

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

**Wednesday, December 5, 2007**

Location: School District Board Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

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## **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

- Chairman Dahlen called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

Members present: Alex Bonnifield, Rebecca Horne, Janelle Watson, Genesis Bell, Cindy Monterrosa, Will Dahlen, Zoe Kingsbury, and Yessika Godoy  
Absent: Jared Kline, Danielle Martin, and Jackie McReynolds  
City staff present: Vicky Jeffcoach and Judy O'Neal  
Absent: Charlotte Gorton  
City Council rep: Gary Nemeth  
Absent: Frank Mecham  
Guest: Brian Lewis, Emergency Services, Doug Harris, Robie Smith and Nick

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1-a We need to ex-change the members listed under Ad Hoc Committee for Advocacy and Events.  
1-b After above change noted, it was moved and seconded by Bonnifield/Watson, to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **2. Guest Speaker**

- Brian Lewis, Fire Captain/Paramedic, was present along with Doug Harris and Robie Smith, both are Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's) and Nick, a ride-a-long student.
- Brian talked about the variety of duties of a fireman. Their job is very diverse from putting out house fires, catching snakes, helping sick people, to car accidents and much

more. Eighty percent of their calls are EMT and twenty percent are fire with an average of 3,000 calls per year. They are also required to keep their equipment clean and participate on a Hazmat team along with other counties. It takes approximately 12 – 18 trained personnel to put out a house fire.

- Getting hired as a firefighter is very competitive in a small city. Your chance of getting hired over other applicants is far better if you have EMT training on your application.
- The Youth Commissioners were very interested in this line of work and had a lot of interaction and questions.

3. **T-Shirts**

- Vicky Jeffcoach, Recreation Coordinator, showed an example of what the T-Shirts will look like and had the girls confirm their size before placing the order. If the T-Shirts come in before Christmas Vicky will call the members to pick up at Centennial Park.

4. **Centennial Park Teen Center & Programs**

- Youth Commission did not have recommendations for improving the teen center at Centennial Park.

5. **Meeting of the Minds**

- Vicky advised Atascadero just opened up their new teen center and would like to meet with Paso Youth Commissioners in March. San Luis Obispo does not have a Youth Commission. After discussion, it was decided to use their March 5 meeting as a Joint Youth Commission meeting with Atascadero.

**AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Community Service (*Bonnifield, Kline, Martin and McLean*)

- Michael discussed contacting Toys - 4-Tots asking if they need help since this is one of their goals. A list was made of participants who want to work on December 15 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. giving away toys and coats to families. Since Gary is on the Toys - 4-Tots Committee, he took the list. If Youth Commissioners are not needed to work on December 15, they might be able to work the day before getting ready for the give-away.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Nemeth advised the Youth Commissioners may want to attend Illumination of the Tree tonight at Vina Robles at 5:30 p.m.
- Members will meet after this meeting today.

Advocacy/Publicity (*Bell, Kingsbury, McReynolds, Monterrosa and Watson*)

- Members will meet after this meeting today.

Events (*Dahlen, Horne and McReynolds*)

- Members will meet after this meeting today.

### **CITY COMMUNICATION/REPORTS**

- Mayor Pro-Tem Nemeth advised Janelle was at the City Council meeting on December 4, 2007.
- Vicky handed out The Power of Vision packet from the Children's Health Summit she attended regarding obesity. She discussed having a youth health and wellness day. There is vehicle coming to Paso Robles from Fresno educating the public on ways to make healthy choices in their eating habits.

### **UNSCHEDULED MATTERS/TEEN ISSUES**

- Vicky handed out holiday treats for everyone.

### **ADJOURN**

- It was moved and seconded by Monterrosa/McLean, to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. Motion carried.
- Adjourn to the **SPECIAL DATE OF: Wednesday, January 9, 2008**, 3:15 p.m., at the School District Board Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles. Regular meeting is moved one week out due to high school winter break.

**THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THEIR 1/9/08 MEETING**

Respectfully submitted by secretaries: Alex Bonnifield and Judy O'Neal