

MINUTES OF THE PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 3:15 p.m.

School District Board Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Hartmann took roll as follows:

Members present: Sonia Slavinski, Krissy Huse, Adi Cisneros, Davy Kingsbury, Christopher Caruana and Elora Hartmann.

Absent: Daniela Avina, Ryan Allison, Maria Cervantes, Will Dahlen, Ryan Fellows and Nicholas Gut

City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Annie Robb, Judy O'Neal, Annelyse Lemons, Vicky Jeffcoach, Julie Dahlen, Jesusita Martinez, and Karen Christiansen.

City Council present : Councilman Nemeth

City Council absent: Mayor Mecham

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the Consent Agenda are considered routine, and, therefore do not require separate discussion. However, if discussion is necessary, or if a member of the public wishes to comment on any item, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately. Questions of clarification may be made by the Advisory members without removal from the Agenda.

1. A motion was made by Member Slavinski, seconded by Caruana, to approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2006 meeting - motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. City Guest Speaker

- Karen Christiansen, is the Adult Services Librarian, for the City of Paso Robles, and described her job responsibilities as follows:
- She purchases reading material of all types for ages 13 years up to seniors. She works with the inter-library loan department with other cities, circulation, assigns call numbers and data base entry.
- She now works with the Senior Center organizing books, shelves, etc.
- Karen also works with teen volunteers, teen book swap and teen summer reading program.
- August 14 there will be workshop at the Paso Robles Library on how to publish a graphic novel.
- Slavinski asked where do the weeded books go? Christiansen said they are donated to the Friends of the Library who in turn earns money for the Library.

3. **Review 2006 Goals and Accomplishments**

Administrative Assistant copied the Goals for review:

a) **Midnight Movies** (*Allison, Dahlen, Kingsbury, Slavinski and Annelise Lemons*)

- Annelise advised the Park Cinemas' manager is retiring.
- The ad hoc committee wants to do Pirates of Caribbean, July 7, except it is a long movie and getting out at 3 am would not go over very well with parents. We could possibly offer it earlier with a selected audience, maybe rent the theater. Annelise will find out.
- We will work on offering another movie this summer.

b) **Skate Park** (*Cervantes, Huse, Kingsbury, Slavinski and Gorton*)

- Charlotte referred to the survey of High School students completed by the Youth Commission Skatepark Ad Hoc Committee. The survey showed the majority of skaters preferred not to pay a fee to use the skate park. Some skaters were willing to pay .50 cents or one dollar. The ad hoc committee also suggested allowing a concessionaire at the park to sell food, skate equipment, do skateboard repairs and in return, help to supervise the skatepark.
- Annie has a staff report going to the City Council with recommendations on how to operate the Skate Park.

c) **Community Services** (*Allison, Aviña, Dahlen, Hartmann and Julie Dahlen*)

List of accomplishments this year:

1. Food Drive over spring break earned \$470 lbs. of food that was donated to the Paso Robles Food Bank.
2. Worked for the Toys for Tots program at Christmas.
3. Sold concession at the Monster Skate at Pioneer Park.
4. Challenge Day in San Luis Obispo with the High School.
5. Tri-Counties Blood Drive on Saturday, 5/13/06 at City Park Farmers Market.

d) **Battle of the Bands** (*Caruana, Cervantes, Cisneros, Huse, V. Jeffcoach, and Charlotte Gorton*)

- At a department meeting on May 2, it was decided to cancel the Battle of the Bands event from the results received of only four applications.
- Robb discussed event details:
 - Decision to have this, but with greater oversight and restrictions.
 - A screening process for bands was developed, which required a videotape of each band.
 - Staff worked closely with the Paso Robles Police Department for a security plan.
 - Vicky contracted a professional security company for concerts out of San Luis Obispo.
 - We only received four band applications and no dance applications which are not enough to hold the event.
- We reviewed everything we did from sending out 77 applications, advertising in flyer racks, in four San Luis Obispo media groups, four different times, with the media and radio groups, doing editorials, in our Library and Recreation Leisure Guide, whatever the Youth Commission did to advertise at the High School and of course the best form of advertising in Paso Robles is word-of-mouth.
- Annie asked those Youth Commissioners remaining next year, to think of alternative events to do next year, something new and different. Look around and see what is happening in other schools and think what might go before a lot of time and effort is spent on an event. These are your programs and accomplishments.
- End of the year review. Would anyone be interested in attending the next City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, to do a high light of the Youth Commission's Yearly Accomplishments meeting. Chairperson Cisneros said she could and would recruit a few more members. Robb said Cisneros could do this presentation as part of the Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting.

