



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Monday, June 7, 2004
Hillview Community Center, Room A
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Stanley called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

Present: Vice-Chairperson Wright, Commissioners Angelo, DeMartini, Elchert, Lorell, Wyse, Zwarenstein
Absent: Commissioners Bien, Demmer (excused), Lorell, Sachdeva (excused)
Also Present: Staff Liaison Carolyn McDowell, Teen Program Coordinator Molly Jansson and Recreation Supervisor Donna Legge

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

WRIGHT MOVED that the minutes from the May 17, 2004 meeting be approved as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ELCHERT AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

SPECIAL ITEMS

Staff introduced the Recreation Professional, Carolyn McDowell, who will be serving as the Youth Commission Staff Liaison until the recruitment is complete for a permanent Recreation Coordinator.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUSINESS

- Youth Commission Overview – Board and Commission Handbook** – Staff reviewed the Board and Commission Handbook with new and returning Youth Commissioners.
- LAVA** – Mr. Ted Garrett, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of the Los Altos Village Association (LAVA) informed the Commission that LAVA is celebrating its' 40th year of service. Mr. Garrett acknowledged Vice-Chairperson Wright for serving on the Downtown Revitalization Task Force. Mr. Garrett approached the Commission with the opportunity to assist with street and sidewalk clean up during the Los Altos Art and Wine Festival, July 10 – 11,

2004, in exchange for community service credit and \$500.00 toward Youth Commission sponsored activities and/or projects. Mr. Garrett also asked the Youth Commission to consider assisting with "Lighting up the Village," by putting up and taking down lights on approximately 150 trees downtown in exchange for community service credit and \$2000.00 (\$1000.00 put up, \$1000.00 take down) toward Youth Commission sponsored activities and/or projects. Finally, Mr. Garrett suggested the Youth Commission staff a booth at the Farmer's Market, held Thursdays from 4:00-8:00 p.m. through September 30, 2004, to promote the Commission and its' activities.

ELCHERT MOVED to defer discussion on this item until later in the agenda. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WYSE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

3. **Skate Park** – Teen Program Coordinator Jansson conducted a survey among 95 Egan Junior High School students. Unfortunately, due to the timing of the survey in conjunction with the end of the school year activities, Blach Junior High School was unable to support staff to be on campus to conduct the survey.

Of the students surveyed, 62 (34 males, 28 females) believe Los Altos should have a skate park, while 33 (16 males, 17 females) did not believe a skate park was necessary. Meanwhile, students offered a number of suggestions to the Youth Commission regarding a better way to spend \$20,000 to support youth in Los Altos. The Youth Commission reviewed the survey results and heard comments of support for a skate park from fifteen members of the community (14 in attendance, 1 letter to the Commission).

ZWARENSTEIN MOVED to proceed with research regarding a skate park. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ANGELO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE. The Commission discussed the need for further direction regarding the research and timeline.

WRIGHT MOVED to add the skate park item to the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission agenda for June 16, 2004, should time allow for staff to write a corresponding report. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY LORELL AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

4. **June 4, 2004, Event Review** – On Friday, June 4, 2004, the Commission, in conjunction with LAVA, hosted a concert in the Plaza. The event was not well attended and ideas were brainstormed about how to improve attendance in the future.
5. **Community Picnic Special Event** – Recreation Supervisor, Donna Legge, reminded the Commissioners about the Community Picnic in the Civic Center scheduled for Sunday, August 29, 2004. As directed staff returned to the Commission with rental information for portable basketball hoops and dunk tanks. Staff was unable to locate a vendor who rents portable basketball hoops; however the rental of an electronic basketball game is \$115.00. As a result, the Commission inquired about the possibility of bringing approximately four of their own basketball hoops to the park for the activity. Staff agreed to consult with the City Attorney and provide an update at the next regular meeting. Meanwhile, staff recommended Fun Services, of

Sunnyvale, as the most reasonable dunk tank vendor at \$220.00 rental charge, with delivery available for an additional \$125.00.

6. **Youth Center** – Vice-Chairperson Wright provided the Commission with a summary of attractive ideas for a Youth Center in Los Altos. The Commission discussed the possibilities and determined it would be timelier and cost efficient to renovate the Underground.

ELCHERT MOVED to recruit friends, family members and fellow Commissioners to volunteer for the LAVA community service opportunities and donate the money generated to the City of Los Altos for improvements at the Underground. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WYSE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

7. **Summer Events**

ANGELO MOVED to defer this item to the next meeting. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY WRIGHT AND PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Stanley adjourned the meeting at 9:16pm.