

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2007

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Reeta Banerjee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Reeta Banerjee, Hallie Barnes, Jonathan Berthet, Olivia Colliver, Peter Hadar, Zach Hershberger, Jordan Kahler, Liz Mellema, Nicky Robinson, Ellen Rockdale, Stanford Stickney, Bronwyn Stone, Jan Van Bruggen, Ashley Yuki, Amy Zhang

Alternates Present Kelsey Hall, Susan Kahng, Lindsey Trone

Alternates Absent: Rachel Carson, Jason Louie

Staff: Chief Scott Seaman
Sergeant Randy Rimple
Mike Loya, LGS Rec. Dept./A Place for Teens
Jackie Rose, Clerk Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Motion made by Jordan Kahler, seconded by Jonathan Berthet, to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2007 meeting. **Passed (15-0)**

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

- **Mr. Davis** commented on the funding options for a proposed skate park in the Town.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Presentation on teen tobacco access by **Nicole Coxe**, Tobacco Prevention and Education Program

- Made a presentation about teens and tobacco and ideas on promoting tobacco free school zones.
- Commented about programs within the County for the youth in the community relating to tobacco prevention.
- Commented regarding the “Sting Program”, which promotes carding of minors, imposes fees to sell cigarettes, and licenses to sell tobacco.

Items of Discussion – Continued

- Suggested to promote the “Sting Program” and use the revenue generated for the proposed skate park.
- Suggested that the Commission gather more data and bring program to the Town on a future agenda.
- Commented on the high school’s three step process relating to tobacco on campus.
- Suggested church support to help curb vandalism and smoking.
- Suggested to move forward to educate the Youth Commission on the programs and solutions relating to smoking among the youth in the community.

Report from Skate Park Forum

Bronwyn Stone, Stanford Stickney, and Jonathan Berthet gave an update regarding the skate park forum.

- Commented that they felt that the skate park forum was a success.
- Commented about different activities to raise money towards the proposed skate park such as:
 - Selling t-shirts at the Town’s 4th of July event.
 - Raising money by having Drehg perform in concert at The Venue.
 - Commented on the fundraising campaign “not a penny asked until 1 million is raised”.

FINAL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mini Grants

- Consensus to continue the mini grant project.

Website

- The committee spoke about budget development.
- Commented regarding upcoming community youth-related events.
- Commented on using a “what’s new” which could be similar to the Town’s website.
- Suggested posting the Youth Commission’s agendas as a part of the Youth Commission website.

Student Government Liaison

- Commented on the objectives of the student liaison committee.
- Suggested involving Youth Commission as a leadership role with the skate park fundraising.
- Suggested to pursue selling t-shirts in the next few months.

Commission Liaisons

- Suggested contacting Youth Commission’s from other cities to share resources, programs, and ideas.
- Consensus to continue the program.

Final Sub-Committee Reports – Continued

Curfew Flyer

- The Commissioner's gave a brief update on the progress of a curfew flyer.
- Suggestions for the flyer included:
 - Cops and kids waving their hands.
 - A streetlight on the street
 - An officer and youth shaking hands.
 - The Town of Los Gatos Logo.
- Suggested that the logo have an unbiased image.
- Would like to see an image such as a cartoon.
- Suggested bring several images to Youth Commission for review.

Chief Seaman

- Gave an update on Irene Shrier and when she would be back to work.
- Commented on the deadline to reapply to the Youth Commission was on May 16, 2007.

Youth Commission's Recommendations for Next Year's Youth Commission

- Suggested to initiate a city platform for strengthening family and youth in the community.
- Suggested to continue the mini grant program and Youth Commission website structuring.
- Suggested that the Youth Commission become involved in the General Plan update.
- Olivia Colliver and Bronwyn Stone agreed to work with the Police Department to form an agenda for the mini retreat.
- Continue dialogue with Danielle Surdin, Economic Development Manager, relating to the downtown area.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

Planter Box Update

- Reeta Banerjee reminded the commission that Saturday is planter box up-keep day beginning at 11:00 A.M. and that the next one is set for June.

Ms. Banerjee called for a break.

COMMISSION MATTERS

Reeta Banerjee

- Thanked the commission and staff for all their support and urged the Commission to follow through with the goals that they have set.
- Chief Seaman thanked Reeta Banerjee and Jordan Kahler for their leadership roles as Chair and Vice Chair. He also congratulated the Youth Commission and Mike Loya for the work they have done this year.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.