



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting of April 24, 2006
Hillview Community Center – Room 2
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Present: Chair Bien, Vice-Chair Angelo, Commissioners Beck, Colehower, DeMartini, Demmer, Lew, and Vaswani.

Absent: Commissioners Johnson (excused), Saliba (excused) and Sines (unexcused)

Also Present: Staff Liaison Donna Legge and Teen Program Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DEMMER MOVED to approve the meeting minutes of APRIL 3, 2006 as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LEW AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Bruno and Dorothy Dixon of the Los Altos Sister Cities Organization provided information about a foreign student exchange program and requested that the Youth Commission consider ideas to promote the program and recruit participants.

BUSINESS

Teen Program Report

Staff announced that the attendance at the Underground has remained constant. The next LAYC Dance for 8th graders is on May 5. Staff is looking forward to the summer hours at the Underground, which will start the week of June 20, Tuesday through Saturdays from noon to 6 p.m.

LAYC Dances

Staff reviewed the history of the dances and a proposed format for the next school year. Several suggestions were given by the Commissioners, including use of the high school gyms and implementation of a numbering system that would maximize the students' participation. Staff will further review the alternatives.

Casino Night

Staff reviewed the amount of donations that had been received so far. Commissioners were encouraged to continue to get what they could. Promotional playing cards were distributed to promote the Casino Night. The Commissioners were encouraged to continue their recruitment of

“Celebrity Dealers” to volunteer at the event. Pictures were taken to be used to promote the event along with the article that the Commissioners were to work on for the Town Crier.

Teen Friendly Business Program

The intent was to form a sub-committee to work on the Teen Friendly Business Program. It was recommended to table this agenda item until the new Commission is appointed.

Myspace - No report

Skate Park Report

Commissioner Angelo provided a status report on the Skate Park report being prepared for the PARC meeting of May 17. The Commission and staff discussed recommendations and deadlines. Staff announced that the school survey results would be in by the end of the week. Staff will contact the Commission to solicit help in tallying the results.

BIEN MOVED to recommend that PARC recommend to Council that the Skate Park Development Project be considered as a Capital Improvement Project during the budget process. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ANGELO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Youth Commission Recruitment Update

Staff announced that the Personnel Committee interviewed twenty-one candidates. The Commissioners will be appointed at the Council meeting of April 25. Staff will forward the approved appointments upon receipt.

Recognition of Service

Staff recognized four of the five graduating Commissioners with certificates of recognition and special words of wisdom.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Sister Cities Foreign Exchange Student Program
2. Teen Friendly Business Program Sub-committee
3. Casino Night Update
4. Skate Park Project Update

ADJOURNMENT

LEW MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEMMER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Minutes prepared by Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Youth Commission