



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00pm, March 7, 2001
Hillview Community Center, Room 2
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

Call to Order

Chairperson Weed called meeting to order at 7:18pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Weed, Commissioners Coddling, Cornelius, Friedland, Garcia, Lin, Samani, Stephenson
Absent: Commissioner Fischer, Wu

Public Comment

Three students from Los Altos High School (Matt Kramer, Jon Finch & Jeff LaBoskey) attended the meeting as part of a Civics assignment. Student Natasha Sachdeva, who has applied to be on Youth Commission, also attended.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of February 7, 2001 were approved unanimously.

Discussion

New Business

- 1. San Jose Family Shelter** – Commissioner Weed got a date for the commission to do a service project at the shelter. On March 17, 2001, there is an opportunity for the commission to work at the shelter with the kids who live there. This assignment starts at 8am. **Commissioner Stephenson moved to have the commission do this project. Commissioner Samani second. Unanimous.**
- 2. YWCA Band Project** – Commissioner Samani mentioned that the reason that the YWCA discontinued doing this event was partly due to new management, and also due to a safety problem they felt was associated with this event. Commissioners felt that if a group like the YWCA was not going to do the project for safety reasons that the commission should not do it either. This item was removed from the agenda.
- 3. Speaker's Forum** – Commission agreed to have their Speaker's Forum in May. As discussed at past meetings, the topic will be "eating disorders". The event will again be held on a Tuesday evening. The dates that will not work are May 15 & 22. The date will be finalized at the March 19 commission meeting.
- 4. First Street and Main Street Development** – Commissioner Weed felt that a hotel does nothing for the teen/youth population in Los Altos. She also spoke at a meeting with Mayor Lear in favor of a theater. It was also an issue that younger students (under 16) had no way to get to theaters in

Mountain View or Palo Alto. Commissioner Coddling felt that there was “no obvious benefits to youth” in a hotel. It was also mentioned that while a theater is for Los Altos residents, a hotel is for people who live outside of Los Altos. The commission would like to make official their position to support a theater as opposed to a hotel at the site.

Old Business

5. **“The Project”** – Event is scheduled for this Friday, March 9, 2001. The committee (Commissioners Coddling, Garcia, Samani & Weed) has been working very hard on doing advertisement for this event. There have been fliers handed out at most of the local high schools. There will also be work done for the event after tonight’s meeting and on Friday afternoon before the event starts.

Other Matters

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm