



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

Special Meeting of Wednesday, May 31, 2006
Hillview Community Center – Room A
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Angelo, Baney, Beck, Colehower, DeMartini, Johnson, Lew, Mathur, Natan, Saliba and Yanovsky.

Also Present: Staff Liaison Donna Legge and Teen Program Coordinator Chris Karney

REORGANIZATION

By secret ballot, Commissioner Saliba was elected Chair and Commissioner Lew was elected Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COLEHOWER MOVED to approve the meeting minutes of April 24, 2006 as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SALIBA AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

BUSINESS

Sister Cities – Student Exchange Program

Dorothy Dixon of the Los Altos Sister Cities Organization provided information about a foreign student exchange program and requested that the Youth Commission consider ideas to promote the program and recruit participants. Several Commissioners signed up to receive more information.

Skate Park Sub-Committee

Sub-Committee members Brandon Angelo and Jeff Bien presented the Sub-committee report to the Youth Commission. Angelo explained that the Commission has worked on submitting a recommendation to the PARC for two years. The report has evolved with edits; additions and changes recommended by the PARC and City staff. Angelo explained that there is interest from local supporters to lead a fundraising campaign for the construction of the skate park. Angelo further explained that the Sub-Committee recommends that the City subsidize the annual maintenance and operation costs of up to \$10,000 per year. Bien felt it was important that the Commission emphasize alternatives that could help offset the cost of the annual maintenance. Staff explained the process and announced that the next PARC meeting is on Wednesday, June 21. Angelo and Bien agreed to work on the power point presentation for the PARC meeting. Staff explained that past commissioners would serve as community members on the Sub-Committee.

New Commissioners appointed to the Skate Park Sub-Committee are Angelo (Radley), Abhinav and Yanovsky, added to the returning sub-committee members of Colehower and DeMartini.

LEW MOVED to recommend to PARC to recommend to Council that the Skate Park Development project be considered as a Capital Improvement Project during the budget process. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COLEHOWER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Review of annual Joint Meeting with Council

Staff reviewed the Youth Commission charge, 2005 Accomplishments and the 2006 Goals as reviewed with Council at their joint meeting with the Youth Commission on December 20, 2005. Staff further announced that the Personnel Committee has met with Commission Chairs/Vice Chairs and Liaisons and will be presenting recommendations to Council at a meeting in June. It was recommended that the new Commission review and establish new goals following Council recommendations.

Teen Program Report

Staff announced that surveys were being distributed to the schools related to the LAYC Dances and Teen Programs in general. A summary of the results will be presented at the next meeting. Staff announced new summer hours and activities planned for the summer. Several Commissioners expressed an interest in helping at the next LAYC Dance scheduled for June 16.

Teen Friendly Business Program

The intent was to form a sub-committee to work on the Teen Friendly Business Program. It was recommended to table this agenda item until the new Commission is appointed.

Casino Night Review

The commission reviewed and confirmed the list of donors to be sent a thank you. It was recommended that the event be considered again next year. It was further recommended that the Youth Commission work with other Youth Advisory Groups such as the one in Mountain View, which shares the same high school district.

Art and Wine Festival

The Los Altos Village Association has requested that the Youth Commission assist with various tasks during the Art and Wine Festival in exchange for a donation to be made toward teen programs. A few commissioners expressed an interest in helping.

Community Picnic

The commission expressed an interest in assisting staff in planning the annual Dodgeball Tournament and participating in the Bocce Ball Tournament at the community Picnic on September 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Volunteer Recognition Picnic

Staff announced that commissioners would be receiving invitations for the annual Volunteer Recognition Picnic scheduled for Tuesday, June 20 at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Shoup Park – Patriot Corner Picnic Area.

Summer Meeting Schedule

Staff discussed the July and September holidays that conflict with the regularly scheduled meetings.

DEMARTINI MOVED to cancel the regularly scheduled meeting in July and change the September meeting to September 13. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COLEHOWER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Council Meeting Schedule

Staff distributed the Council Meeting schedule.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Underground Teen Center
2. Teen Friendly Business Program Sub-committee
3. Skate Park Project Update

ADJOURNMENT

DEMARTINI MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Minutes prepared by Donna Legge,
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