



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of September 19, 2005
Hillview Community Center - Room A
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Colehower (unexcused) and Sterner (excused)

Also Present: Staff Liaison Donna Legge and Teen Program Coordinator Molly James

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

DEMMER MOVED that the meeting minutes of August 15, 2005, be approved as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BIEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

Teen Program Report

The Underground Teen Center has changed to its school-year schedule. The average attendance has been about 5 participants. Staff announced that LAYC Dance memberships and tickets would be sold through a new system that will help meet the capacity requirements of the Youth Center.

Community Picnic Debrief

The commission discussed the success of the Battle of the Bands and the Dodgeball Tournament. It was a disadvantage in planning the events late, after school was out. It was recommended that the activities be scheduled back-to-back and to promote the events before school is out for summer. Ideally it would be advantageous to move the event later in the school year. Staff explained that there are more conflicts with other events but their recommendation will be forwarded to the Picnic Committee. The commission also recommended more free ice cream.

Skate Park Sub-Committee Meeting Update

Commissioner Angelo provided an update on determining a preferred location for the proposed skate park. The top five park locations were prioritized accordingly; McKenzie, Shoup, Youth Center area, Heritage and Rosita. Staff reminded the commission that the size, elements and cost estimates were components that also needed to be determined. The commission felt it would be advantageous to forward a recommendation to the Park, Arts and Recreation Commission (PARC) and Council on the location first. Based on the approved location, the size and elements of the skate park could be determined.

ANGELO MOVED that the Youth Commission forward their skate park location recommendations to the Park, Arts and Recreation Commission at their regular meeting of October 19, 2005. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEMMER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

The commission further discussed how the information would be presented to the PARC. Commissioners Angelo, Demmer and Bien volunteered to work with each other to develop a power point presentation. Commissioner Beck volunteered to take pictures of a skate park in Santa Cruz. Commissioner Bien has a website where the commission can forward pictures that can be used for the presentation. He will forward the address to staff. Staff recommended that a draft presentation be available to be shown at the next regular meeting of October 3.

DE MARTINI MOVED that the draft skate park presentation shall be reviewed by the Youth Commission at its regular meeting of October 3, 2005. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BIEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Calendar Planning

The commission discussed alternative dates to host the High School Project Dance. It was discussed and agreed that the donations collected at the dance go to benefit Hurricane Katrina. It was recommended that the post-card-type promotional flyers be professionally designed and printed as last year. In and out privileges were discussed but not finalized.

DE MARTINI MOVED that the high school "Project Dance" should be scheduled for Friday, November 18 from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Los Altos Youth Center for a \$5.00 entry fee with donations dedicated to a Hurricane Katrina relief fund. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BIEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

It was recommended that the Casino Night event be scheduled after the holidays. The commission also discussed the regular meeting dates and holiday conflicts.

DEMMER MOVED that the January 2 and February 20 meetings be rescheduled to be special meetings on January 9 and February 27, 2006. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Underground CIP Description

As requested, staff provided descriptions of the Underground Teen Center Capital Improvement Project proposed for FY 08-09 and the Equipment Replacement Request for FY 06-07. It was recommended that the commission schedule a future meeting at the Garden House to arrange to see the teen center and to further discuss the vision of the proposed center improvements.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Staff announced that a special Council meeting was being held on Monday, September 26 to review a report from the Community Swimming Pool Task Force and potential action on recommendations. As requested, staff updated the commission on the scheduled park playground improvements: Marymeade, McKenzie, Whistle Stop, and the Heritage Oaks Pre-school playgrounds are targeted for completion by June 2006. the Grant and Monte Claire playgrounds are scheduled for December 2006.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Teen Program Report
2. Recreation Director Visit – October 3
3. Skate Park Project Report
4. Underground Teen Center/Garden House Meeting – Spring 2006

ADJOURNMENT

DE MARTINI MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEMMER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Minutes prepared by
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