



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Department Head

**SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 2003 YOUTH
COMMISSION MONTHLY REPORT**

DATE: 03-10-03

Approved

Date

FEBRUARY 2003 YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

Jessica Nguyen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were: Melissa Shih, Polo Black Golde, Erica Garcia, Rachel Babcock, Timothy Tom, Sean Deleev, Michael Antonopoulos, Alex, Berger, Jessica Nguyen and Heather Cortez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Review and Approved the meeting Synopsis of January 27, 2003.
(M/S/C) Polo Black Golde, Rachel Babcock Approved

Commissioner Alex Berger offered his resignation as of February 18, 2003. He does not have time to be a part of the Youth Commission as he has several restrictions and demands of his time. He mentioned that it has been a great two and a half years that he has spent on the Commission.

CORRESPONDENCE

A. INCOMING

- City of Brentwood Youth Commission
- San Jose Special Event Application
- Senior Citizens Commission
- Measure "P" Citizens Oversight Committee

B. OUTGOING:

None

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Terry Gregory introduced Celia Calderon, one of his staff members who will be attending the Youth Commission meetings regularly. He gave a brief background of himself and expressed his appreciation for the Commission's dedication and time. He said that his perspective of the Youth Commission is that they are the tentacles into the community when it comes to understanding the needs of the young people in San Jose. The Commission has a very critical and important role to fulfill and in doing so, Council will look to them to do outreach into

their high schools and neighborhoods in their districts and this will allow Council to understand what they are to do as an elected body to support youth. With that, he made it known that he and his office are there to support them.

2002/2003 WORKPLAN

- District 1: Commissioner Shih reported on the recruitment methods, which she has been working on.
- District 2: Commissioner Ogunnupe was absent.
- District 3: Commissioner Berger resigned.
- District 4: Commissioner Deleev reported that she met with her Youth Specialist from Berryessa Community Center, who contacted the middle schools in her district. They are planning a social on March 7, 2003 that will be an informal event to spread the word about the Youth Advisory Council. Following that event they will have an orientation for those that are seriously interested in participating.
- District 5: Commissioner Cortez reported that her Youth Advisory Council has gotten smaller due to people moving away or others that can't commit to it anymore due to time constraints. She is working on expanding her recruitment to other high schools and middle schools in her district
- District 6: Commissioner Black Golde reported that he is planning a preliminary meeting to begin his Youth Advisory Council.
- District 7: Commissioner Garcia reported that she has not worked on any specifics but has worked on some things for the Youth Commission as a whole. She spoke with Ernest Azevedo from Public Allies about some of the situations or things that they are supposed to be doing. One of those items was attendance: there is a need to attend the trainings and she mentioned that the Brown Act states that if you miss three or more meetings you can be excused from the Commission unless you have a legitimate reason. She said that everyone has to be accountable. The second thing she mentioned is that the Commissioners are to prepare a one-paragraph statement of what is occurring in each district prior to the Commission meetings when they hear the Committee and Liaison report on the agenda. This will help cut down on the length of their meetings. She mentioned that the deadline on her Youth Advisory Council has been pushed back since she was unable to meet with her Public Allies mentor to take further action.
- District 8: Commissioner Nguyen reported that she is in the process of interviewing the applicants for the Evergreen Youth Advisory Council and gave a brief explanation as to how the interview process went. She mentioned that she is part of the recognition committee and talked about collaborating with other people to work on this event. She distributed a flyer that talked about the upcoming YAC Attack event that is to take place in April. She mentioned that one of the most important things that she is doing with her Youth Advisory Council is that they applied for a grant.

- District 9: Commissioner Babcock reported that she met with Liz Rupp from Public Allies and reviewed what they discussed about the Annual Youth Commission Rally with regards to the planning and funding of the event. Staff person Neil Rufino suggested combining the Recognition Event with the Annual Youth Commission Rally. She met with her Youth Specialist Joe Lampkin and discussed ideas of how to inform more high schools about the Youth Commission. One idea they are considering is to have a dance. She will meet with Joe on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 to discuss potential locations to have the dance.
- District 10: Commissioner Tom reported that his Youth Advisory Council is doing well. He said he will be attending a community meeting at the Almaden Community Center on February 25, 2003 to discuss the public artist that they chose, to review the updated designs, and to discuss the parking and traffic situation.
- Citywide: Commissioner Antonopoulos reported that he represented the Youth Commission at the Joint Commission meeting and said that the Commission's goal is to collaborate all Commission resources. He talked to Reginald who is assisting him with the creation of the Youth Commission Website and said that he has a draft and will be giving a Power Point presentation at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Resource for Families and Community
Public Allies staff person talked about the upcoming Multi Cultural Festival on May 24 and 25, 2003 and encouraged the Youth Commission to participate on the planning committee.
Upon motion by Commissioner Shih and seconded by Commissioner Nguyen, the Commissioners accepted to participate on the planning committee for the upcoming Multi Cultural Festival.
- Developmental Assets
Commissioner Tom discussed the 3 out of 41 developmental assets that he and his Public Allies mentor chose to implement and tie into their different programs and objectives.
- 2002-03 Action Plan
Staff person Queen Ann reviewed the Action Plan timelines with the Commissioner's.

OLD BUSINESS

- Blueprint Action Plan Update
Staff person Neil Rufino thanked the Blueprint sub-committee members that met last month and identified certain elements in the Blueprint that they would like to see reviewed further.
- Youth Leadership Development Initiative
Staff from Public Allies thanked the Commissioners that attended last month's Youth Development training and distributed some notes to those who were unable to attend. They mentioned the dates of the next training (March 17, 2003 and March 21, 2003) and will email the location to them. They gave the Commissioners an update on the job shadowing of their Councilmembers, and mentioned that the Executive Committee would like to begin to meet on a regular basis to discuss issues about the infrastructure and other items that they don't

want to use up Youth Commission meeting time for. Public Allies offered their support to assist the Youth Commission on planning their upcoming mid-year retreat scheduled to take place in April. They also discussed the possibilities of combining both the Youth Rally and the Recognition Event; it looks like there is a budget in place for the Youth Recognition event and the tentative date is either May 10th or 17th.

STAFF REPORTS

- Ron Soto was unable to attend. On his behalf, staff person Neil Rufino discussed the City's budget. He mentioned that one way of cutting costs was with food at meetings and conference costs. He discussed the possibility of changing the starting time of the Youth Commission meeting to 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30 p.m. if this is not a disruption for anyone.
- Sara Hensley was unable to attend.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Erica Garcia, Chairperson
San José Youth Commission