



YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

7:00pm, September 18, 2000
Hillview Community Center, Room A
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

Call to Order

Vice-Chairperson Fischer called meeting to order at 7:13pm.

Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Weed, Commissioners Coddling, Cornelius, Fischer, Garcia, Lin, Rogers, Samani, Stephenson, Wu
Absent: Commissioner Friedland

Public Comment

Brad Lyman, 13770 Wildflower, Los Altos Hills, CA – Mr. Lyman has a daughter who is a sophomore at St. Francis High School and a son who graduated last year. He mentions that his students were always mentioning that they had nothing to do on a Friday or Saturday night. Mentioned that a local nightclub, The Limelight, has an “under 18” night on Sunday evenings. He would like to see the commission sponsor a dance once a month for students. He would like it to be for local high school students

Commissioner Weed described “The Night” and mentioned that 100+ people attended. It was decided to have this idea on a future agenda after we have held the Underground High School event on 10/13 and “The Night” on 11/17.

Minutes

The minutes of the September 6, 2000 meeting were amended and approved.

Discussion

New Business

1. **Civic Center Master Plan – Jim Porter, City of Los Altos** – Jim Porter, Acting Public Works Director, showed the commission the Civic Center Master Plan. The Civic Center Master Plan Committee put this plan together.

Commissioner Fischer wanted to know why there were two soccer fields on the Master Plan. Mr. Porter informed him that City Council was told that there were still unmet demands for soccer.

Commissioner Samani asked about the swimming pool issue and about the possibility of having the pool included in the Civic Center Master Plan. Mr. Porter mentioned the land swap between the Los Altos School District and the City of Los Altos. Because of this land swap, there will be a new pool adjacent to Rosita Park. He mentioned that the Engineering Department currently has an architect working on an RFP and there should be a new swimming pool within the year.

Commissioner Rogers wanted to know if the buildings would increase in size in the new Master Plan. Mr. Porter explained that the architect assured that more space would not be needed. The space will just be used more efficiently. City Hall and the Police Department will be bigger on the new Master Plan. There would be an environmental review before any plan started to be built.

Commissioner Wu wanted to know about a teen center being mentioned in the Master Plan. Mr. Porter mentioned that this was something that a committee member mentioned as being something we would possibly like on the site. Details have not yet been worked out.

Commissioner Samani wanted to know where staff would be located during construction. Mr. Porter mentioned that phasing of the project was included in the report. He also mentioned that City Hall and the Police Department could remain open during construction.

Commissioner Fischer asked about the total cost of the project. Mr. Porter said that the cost estimate, in year 2000 dollars, is \$35-40 million.

Commissioner Samani asked about the preservation of the orchards. Mr. Porter mentioned that this is a big issue. On the current plan, orchards are maintained along San Antonio Avenue. The Historical Commission did not want the orchards to be removed, but possibly moved.

2. **“Project C” – Underground High School event** – Commissioner Garcia has spoken with a DJ who might be interested in working. Eric has a demo CD from the DJ.

Commissioner Coddling will be working on the advertisement for the event.

Commissioner Lin will do the shopping.

3. The commission called for a special meeting on September 27, 2000 to continue planning. The meeting will be held at the Underground.

Other Matters

Commissioner Weed commented on the productivity of the meetings. She felt that many times people were not paying attention to the matters at hand and were spending time just talking to each other about outside issues. All of the commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Garcia said that instead of talking during the meeting that commissioners would remember the reason they joined in the first place. He also mentioned that meetings would end sooner if people stayed focused on the meeting.

Commissioner Weed also talked about the lack of attendance at City Council meetings. If people sign-up to attend a City Council meeting that they should stick to their commitment and attend.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08pm