



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of November 21, 2005
Hillview Community Center – Room A
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

Also Present: Teen Program Coordinator Chris Karney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To be reviewed at the next regular meeting.

BUSINESS

Palo Alto Stress Reduction Program

No report – no one from the Commission attended this workshop.

Skate Park Project Status

The Commission reviewed the staff report and recommended minor grammatical changes and the addition of a paragraph explaining the viability of the sport of skateboarding. Randall Hull of 108 Hillview spoke to the commission. He recommended that the Commission acquire information regarding how much the City may have spent on repairing damage to public property by skateboarders.

BIEN MOVED to approve the report with changes. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEMMER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Staff announced that the next PARC meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2005.

Teen Program Report

Staff reported that the attendance is very low on Fridays. Saturday's attendance was up to 13 participants. Staff Karney announced that he had met with the Principals at Los Altos, Alta Vista

and Mountain View High Schools to establish a relationship and learn procedures to promote teen programs on campus. He also explained that he met with the Superintendent of the Los Altos School District as well as the student councils of Blach and Egan Middle Schools. Staff Karney announced the receipt of \$1,570 in donations from LAYC Dance Program supporters – parents.

The Project Dance Evaluation

The Project Dance was held on Friday, November 16 and attracted 26 participants. The Commission discussed what could have been done differently related to the promotion of the event. Several conflicts included a football game, YMCA concert and various other activities.

Youth and Teen Recreation Services (YTRS)

Staff Karney explained that YTRS is a regional organization of Recreation agencies interested in networking and sharing information about youth and teen programs. The annual Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) conference is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 from 9 am to 3 pm. and encourages workshop participation from each commission or committee. A planning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Cupertino.

Annual Joint Meeting with City Council

Staff confirmed that the annual joint meeting with Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20 at 6 p.m. located at the Garden House. The commission reviewed the draft 2005 Accomplishments and ideas for proposed Goals for 2006. It was recommended that the accomplishments include the Project Dance as well as assisting with the Veterans Hospital Craft Fair. Randall Hull of 108 Hillview suggested that the Commission consider a “Teen Friendly” campaign in the down town area. The Commission brainstormed ideas for goals that will be finalized at the next regular meeting.

Staff Karney discussed the regular commission-meeting schedule. It was recommended that the number of meetings be limited to accommodate the staff liaison’s time that is dedicated to the commission. The discussion will be continued at the next regular meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Teen Program Report
2. Skate Park Project Report
3. Underground Teen Center Furnishings – Spring 2006

ADJOURNMENT

BIEN MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ANGELO AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

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