

# **MINUTES OF THE** **PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, January 4, 2006**

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

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## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Secretary passed the roll sheet around.

Members present: Ryan Allison, Christopher Caruana, Adi Cisneros, Will Dahlen, Ryan Fellows, Nicholas Gut, Elora Hartmann, Davy Kingsbury and Sonia Slavinski  
Absent: Daniel Aviña, Maria Cervantes and Krissy Huse  
City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Ann Robb, Annelise Lemons, Lynda Holt and Judy O'Neal  
Absent: Vicky Jeffcoach  
City Council rep: Mayor Frank Mecham  
Guest Speakers: Meg Williamson, Assistant to City Manager and Greig Welch, Principal at Paso Robles High School

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. A motion was made by Allison, seconded by Kingsbury, to approve the last Youth Commission Minutes of December 7, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2. **Guest Speaker**
  - Meg Williamson is the Assistant to the City Manager for the City of Paso Robles. She has worked for the City since 1986, except two years she worked in the private sector. She has also worked for the Community Development Department.
  - Some of her duties include: support to the City Council and all departments, plus she assists with the financial budget process. Williamson works directly with the Human Resource Department in advertising for new personnel, hiring and firing personnel. She works with the Information Technology Department in charge of ordering and maintaining all the computers and programming in the City. She works with the City Clerk's office, which is responsible for all of the official City records, City Council elections and City Council documentation.
  - Williamson talked about the Paso Robles Municipal Airport, City projects and under staffing due to retirements and new personnel.

- William passed out two organizational charts showing how the City and the city Manager's office is organized.
- Williamson opened up her presentation for questions, such as:
  1. What does she find most challenging about her job?
  2. Who does she work with most in her job?
  3. What was it like working in that department during the earthquake.

## **GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATION**

1. **Midnight Movies** (Dahlen, Ryan, Kingsbury, Slavinski and Annelyse Lemons)
  - Lemons discussed renting the Swank movie and showing it at Centennial Park in the gymnasium. We can promote at the High School and the school rules will apply.
  - Commissioners suggested doing the movie early around 8 p.m. instead of midnight and the parents might be more willing to let their teen attend.
  - We need to assign a clean up committee. Gorton said this was a problem at Park Cinemas.
  - Lemons passed out a list of movies to the Commissioners and asked them to review the list and turn it back in to her.
  - Next Ad Hoc meeting is January 9, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. at Centennial Park.
2. **Skate Park** (Cervantes, Huse, Kingsbury and Slavinski and Charlotte Gorton)
  - Gorton will meet with the Ad Hoc Committee immediately after this meeting to discuss the survey from the High School.
  - Mayor Mecham asked the Commissioners if anyone has received a request if to use the Skate Park for bicyclists. No, was the majority reply.
3. **Community Services** (Aviña, Dahlen, Hartmann and Ryan and Julie Dahlen)
  - Julie Dahlen was not at the meeting so Will Dahlen gave the update.
  - Youth Commissioners showed up to work the Toy Bank. It was a good event but not speaking Spanish was a problem.
  - Will talked about the next event they plan on working on is the Special Olympics
  - Cisneros advised she is still working on a blood drive at the local Farmers Market and will give an update at the next meeting.
4. **Battle of the Bands** (Caruana, Cervantes, Cisneros and Huse and Vicky Jeffcoach)
  - Jeffcoach was not present at the meeting. Gorton will have her call all the members to set up a meeting.
  - Gorton advised that Jeffcoach is working with the Paso Robles Police Department about security concerns.
5. **Remember September** (Hartmann, Gut and Caruana, and Lynda Holt)
  - Holt distributed sheets asking the Commissioners about their ideas for this goal?
  - Discussion involved: remembering students who have died in the last five years, post the names of loved ones who have died on a wall, off campus so more people would see it. Maybe link this wall with Challenge Day.
  - Holt advised that there could be funding through grants available through our Community Service personnel in the Police Department.

## **CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

- Mayor Mecham would like to get the Youth Commissioners back on the radio. He was asked by Congressman Thomas regarding West Point appointments. Daniel Aviña has applied.
- Talked about the State of the City Address and Salinas River Project.
- Brandon Kline is working in Sacramento on an internship. He was the first Youth Commission President.

## **INTERIM-DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- During the holiday time the Library and Recreation Department is typically quiet. Library is still going strong.
- Robb would really like to see one or more Youth Commissioners come to the City Council meetings and make a report at the beginning of the meeting.

## **RECREATION UPDATE**

Charlotte Gorton's report:

- Youth Basketball games begin Saturday.
- Recruitment for our 2006 Summer Aquatics program begins March 1.
- The new Spring Leisure Guide will be out on Friday, January 6.

## **PASO ROBLES TEEN ISSUES**

- Greig Welch, Principal of the Paso Robles High School, spoke to the Youth Commissioners about weapons on school campus.
- In the 19 years Welch has been at the High School, he has only had to deal with two guns on campus.
- The real issue is not the weapons kids bring on campus; it is the reason behind why they bring the weapons.
- Can metal detectors be put on campus? The campus is too open, it would cost major money to install and he does not think the community would support this action.
- There are 2200 students at the High School and their job is to make sure everyone is safe.

## **UNSCHEDULED MATTERS**

- Gorton talked about Challenge Day is January 25 and 26 at Centennial Park.
- All Youth Commissioners are encouraged to attend.

## **ADJOURN**

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to the next Youth Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 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 2/1/06 MEETING.**

Respectfully submitted, Elora Hartmann, Recording Secretary