proposal at the District 4 Art and Wine festival where the D4 YAC will be hosting a game booth.

X INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a.) Bill Wilson Fashion Show

Marcris Demays addressed the commission by informing them of the April 3rd Fashion Show. Funds raised will go towards their Youth evolution workshops at the San Jose City College where students attending will be able to obtain college credits for attending

b.) Global Youth Service Date

Great America Litter Pick Up Saturday April 25th at 8:30a.m. Waivers for teens Attending the clean up are due from commissioners on April 18th. Staff will be collecting these waivers and submitting them to the Anti Graffiti Program who is leading this project.

XI STAFF REPORTS

(Information Item)

a.) Youth Conference Overall Evaluations

Staff reported that there were a total of 333 conference attendees and 14 resources vendors. From the evaluations received, 83% of them were Very Satisfied, 27% were Satisfied. Student expressed how they were motivated and inspired to get involved in their community. Visitors comments were that they were impressed of the outstanding conference put on by the commission and staff.

b.) Youth commission website

Staff reported that they have been working on the commission's website and seeing it as a tool that teens are using to gather more information regarding the commission.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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