



ALL CHILDREN ACHIEVE COMMITTEE

Executive Summary
February 10, 2005

The meeting was convened at 1:35 p.m. Items were heard out of order.

- a. City of San José's Youth Services Update and Overview (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Upon motion of Vice Chair Chirco, seconded by Council Member Pyle, the Committee accepted the report.

- b. Youth Commission Strategic Workplan Update (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Upon motion of Vice Chair Chirco, seconded by Council Member Pyle, the Committee accepted the report.

- c. Oral Petitions

Bill Chew spoke.

- d. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Ken Yeager, Chair
All Children Achieve Committee



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Meeting Report
February 10, 2005

PRESENT: Chair Ken Yeager, Vice-Chair Judy Chirco, Council Member Nancy Pyle

STAFF: Jim Holgersson, Barbara Jordan, Avo Makdessian, Sara Hensley, Maria Hurtado, Angel Rios, Jane Light, Nora Pimentel, Dave Peyton, Betty Montoya, Janette Elizondo, Emily Moody, Rabia Chaudhry, Megan Doyle, Diana Miller, Ana Maria Rosato

GUESTS: Adán Lupercio, Eliza Finley, Van Le, Timothy Tom (Youth Commissioners), Bill Chew

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- a. City of San José's Youth Services Update and Overview (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Maria gave an overview of the City of San José's Youth Services. The presentation focused on the strategies PRNS undertook in 2004 to identify core youth services and begin to prioritize youth programs.

Maria explained one of the first initial strategies was to identify the customers who use our services, and to listen to what they are saying about the effectiveness of our programs and how they prioritize them. Maria identified these customers as including the parents, school superintendents and principals who participated in the Core Services Survey. Others are focus groups like parents, youth and other service providers, commissions under the umbrella of PRNS, the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force, and the San José Schools/City Collaborative.

Maria talked about the highest youth priorities that resulted from the core services survey. Afterschool programs consistently ranked as the highest priority by parents, principals and superintendents. Other priorities were safe schools and neighborhoods, literacy, youth development and intervention services, early care and education.

Angel Rios reported on the strategies for FY 04-05. Afterschool programs were refocused. Literacy and Early Education were merged with the Library. They also established the "hub" multi-service delivery system. Staff continue to work on partnerships with

community-based organizations (CBOs) to fill in service gaps. The Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force and the Schools/City Collaborative were restructured, and overall, staff ensured linkage to the Blueprint Youth Master Plan.

Maria also stated that the challenges they face for FY 05-06 are mostly due to diminishing resources. Their CBO partners are going through economic hardships, as well. Maria stated that core youth services would continue to be impacted by the budget deficit.

As part of their strategies for FY 05-06, staff will continue to strengthen their partnerships with other City-service areas, CBOs and schools. They will continue to communicate so they can discuss how to leverage assets, avoid duplication of services, and talk about critical issues each organization faces in the coming years. Maria also stated that they would have to offer fewer programs with higher quality. Maria added that although there is continued growth in parks and facilities through bond projects, there is a reduction in resources that will eventually force them to operate fewer facilities in the next few years.

In conclusion, Maria stated that PRNS continues to focus on what their customers are telling them and the strategies being developed support the goals of the Blueprint. These include safe schools and safe neighborhoods, early childhood development, education and learning opportunities, and workforce development.

Jane Light, Library Director, joined the discussion to explain the role of City Service Areas (CSAs), and how this format has helped improve the functionality of services.

Upon motion of Vice Chair Chirco, seconded by Council Member Pyle, the Committee accepted the report.

- b. Youth Commission Strategic Workplan Update (Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services)

Angel Rios, Recreation Superintendent, introduced the four Youth Commissioners in attendance: Adán Lupercio, Eliza Finley, Van Le, and Timothy Tom.

The Youth Commissioners took turns reporting out the highlights that have been accomplished in the last six months in the implementation of the Strategic Work Plan.

- PRNS staff are exploring the "best practices" of youth advisory bodies of other cities to incorporate into the Youth Commission's structure and strategic work plan.
- At the National League of Cities' Youth Leadership Conference, Commission Vice-Chair and staff facilitated the "Youth Involvement in Local Government" workshop.
- Youth Advisory Councils (YACs) have been established in all districts except for 2 and 7.
- A Youth Advisory Council Orientation (YACO) was conducted to clarify YAC members' roles and responsibilities.
- Some individual District accomplishments worth noting:

- District 1 received a grant from “True Teens Taking Over” of the Community Foundation of Silicon Valley to paint a mural for seniors.
- District 3 co-wrote a grant proposal and also received a grant from “True Teens Taking Over” to help fund the Districts 3 and 5 Youth Conference.
- Districts 3 and 5 co-wrote a grant proposal and received two grants from Resources for Families and Communities to conduct youth-run community projects.
- District 4 YAC members are developing a survey to identify youth issues in their district.
- District 8 YAC members are attending community meetings to give youth input.
- District 9 YAC members helped with the National Lights On Rally, which focused on after-school programs, and also participated in the Mayor’s Basketball Tournament.
- District 10 YAC members helped with the Westfield Works Wonders and former Vice-Mayor Dando’s celebration ceremony.
- The Youth Commission Chair and Vice-Chair attended the Mayor’s Gang Prevention Task Force retreat in November, 2004, to provide input on the development of the MGPTF’s 2005-07 Strategic Work Plan.
- Some of the activities attended by the Youth Commissioners were the Holiday Parade, the Plata Arroyo Skatepark Grand Opening, and the State of the City Address.

Also reported was a summary of next steps for the remainder of the year:

- Establish YACs in Districts 2 and 7.
- Finalize the Youth Commission website.
- Attend and participate in the 2005 YAC Attack, planned for March, 2005.
- Work with the Neighborhood Development Center to provide youth leadership training to YACs in respective districts, and “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective Teens” training to the Commissioners.
- Work on the fundraiser social called “Glow in the Dark” for the Youth Commission and YACS in 2005.

Chair Yeager requested that the Youth Commission forward to the All Children Achieve Committee information on its social activities.

Chair Yeager also inquired about any impact the vacancy in Council District 7 has on the Youth Commission. Angel responded that in the interim, staff is working with Jim Webb, who has been assigned to Council District 7 from the Mayor’s Office as its interim Chief of Staff.

Vice Chair Chirco asked about the \$25 fee for the YAC Summit. She suggested that Council District offices could perhaps help look at grants to cover the fees. She also suggested that the Youth Commission find out what they may qualify for, and for YAC members to write to the Councilmembers for assistance.

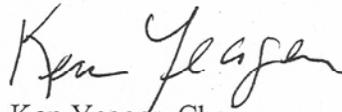
Upon motion of Vice Chair Chirco, seconded by Council Member Pyle, the Committee accepted the report.

c. Oral Petitions

Bill Chew asked that the All Children Achieve Committee, as well as other committee meetings, be heard in the Council Chambers, so that they can be televised and heard by more people.

d. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.



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