



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting of December 20, 2005
Garden House – Upstairs
400 University Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DE MARTINI MOVED to approve the meeting minutes of December 5, 2005 as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

1. Review of Joint Meeting with Council

The Commission agreed that the joint meeting went well. The Commission requested that staff follow up with the Personnel Committee to review the Commission's charter.

2. Skate Park Project Update

Commissioner Angelo presented the information that was reviewed at a meeting held on December 20 with Recreation Director Dave Brees. The purpose of the meeting was to review the City's process in making a recommendation to the Park, Arts and Recreation Commission and Council regarding the development of a Skate Park. Director Brees gave examples and recommendations of how the report could be further completed. After discussion, the Commission agreed that the Skate Park Sub-committee would schedule a meeting to plan how the information will be gathered and compiled to complete the report. It was agreed that the sub-committee meeting would be at the January 9th Youth Commission meeting.

3. Teen Program Report

The Underground attendance on Saturdays is increasing, while the attendance on Fridays is decreasing. Staff will be planning some new interactive programs in the coming year.

Staff requested feedback on the "Teen Programs" Website. For those commissioners that surfed the site explained that it would be better if there were a less number of steps to take to get to the site. It was recommended that the site be more directly available if possible. Staff reported that it was being looked into. Commissioner DeMartini announced that a "myspace" account has been set up for the Commission. Staff will investigate the program and provide feedback at the next meeting.

There was a great turn out of commissioners that assisted at the LAYC Dance on December 16 for the 7th graders. Staff requested that the commission assist again at the 8th grade LAYC dance scheduled for Friday, January 6.

4. YAC Attack Planning Meeting

The YAC Attack sub-committee reported out on how the planning meeting went on December 6. The committee discussed various topics that were being considered for the March conference, such as Public Speaking, Fund-raising, Teen Friendly Business Program, Stress-Reduction, Group Dynamics, etc. The Commission further recommended topics such as sleep deprivation and junk food at schools debate.

5. Meeting Schedule

Staff reminded the commission that the new meeting schedule would begin in January with only one meeting a month. Additional special meetings or sub-committee meetings can be scheduled as needed.

6. New Year's Day Fun Run

Staff announced that the Recreation Department is looking for volunteers to assist on January 1 at the New Year's Day Fun Run, Walk and Roll. There was no interest on the part of the Commission to volunteer.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Underground Teen Center Renovation
2. Casino Night
3. Teen Friendly Business Program

ADJOURNMENT

DE MARTINI MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COLEHOWER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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