

YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of December 5, 2005 Hillview Community Center – Room A 97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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

COLEHOWER MOVED to approve the meeting minutes of November 7 and November 21 as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEMMER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

1. Skate Park Project Status

Staff announced that Liaison Legge and Recreation Director Dave Brees met with the City Manager, Finance Director and the public Works Director to review the Commission's staff report and recommendation related to the development of a skate park. It was recommended that the Recreation Department staff establish a list of issues with an outline of the different aspects of the project that need further review before the report is forwarded to the Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission. Staff discussed the Commission's options in either moving further or discussing the issues. It was recommended that the Skate Park Sub-committee meet to review staff's recommended outline and issues to be addressed.

2. Teen Program Report

Staff reported that the attendance is still low on Fridays. However, the attendance has been increasing to 16 participants on Saturday. Staff announced that a "Teen Programs" link has been set up on the City's website. The site includes information about the Youth Commission. Commissioner Demmer announced that she has created a "my space" account on the web to help promote the Youth Commission activities. Staff recommended that it be reviewed by the recreation Department for approval. Teen Program Coordinator Karney announced that the next LAYC

Dance was scheduled for Friday, December 16 and would be a semi-formal affair. Karney requested volunteers to assist at the dance. Commissioners Colehower, Bien, Demmer, Vaswani, Angelo, DeMartini and Sines agreed to help. Commissioners Beck, Lew and Johnson will get back to staff if they can attend.

3. YAC Attack Meeting - December 6

Staff re-announced the planning meeting for the YAC Attack Conference. Commissioners Angelo, Vaswani, Lew and Demmer volunteered to attend the meeting.

4. Annual Joint Meeting with Council

The Commission discussed its role as an action or advisory committee to City Council. The commission agreed that a balance between the two would be desirable. Staff emphasized the importance of planning events and activities that are reasonable and have a minimal impact on staff. The Commission reviewed the "2005 Accomplishments" and approved them as modified.

In reviewing the "2006 Goals" staff recommended that the list be carefully considered. Commissioner Bien asked if the Council be asked what they thought. Staff confirmed that it would be appropriate. The goals were refined and approved as modified.

Staff reviewed the existing meeting schedule and offered some alternatives to meeting year-round at twice a month. Discussion followed. It was recommended that effective in January that the Commission meets on the first Monday of every month, year-round.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Teen Program Report
- 2. Underground Teen Center Furnishings

ADJOURNMENT

ANGELO MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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