

MINUTES OF THE
PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Cisneros called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Secretary took roll as follows:

(11) Members present: Daniel Aviña, Ryan Allison, Christopher Caruana, Maria Cervantes, Adi Cisneros, Will Dahlen, Ryan Fellows, Nichols Gut, Elora Hartmann, Davy Kingsbury and Sonia Slavinski
(1) Absent: Krissy Huse
City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Vicky Jeffcoach, Annelyse Lemons, Judy O’Neal and Julie Dahlen
Absent: Ann Robb
City Council rep absent: Mayor Mecham
Guests: Councilman Gary Nemeth and Ann Quinn, Paso Robles Press

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, introduced Councilman Gary Nemeth and Ann Quinn, representing the Paso Robles Press.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Allison, seconded by Slavinski, to approve the last Youth Commission Minutes of February 1, 2006 meeting - motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Guest Speaker**
 - Doug Monn, Director of Public Works has worked for the City of Paso Robles for 23 years in various departments and positions. He currently has 60 employees working for him on roads, sewers, parks, building maintenance, wastewater and water. Doug did a very thorough job of explaining his responsibilities as Director of Public Works and how it ties in with the public’s life, which was very interesting.
 - Councilman Nemeth gave Monn the 2006 Economic Strategy book to discuss due to the many questions asked by the Youth Commissioners. This led into a discussion about the growing population of Paso Robles, education, the estimated pay scale for people achieving different levels of education and the importance of working for a college degree, etc.

- Discussed two public workshops and invited the Y.C. to attend the last one to be held March 9 where they can get more information.

PASO ROBLES TEEN ISSUES - None

GOALS & AD HOC COMMUNICATION

Midnight Movies (Allison, Dahlen, Kingsbury, Slavinski and Annelise Lemons)

- Very low attendance at the 2/24 P.J. Movie held at Centennial.
- Members want to go back to Park Cinemas but to be successful they felt that we have to show a good movie and open it up to students in the SLO County – not just Paso Robles. Gorton will check with theater manager.
- Annelise will check on the 11 p.m. teen curfew for driving to the Midnight movie.

Skate Park (Cervantes, Huse, Kingsbury, Slavinski and Charlotte Gorton)

- Annie Robb has done a draft staff report to the City Manager that will go to the City Council for consideration possibly at their March 21 meeting with options of how to operate the Paso skate park.
- Charlotte attended the grand opening of the George Beatie Skate Park in Atascadero that has a concessionaire. They sell skateboards, parts and accessories and the concessionaire helps staff the skate park in addition to rec leaders.

Community Services (Allison, Aviña, Dahlen, Hartmann and Julie Dahlen)

- Adi is waiting to hear from Farmers Market for a date in April for the blood drive.
- Daniel would like to set a date for the CSF Food Drive at the April Y.C. meeting. The fundraisers will be held at Vons, Food for Less and Albertson markets.
- Monster Skate is March 25 at Pioneer Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. After some confusion, it was decided this event is a Youth Commission fundraiser, with the help from Vicky Jeffcoach, Recreation Coordinator, if needed, to sell food to raise money during the skateboarding event. Julie said this could be discussed in the Ad Hoc meeting following the meeting. Ceola Corella from the recreation division is also working on this project.
- Special Olympics – Ryan Allison took count of who will be attending the May 5 Leadership class to the Special Olympics in San Luis Obispo.

Battle of the Jamz (Caruana, Cervantes, Cisneros, Huse, V.Jeffcoach, C.Gorton and N.Joynt)

- The Ad Hoc Committee met Feb. 27 and the event is June 2 at the Mid-State fairgrounds on the Frontier Stage with an extra portable stage. They changed the name to “Jamz”. We also have Nancy Joynt from the recreation division working on this large project.
- Competition will include: pre-screening of bands with videos or CD’s and the deadline is April 14.
- Youth Commissioners will judge video tapes. The top 6 – 8 bands will be chosen.
- We will invite 10 – 12 dance groups from pre-screening to perform.
- Entry fee is \$10 with no smoking or moshing.
- Next Ad Hoc meeting is March 13 at 3:15 p.m. at Centennial Park.

Remember September (Caruana, Gut, Hartmann and Lynda Holt) – No Report

INTERIM-DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Absent

RECREATION UPDATE

- Charlotte said the Centennial Park renovation project should be completed by the end of March. We plan to have a grand re-opening and she would like the Youth Commissioners in attendance. We will notify them of the date for the re-opening.
- Chocolate Fantasia was a sell out on Friday, February 24.
- Aqua recruitment began today for lifeguards and swim instructors.
- Lifeguard training and water safety instructor training will be done during spring break. You can register now.
- Charlotte collaborated on a grant project with YMCA to provide outdoor rec programs including help with building trails and restoration work on the Salinas River. There will be hiking and outdoor sports. Kids will do community service projects to earn points to go on trips to places like the Channel Islands or mountain camping, etc.
- March 9 is the next Economic Strategy workshop at City Hall at 7 p.m. and the Youth Commission are encouraged to attend.

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION - Absent

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURN

- A motion was made by Cisneros, seconded by Fellows, to adjourn the meeting at 4:52 p.m. – motion passed.
- The next Youth Commission meeting is on Wednesday, April 5, 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 4/5/06 MEETING.

Respectfully submitted, Elora Hartmann, Secretary

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