

MINUTES OF THE PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 7, 2005

Location: Paso Robles School District Board Room - 801 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Member Adi Cisneros called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.
- Youth Commissioners introduced themselves, as well as City staff and Mayor Mecham.
- Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant, passed out the Youth Commission directory for updates and corrections.

ROLL CALL

Judy O'Neal passed the out the roll sheet:

Members present: Ryan Allison, Davy Kingsbury, Elora Hartmann, Adi Cisneros, Maria Cervantes, Daniel Aviña, Sonia Slavinski, Nick Gut, Ryan Fellows, Chris Caruana and Will Dahlen

Absent: Krissy Huse

City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Annie Robb, Vicky Jeffcoach, Annelyse Lemons and Judy O'Neal

City Council rep absent: Mayor Mecham

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Hartman, seconded by Allison, to approve the last Youth Commission Minutes of June 1, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Guest Speaker

Mayor Mecham was the monthly Guest Speaker, he discussed:

- He would like to see this group promoting the Youth Commissioners to the other teens at the Paso Robles High School and find out what are their issues?
- Mayor discussed the problems the City is having with the Skate Park and he would like the Youth Commissioners to continue to give feedback to LRS staff.
- Mayor invited the Youth Commissioners to a three-day workshop with Follow-the-River, Follow-the-Dream on building the Salinas River Corridor to give their ideas and input.
- Mayor advised the Youth Commissioners are governed by the Brown Act and their handbooks should explain this. If you have questions or would like to speak to the City Council, you can reach them by phone or the city website at www.prcity.com.

- When you establish goals, keep them small and precise so they are achievable within the year.
- This is the sixth year since the Youth Commission was originated and every year they become more involved in the teens and the community. The City Council wants you involved in local government and to know how it works. We are looking for great things from this Committee.
- This is the first year we have put the Youth Commission in the fiscal year budget.
- Two members of this Commission will be attending the League of California Cities Annual Conference, meet Youth Commissioners from other cities, gather ideas, and share what teens do in Paso Robles.
- Mayor would like to introduce Youth Commissioners to the State Senator and legislators the next time they are in Paso Robles.

3. **Election of 2006 Officers**

- A motion was made by Aviña, seconded by Fellows, to nominate Adi Cisneros as Chairperson. With no other nominations, a voice vote was taken and the motion was passed electing Adi Cisneros as Chairperson.
- A motion was made by Cisneros, seconded by Allison, to nominate Daniel Aviña as Vice-Chairman. With no other nominations, a voice vote was taken and the motion passed electing Daniel Aviña as Vice-Chairperson.
- There was discussion about the duties of Secretary. After discussion, Elora Hartmann volunteered to be Secretary. A voice vote was taken and the motion passed electing Elora Hartmann as Secretary.

4. **2006 Goal Setting Workshop**

- After discussion, the Goal Setting Workshop was set for Monday, September 19, 2005 at Centennial Park for 5:30 pm with dinner and plan a couple of hours for the meeting.
- In your agenda packet you have previous years' goals to review in preparation for this meeting. Please come to the September 19 meeting prepared to discuss your ideas of goals to accomplish this year.

2005-06 GOALS, TEEN ISSUES & AD HOC COMMUNICATION – Discussed above

INTERIM-DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Annie Robb, Interim-Director of Library and Recreation Services discussed:

- Judy O'Neal, Administrative, Assistant, sends out your agenda packet monthly and types the Minutes. She also sends out an email reminder about the monthly meetings to get your RSVP. Please make sure you reply to her by email or phone. Mayor Mecham said it is very important to have a quorum for each meeting, otherwise the meeting has to be canceled because no action can be made.
- We like to give our Committees a tour of City facilities. As Mayor Mecham explained, it is important to know how our city works, so we have set up monthly guest speakers from our city to educate the Commissioners.
- The Skate park has problems because of kids being bullied and not wearing proper equipment. The city is monitoring the skate park for three months. When a complaint is received the park is closed for 24 hours. Please get the word out the City does not want to close the park, but hopes users will comply with rules.
- The June 2005 Battle of the Bands was shut down because of slam dancing. The city collected information and the decision is we would like to continue with the Battle of the Bands because

it was a big draw for teens. We hope to work with the Police Department when planning the event and are currently check dates for the event.

RECREATION UPDATE

Charlotte Gorton discussed:

- Further explained the Brown Act and how important it is that if a group of five or more commissioners gather, they cannot talk or make decisions about Youth Commission business.
- Community service project for REC, Inc. and their annual Duck Derby fundraiser. Gorton asked if anyone wanted to volunteer to work to show up at Barney Schwartz Park – Slavinski and Hartmann volunteered.
- The Youth Commission has a \$2,000 budget this year - \$1500 from general fund and \$500 from fundraising. One way you can fundraise is at the Recreation Rummage Sale at Centennial Park on September 24. If you can pull together some sale items, you can register for a parking spot for \$20 and all proceeds would go as profit towards your annual fundraiser.
- Vicky Jeffcoach, Recreation Coordinator, has a one-day, annual, teen trip, in October to Knotts Berry Farm.
- Gorton invited members to the September 22, 2005, 7 pm workshop at City Hall for the Salinas River Corridor.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Mayor Mecham advised he holds a seat on the SLO Council of Governments that meets in San Luis Obispo the same time as the Youth Commission meetings. He plans to be able to attend more Youth Commission meetings this year.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Mayor Mecham and Member Allison will go on Sound Off from 12:30 to 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 14 to advertise a blood drive for the Katrina Disaster Relief Effort, and
- The Paso Robles High School is selling ASB cards. \$2.00 from every ASB card sale will go towards the Katrina Disaster Relief Effort.
- Vicky Jeffcoach advised the City if recruiting for a Recreation Staff Aide job if anyone is interested in working in Oak Park.

ADJOURN

- A motion was made by Cisneros, seconded by Allison, to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m. – motion passed, to adjourn to the Goal Setting Workshop on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial Park.
- The next regular Youth Commission meeting is on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at 3:15 p.m. at the School District Board Room, 801 Niblick Road, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION AT THEIR 10/5/05 MEETING.

Respectfully submitted, Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant

Youth Commission Minutes of 9/7/05