- Wrap up events: Robb revisited all the city monthly Guest speakers in an effort to educate Commissioners from various departments in a variety of job opportunities.
 - Robb asked if any Commissioner would be interested in serving on a League of California Cities Academy panel. Mayor Mecham would like to invite a few Youth Commissioners to be on a panel in July at the League of California Cities Academy panel in Monterey to meet other Youth Commissioners and guest speakers and to widen your horizons. Member Hartmann voiced an interest in attending. City would pay your room, board and transportation to/from the event.
 - Robb would like the Youth Commissioners to present their ideas as Youth Commissioners on how they feel about the Youth Commission, ways we can better the Committee, recommendations for future teens, etc., that can be passed on to Council in a report or for future use?
- e) **Remember September** (*Caruana, Gut, Hartmann and Lynda Holt*)
- Due to a lack of Ad Hoc participation, it was decided to cancel this Goal and make it a two year project

4. **Ongoing and New Youth Commission Activities**

Annie Robb discussed the following:

a. **City Council Candidates Forum:**

- Annie Robb, Interim-Director, discussed the Youth Commissioners hosting a City Council candidates forum. Invite the different age groups from 18-25 years. Youth Commissioners can ask questions of the candidates running for Councilman or open it up for the audience to ask questions, or give questions to the candidates, etc.
- Nemeth said when he was running for City Councilman, he was never given the questions in advance. He thinks the questions should be spontaneous. You can judge a candidate better if he knows what he is saying, make them think on their feet, don't limit the questions, invite all age groups knowing they serve the overall age of the population.

PASO ROBLES TEEN ISSUES

- Slavinsky said she felt the fights at the High School have decreased.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATION (*see above*)

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Charlotte Gorton gave an update as follows:

- Annelyse did a great job of putting on the Kite Festival at Barney Schwartz Park. There was very little wind to get the bigger kites up in the air so next year's event will most likely start later in the day.
- Municipal Pool was closed in April for renovation but is now open and operational.
- Sherwood Forest playground project Groundbreaking ceremony is Thursday, May 11 at 4 p.m.
- Red Cross Swim lesson signups also start Friday, May 12 at Centennial Park and the Summer Leisure Guide should also be out.
- We received 48 applications for recreation Staff Aide, Staff Assistant I,II and III jobs.
- Youth Commission expiring terms – Non-seniors can renew their membership by filling out an Advisory Committee application and sending it to City Hall, 1000 Spring Street or Centennial Park, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles, California 93446.
- The Future Farmers of America program (F.F.A.) received recognition at the May 2 City Council meeting for their recent accomplishments. Councilman Nemeth also spoke on this subject.

- Vicky Jeffcoach discussed the Father Daughter Ball which will be on Saturday, 5/15 and is a dressy event. She invited all Youth Commissioners to bring their dads to the event that includes a horse and buggy ride, dessert, dancing, souvenirs, and is almost sold out.
- Sea World sleep-over trip – participants will get to see the behind the scenes activities for teens.
- Charlotte asked if you know of anyone who wants to come on board as a Youth Commissioner, to let them know now since we are recruiting. Applications are due May 15.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

- Mayor Mecham - absent
- Councilman Nemeth congratulated the Paso Robles High School FFA Students for their recent wins at the State competition.
- May 11 is the High School open house.

INTERIM-DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Robb advised at the City Council meeting they supported Measure H for the School Bond Measure and City Council adopted the Economic Strategy Plan for the city making this a better place for all to live.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. to the last meeting of the 2006 Youth Commissioners on Wednesday, June 7, 2006, 3:15 p.m. at Centennial Park, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION AT THEIR 6/7/06 MEETING

Youth Commission Minutes of 5/3/06