

MINUTES OF THE
PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

School District Conference Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Vice-Chairperson Slavinski called the meeting to order at 3:21 p.m. in the Conference Room at the School District Office.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Ryan Allison, Rodia Bragg, Will Dahlen, Yessika Godoy, Nicholas Gut, Elora Hartmann, Jackie McReynolds, and Sonia Slavinski
Absent: Genesis Bell, Jannelle Watson, and Davy Kingsbury
City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Ann Robb, Julie Dahlen, Judy O'Neal, and Kris Bell
Absent: Vicky Jeffcoach
City Council reps absent: Frank Mecham and Gary Nemeth
Guest(s): Chad Dawson and Lee Perkins

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Secretary Allison, seconded by Dahlen, to approve the Minutes of the January 10, 2007 meeting - motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. **Guest Speaker**

Chad Dawson, Recreation Coordinator for Adult and Youth Sports, discussed the following:

- a. Adult and youth basketball programs
- b. Adult softball program
- c. Youth sports camps and clinics
- d. Adult softball tournaments at Barney Schwartz Park
- e. Taco Bell Track Meet
 - i. Chad needs volunteers. If Commissioners are interested in working, please call him.
- f. Chad does all the programming at Barney Schwartz Park

- g. Training for youth sports coaches
- h. Skate Park Ranger at Pioneer Park
 - i. This is a new, part-time, position. The Skate Park Ranger program is opening in approximately two months.
- i. New projects proposed:
 - i. Youth volleyball program
 - ii. Youth tennis tournament
 - iii. Youth golf tournament

3. **Teen Activity Suggestions**

- Elora asked for suggestions for Trine Layman, Recreation Marketing Coordinator, for teen activities for the summer Activity Guide. Commissioners had no suggestions at this time.

4. **Ad Hoc Committee updates**

Advocacy

- Annie and Charlotte congratulated Elora on her presentation at the City Council Goal Setting workshop on February 3. She got up in front of a huge crowd and spoke on behalf of the Commissioners. The Council received so many suggestions, a second workshop has been scheduled for Thursday, February 15, at 7 p.m. Elora recommended other Commissioners attend the second workshop.
- Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, introduced Lee Perkins, who has agreed to work with the Commissioners to set up a college admission workshop. Lee worked at Cal Poly as a school counselor and knows the college application process is very hard. That is why she wants to help educate students in this process. A tentative date for the College 101 /A College Entrance Workshop is Saturday, September 15, 2007. Lee would like to offer this workshop to 8-12 graders.

Students need to know:

- a. What they might want to do as far as a career.
- b. Research and visit schools in order to get a sense of where you might want to go.
- c. Research financial aid.
- d. FAFSA
- e. Scholarships
- f. Paso Robles - local scholarships
- g. Independent scholarships
- h. Research on filling out the application.
- i. Help on tests: SAT, ACT
- j. Junior high students should attend so that they can modify their high school registration decisions and start working towards college.
- k. Specialized breakout sessions for better assistance.

1. Rebecca Joynt, previous Youth Commissioner and a current Cal Poly student, could be asked to be a guest speaker at the workshop. It would also be good to have a keynote panel.

Charlotte advised the Advocacy ad hoc committee meets next week, 3:15 p.m., at Centennial Park to work out all the logistics of the September 15 workshop.

Events

- Elora advised the ad hoc committee met and talked about doing a flag football tournament. Each Commissioner could coach a team of kids from elementary to eighth graders.
- Elora will call Vicky about the next ad hoc meeting.

Community Service

Julie discussed:

- Ryan was only person to show up for ad hoc meeting. We need a better time to meet so all ad hoc members can attend meetings.
- Possibly another food drive during Spring Break and donate proceeds to Loaves & Fishes. Julie asked Elora and Sonia to email her their information on this community service project.
- Fundraising
- Concessions at Monster Skate annual event.

Ryan discussed:

- Special Olympics on May 4 and asked members to think about working this event in San Luis Obispo at Cuesta College. If you volunteer with the ASB class at the High School, you will be excused from school. There is transportation down and back on the school bus. Email Ryan if you are going to work this event.

Robb discussed

- Buying t-shirts for the Commissioners from their budget this year, what color they wanted, etc. They chose black with yellow writing. Judy will collect size and order shirts. It is important the public recognize the Commissioners when working at fundraisers, public events, or at the City Council meetings.

CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

Robb discussed:

1. City Council Goal Setting workshop was February 3 that generated a lot of public interest.
2. LRS Budget
 - Discussed developing new ideas to improve existing programs, and
 - New and expanded service request to start new programs.
3. Vicky Jeffcoach is taking the annual ski trip to Sierra Summit February 8-11.
4. Dogs in Parks was discussed at the February 6 City Council meeting.

- As of March 1, people will be able to walk their dogs, on leash, at Centennial Park on a one year, trial basis.
5. Sherwood Forest Grand Opening is February 9 at 4 pm, rain or shine.
 6. Chocolate Fantasia is February 23 with Incendio band playing at Centennial Park.
 7. Community Walk Day is Saturday, March 24th @ 10am. We will be opening trails in the Salinas Riverbed with a map and two guided walks.

Julie Dahlen, Library Services Manager, discussed:

- a. Brush Strokes – Juried Teen Art competition is February 21 in the Library.
- b. “Sports they don’t teach you at school” was offered at the Library by Karen Christiansen, Adult Services Librarian, with the new teen group.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS/TEEN ISSUES

Bragg discussed:

- a. Teachers and students are working together to help find solutions to global warming in our area. It would be great if the community and High School could work together on this project.
- b. A video will be shown on Friday, February 9, in Room 303, by Mark Dimaggio at 1 pm.

Lee Perkins advised there is Cash for College Night on February 18 from 5-8 p.m. at Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo campus. This would be a good informational class to attend.

ADJOURN

- A motion was made by Member Hartmann, seconded by Slavinski, to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 p.m. – motion passed.
- Adjourn to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2007, at 3:15 p.m. at the School District Board Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION AT THEIR 3/7/07 MEETING

Respectfully submitted, Ryan Allison, Secretary

Youth Commission Minutes of 2/7/07