

MINUTES OF THE PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Wednesday, September 5, 2007

School District Board Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.
- Charlotte had city staff introduce themselves and their position, as well as the Youth Commissioners.

ROLL CALL

Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant, took roll as follows:

Members present: Alex Bonnifield, Rebecca Horne, Genesis Bell, Jackie McReynolds, Jannelle Watson, Cindy Monterrosa, Jared Kline, Yessika Godoy, Zoe Kingsbury, Will Dahlen, and Michael McLean
Absent: Danielle Martin
City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Vicky Jeffcoach, and Judy O'Neal
City Council rep: Gary Nemeth, Mayor Pro Tem
Absent: Frank Mecham, Mayor
Guest: Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Member Bonnifield, seconded by Watson, to approve the Minutes of the June 6, 2007 meeting - motion carried.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. **Guest Speaker**
 - Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk, was our September Guest Speaker. Robinson gave an overview of her job, passed out a packet of information, talked about how her job fits into city government, and where the Youth Commission fits into the city. She also discussed her work with the City Council, monthly Council agenda and minutes, all the City Advisory Committees, contracts, Resolutions, and the various laws that pertain to her job. She encouraged students to pursue a college degree.
3. **2007-2008 Officers:**
 - A motion was made and seconded by Members McReynolds/Bell, to nominate Will Dahlen as Chairperson – motion carried.

- A motion was made and seconded by Members Bell/Kline, to nominate Janelle Watson as Vice-Chairperson – motion carried.
 - A motion was made and seconded by Members Bonnifield/Dahlen, to nominate Alex Bonnifield as Secretary – motion carried.
 - Judy gave the gavel to the new Chairman and Charlotte asked Will to take over the rest of the meeting.
4. **City Council meeting sign-up sheet**
- Charlotte explained the Youth Commissioners represent this committee by attending City Council meetings held the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1000 Spring Street. There is also a mid-year and yearly report given by a Youth Commissioner at the City Council meetings.
 - Judy passed around a sheet for members to sign up to attend a City Council meeting.
5. **2007-2008 Goals**
- Charlotte explained the goal setting process. It was decided the October 3, 2007 Youth Commission meeting would be used to set their new goals and establish ad hoc committees.
 - Please bring ideas of what you would like to work on and accomplish this year.
6. **College 101 update**
- Charlotte explained the Recreation division is putting on a College 101 Workshop Saturday, September 15, at Centennial Park, for all teens that plan on applying to college. The request came from a member of last year's Youth Commission who was overwhelmed with the college application process and thought she would have been helped by a class or workshop on the subject. Charlotte asked for volunteers to work. Volunteers are Will, Michael, Janelle, and Jackie. Please show up at 12:30 p.m. at Centennial Park

CITY COMMUNICATION & REPORTS

- Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, discussed:
 - The history of the Youth Commission and welcomed all members. We have a few new members who have family that preceded them as Youth Commissioners.
 - The new WOW week is 9/25 – 9/28 at Centennial Park for the freshman at Paso Robles High School (previously known as Challenge Day).
 - Charlotte asked for volunteers to work Creek Day, 9/29, from 9 a.m. to noon, cleaning up the Salinas River. Volunteers are Zoe, Yessika, Janelle, Jackie, and Cindy. Please meet at Larry Moore Park at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 29. Judy will email you a flyer with more information.
 - You are all invited to a Joint Advisory Committee Reception Monday, October 15, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. You will receive an invitation with all the details. Our department has seven Committees and Boards that we would like to introduce to each other.
- Vicky Jeffcoach, Recreation Coordinator – Youth & Teens, discussed two upcoming teen events: (1) Halloween Horror Night at Universal Studios, Hollywood. We leave Paso Robles at noon and get back around 4 a.m. (2) Paso on the Move is an evening activity

in the spring 2008. There will be more information to follow closer to the event. Also, every month we have Middle Mania dance at Centennial Park for the 6, 7, & 8th graders.

- Gary Nemeth, Mayor Pro-Tem, discussed the importance of reading the Minutes to make sure everything is correct before they are approved and go to City Council. Youth Commissioners are the City Council ambassadors and represent the rest of the teens in Paso Robles. Please let Council know if you have any questions and/or interests, and try to be an active part of the city.
- Member Bonnifield asked Nemeth, “Is it true what the newspaper wrote about the West Coast Kustom Car Show no longer coming to Paso Robles during the Memorial Day holiday?” Mayor Pro Tem Nemeth feels this is a fine example of asking questions of the City Council and getting information first hand.
- Judy O’Neal, Administrative Assistant, discussed Youth Commission monthly matters, processing the meeting roll sheet, and if there are changes in your address information, please let her know so she can keep the member directory up-to-date. You will be using the directory for your ad hoc committee meetings.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS/TEEN ISSUES

- Vicky asked the Youth Commissioners, “Is the new program of having parents patrol the high school campus in effect yet?” Members didn’t seem to think the program had started.

ADJOURN

- A motion was made and seconded by Bonnifield/Watson, to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 p.m. – motion carried.
- Adjourn to:
 - The College 101 Workshop on Saturday, September 15, 2007 at Centennial Park, and then
 - The next regular meeting on Wednesday, October 3, 2007, 3:15 p.m. at the School District Board Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL, NOR A PERMANENT PART OF THE RECORDS,
UNTIL APPROVED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION AT THEIR NEXT REGULAR MEETING.

Respectfully submitted by Judy O’Neal, Administrative Assistant

Youth Commission Minutes of 9/5/07