

MINUTES OF THE
PASO ROBLES YOUTH COMMISSION

Wednesday, December 6, 2006

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

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Hartmann called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Ryan Allison, Genesis Bell, Rodia Bragg, Will Dahlen, Yessika Godoy, Nick Gut, Elora Hartmann, Davy Kingsbury, Jackie McReynolds and Janelle Watson

Absent: Sonia Slavinski

City staff present: Charlotte Gorton, Ann Robb, Vicky Jeffcoach, Julie Dahlen, Kris Bell, Trine Layman, Judy O'Neal

City Council rep absent: Gary Nemeth

Absent: Frank Mecham

Guests: Jody Dauth, Administrative Services

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Member Allison, seconded by Dahlen, to approve the Minutes of November 1, 2006 meeting - motion passed.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. **Guest Speaker**

- Before the guest speaker, Director Robb introduced the two new Library and Recreation employees:
 - Kristina Bell, Children's Librarian, in charge of programming for children up to young adults in the Public Library, and
 - Trine Layman, Recreation Marketing Coordinator, in charge of recreation contract classes and marketing the Activity Guide.
- Guest Speaker = Jody Dauth, Administrative Coordinator, has worked for the City for 29 years in the Finance Department. She discussed her background that led her to Paso Robles. Jody talked about the various positions she held within the Finance

department. She encouraged the Commissioners to continue their education and get a degree, saying “this will enable you to climb to the top of your profession.”

- Jody also discussed future plans with the city, other jobs, hobbies and future classes to teach with the recreation department.

3. **City Council Goals**

- After lively discussion, the commissioners voted to forward the following recommendations (in priority order) to City Council:

a. DEVELOPMENT

- 1) Avoid sprawl by using existing space for commercial development
- 2) Work with school district to replace high school portables with permanent buildings
- 3) Encourage energy efficiency in new and existing businesses and city operations – efficient lighting, hybrid vehicles, biodiesel or other alternative fuel, pedestrian friendly environment
- 4) Encourage businesses of interest to youth, balancing local business with national chains – Gap, Pac Sun, Charlotte Russe, Old Navy.
- 5) Provide efficient, convenient, affordable public transportation to and from developed areas.

b. TEEN SPACE

- 1) Enhance use of new teen room at Centennial Park, open late evening hours. Create a space for teens that includes arcade games, food, and music. Entry should be free but amenities (i.e. arcade games) could be fee based. Occasional programming (i.e. bands) is encouraged, but primary use is informal drop-in.
- 2) Provide efficient, convenient, affordable public transportation to and from teen space.

c. DOG PARK

- 1) Develop an off leash dog park

A motion was made by Member Bragg, seconded by Watson, to forward to City Council – motion passed.

4. **Ad Hoc Committee updates**

Advocacy

- Members were assigned to attend city council meetings. Each member has a list to attend their assigned meeting.
- Youth Commissioners would like to give the Council an update two times a year, under public comment. At the May 15, 2007 meeting, Member Bragg will give the year-end wrap-up.

Events – No report at this time

- Next meeting is Tuesday, December 12, 3:15 p.m. at Centennial Park.

Community Service

- Member Allison gave update on Toy Bank. Youth Commissioners will get a reminder call to arrive at 8 a.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church on Saturday, December 16 to work. There is still a need for toys and coats.

COMMUNICATION/REPORTS

- Director Robb complimented the Youth Commissioners on a good job in their goal recommendations. Our staff is working with other city appointed and non-profit groups to get their recommendations. Our department is also working on the 2007-2009 fiscal years budget.
- Councilman Nemeth advised the Mayor and new Councilman were sworn in at the Tuesday city council meeting. The next meeting will assign Councilmen to work on the various committees. Nemeth will be attending the League of California Cities meeting in January to discuss Smart Instead of Sprawl Growth in our city. He commented on how important it was to get the Youth Commissioner's ideas today.
- Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, noted the Advocacy ad hoc committee will meet monthly after the regular meeting.
- Julie Dahlen, Library Services Manager, reminded members there is a Community Service ad hoc meeting immediately following this meeting.
- Vicky Jeffcoach, Recreation Coordinator – Youth and Teens, discussed the upcoming, teen, ski trip for three days in February 2007 and the white water rafting trip planned for June 20 and 21, 2007.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS/TEEN ISSUES - None

ADJOURN

- A motion was made by Member Will, seconded by Bell, to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 p.m. – motion passed.

NOTE:

- The next Youth Commission meeting is on **Wednesday, January 10, 2007** at 3:15 p.m. at the School District Board Room, 800 Niblick Road, Paso Robles. The regular meeting is usually the first Wednesday of the month but the Youth Commission will be on winter break. Therefore, the meeting is the following Wednesday, January 10, 2007.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE YOUTH COMMISSION AT THEIR 1/10/07 MEETING.

Respectfully submitted, Ryan Allison, Secretary

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