



CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"

MINUTES OF THE PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Location: Paso Robles School District Board Room - 801 Niblick Road, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Hartmann passed the roll sheet around as follows:

Members present: Krissy Huse, Adi Cisneros, Elora Hartmann, Sonia Slavinski, Davy Kingsbury, Ryan Allison, Chris Caruana, Ryan Fellows, Maria Cervantes, Nick Gut and Will Dahlen

Absent: Daniel Aviña

City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Judy O'Neal, Vicky Jeffcoach and Susan DeCarli

Absent: Annelyse Lemons and Ann Robb

City Council rep absent: Mayor Frank Mecham

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Allison, seconded by Slavinski, to approve the last Youth Commission Minutes of November 2, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Guest Speaker**
 - Susan DeCarli, Planner for the Community Development Department, gave a presentation on her job responsibilities for the City of Paso Robles. One of the reasons she chose this field is because Susan is an optimist and she feels she can make things better. This is position requires a four-year degree from a university.
 - The City has a General Plan that will remain in effect from now until 2025. The General Plan has cost approximately \$750,000 to update.

- Susan discussed and explained Environmental Impacts, Zoning Ordinance, Design guidelines, Planning and Building guidelines and more. A Planner has to be able to work with people and the environment. They have to be knowledgeable in many different studies and complex professions.
- There are two types of Planners: Generalists and Specialist.
- DiCarli has to know about natural resources, environmental laws, issues concerning urban design, public planning, building form, design materials, house demographics, populations, government laws, history of societies, government law, transportation, circulation water resources, etc.
- She deals with long range planning (10- 20 year) and current planning for people who want to build a home.
- She works with the City's Planning Commission, City Council and Parks and Recreation Advisory Committees.
- In 2025 home dwelling should slow down according to the General Plan. The City can regulate how a building project will look like on the outside.
- DeCarli showed maps, books and graphs of projects that are associated with her job.
- Planning can be fun!

3. **League of California Cities Conference**

- Adi Cisneros and Krissy Huse attended the conference October 5-7, 2005 and gave a trip update.
- There were not many Youth Commissioners at the Conference. They got to see Governor Arnold Schwarzeneger. Huse liked the many exhibitions and workshops were their favorite.
- An important item they brought back from the Conference is about the importance of community service and caring for community.

4. **PASO ROBLES TEEN ISSUES**

- Members advised there are weapons (daggers, switchblades, knives, etc.) that are brought to school daily from students. It is scary to see that many weapons in and among students and on campus. It is the responsibility of a student to report it to school administration, school security or a teacher. None of them seem to notice the weapons.
- The excuse the teens give why they carry weapons is because they are protecting themselves. It is scary to think they carry these weapons.
- Also, there is more physical fighting among the freshman this year than in the past.
- Maybe an educational seminar put on by the Youth Commission about "protection against weapons" or send out flyers to the first class period would help.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATION

Midnight Movies (Dahlen, Ryan, Kingsbury and Slavinski)

- Gorton advised the owner of Park Cinemas encouraged us to seek other alternatives to use for Midnight movies because the number of participants is too low. The minimum needed is at least 100 to warrant having movies.
- Discussed trying something new, move the movies to another location like Centennial gymnasium. One commissioner questioned if you had a movie, would we need games afterwards? And, will Park Cinemas give the Youth Commission one more chance to get the number of participants up?
- Decided on Operation P.P.P. (Paso Pajama Party) at Centennial Park gymnasium with a movie and the event will be in February 2006. The first Ad Hoc meeting will be Friday, December 14

after school at 5 pm at Centennial Park. Annelise (and Vicky may help) will be the staff representative.

Skate Park (Cervantes, Huse, Kingsbury and Slavinski)

- Gorton took a survey to the High School for the Ad Hoc members to distribute to students asking: (a.) Do you use the Pioneer skate park? (b) Would you be willing to pay a fee to use the skate park? (c) If yes, how much would you pay 50 cents, \$1, \$1.50 or \$2 ?
- When all the results are in, Gorton will compile the results and give a report at the January meeting.

Community Services (Aviña, Dahlen, Hartmann and Ryan)

- Julie Dahlen, staff rep, was not present but sent a sign up sheet around for a Toy Bank drive at a local church for Saturday, December 17.

Battle of the Bands (Caruana, Cervantes, Cisneros and Huse)

- Vicky Jeffcoach, staff rep, advised the date has been set for Friday, June 2, 2006, at 6 pm at the Fairgrounds. She has booked security from San Luis Obispo who do all the big events for Cal Poly. She will be working with the Paso Robles Police Department and the sound and lighting company. Youth Commissioners will do the announcing at the event.
- We are stressing no smoking and moshing in our advertising.
- Next Ad Hoc meeting will be on January 4 after the next meeting.

Remember September (Hartmann, Gut and Caruana)

- Lynda Holt, staff rep, could not attend but Gorton advised Holt will call all members to set up a meeting after winter break. She has some great ideas for this project.

INTERIM-DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ann Robb was absent but Gorton discussed Challenge Day on January 25 and 26, held at Centennial Park. All Youth Commissioners are invited to attend.
- Because a student had such a wonderful experience, one parent now sponsors this event by paying \$10,000 annually to fund Challenge Day. There are 100 high school students, adults, and teachers participating. It is a wonderful experience for all and Gorton encourages everyone to attend.

RECREATION UPDATE - None

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION - Absent

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Chairperson Cisneros asked who she could contact about doing a blood drive on behalf of the Youth Commission at the Paso Robles Farmers Market at City Park on Tuesday? Adi knew a person who works the Farmer's Market whom she will contact.

ADJOURN

- A motion was made by Allison and seconded by Huse, to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m.
- The next Youth Commission meeting is on Wednesday, January 4, 2006 at 3:15 p.m. at the School District Board Room, 801 Niblick Road, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION AT THEIR 1/4/06 MEETING

Respectfully submitted, Elora Hartmann, Recording Secretary

Youth Commission Minutes of 12/7/05