



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting of January 9, 2006
Hillview Community Center – Room 2
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Beck, Colehower, DeMartini, Demmer, Johnson, Lew, and Saliba.

Absent: Chair Bien, Vice-Chair Angelo (excused) and Commissioners Sines and Vaswani (excused).

Also Present: Staff Liaison Donna Legge and Teen Program Coordinator Chris Karney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COLEHOWER MOVED to approve the meeting minutes of December 20, 2005 as amended. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DE MARTINI AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Changed “My space” to “myspace”.

BUSINESS

1. Teen Program Report

Attendance at the Underground has been slowly increasing including high schoolers and seven girls this last weekend. Staff announced various activities that are planned including a Madden computer game tournament and movies nights. A High School Open Mic and Coffee House is scheduled in March. Staff will notify the commission of different activities that would be open to the Commission to assist.

“Myspace” – Commissioner De Martini reported that a student had been suspended for some inappropriate information that was shared on the “myspace” website. The Commission and staff discussed the how the website could be utilized to promote the Youth Commission activities but determined that there is a lack of control in terms of content and not the best method to get information. The Commission agreed to not have a Youth Commission “myspace” account. It was recommended that Karney and Demmer would investigate a Yahoo Group and other alternatives.

LAYC Dance – The 8th Grade semi-formal Dance was held on January 6. Commissioners Colehower and Saliba assisted at the event. Staff explained that 100 tickets were pre-sold but only about 65 students had attended. The next regular dance will be for 7th graders on February 3.

Staff reiterated the importance of individual commissioners communicating to staff - whether they will be participating or not in the different projects. This includes being absent or late.

2. 2006 Goals and Assignments

Casino Night – Staff recommended either April 28 or May 12, which are close to last year's dates. Commissioners agreed to obtain school calendars to determine if there are conflicts when planning the Casino Night event.

Underground Teen Center Renovation – Staff reviewed the equipment replacement process for the Underground furnishings scheduled for FY 06-07 as well as the Capital Improvement Project – Underground Renovation scheduled for FY 08-09. Staff explained that the funding is not official until a detailed report is forwarded to Council and approved. Staff recommended that a sub-committee be established to tour other teen centers to get ideas on furniture as well as other amenities. Commissioners Demmer, Lew, Saliba, Johnson and Beck volunteered to serve on the sub-committee. Karney will investigate locations and hours to determine the best time to take the tours.

Teen Friendly Business Program – The Commission agreed to wait until the YAC Attack topics have been selected before investigating the program. It is possible that the Teen Friendly Business Program may be selected as a topic and be presented at the conference.

Teens at Work Fair – The Fair will be held at Los Altos High School on Wednesday, March 22 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The Commission agreed to do the set-up and clean up of the fair. Commissioners Demmer, Johnson and Saliba volunteered to do the set-up and Commissioners Colehower, Bien and Angelo were assigned to do clean up. It was agreed that the Youth Commission applications should be made available but a table/booth would not be necessary.

It was recommended that the rest of the goals be reviewed when a majority of the Commission is present.

3. Skate Park Sub-committee Meeting

The sub-committee set up the next meeting for Sunday, January 29, 2006 at Commissioner Demmer's home at 1 p.m.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Staff announced that 2 - \$500 scholarships are being awarded to juniors and seniors in High School by the CPRS District IV Youth and Teen Recreation Services. Applications were made available.

Staff announced that the next YAC Attack planning meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, January 10 at the Cupertino Teen Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Commissioner Lew agreed to attend and suggest Dating Etiquette/Cotillion, Leisure Education or Teen Friendly Business Program as topic ideas.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Underground Furnishings
2. Calendar planning - Casino Night
3. Skate Park Project Update
4. YAC Attack Conference Update
5. Youth Commission Recruitment

ADJOURNMENT

LEW MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BECK AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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