

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2008 MEETING

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Brandy Pech called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Michelle Aranovsky, Ben Baranovsky, Sydney Burns, Peter Hadar, Kelsey Hall, Killian Jackson, Jessica Jolley, Sheridan Jones, Brandy Pech, Nicky Robinson, Autefeh Sajjadi, Robert Van Unen, Amy Zhang

Commissioners Absent: Leslie Zanich, Hirsh Goswamy,

Alternates Present: Paul Glenn

Alternates Absent: Alex Guyton

Staff: Chief Scott Seaman
Mike Loya, Director, A Place for Teens
Irene Shrier, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Peter Hadar made a motion, seconded by Ben Baranovsky, to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2008 meeting. **(Passed 13-0)**

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Presentation by Mr. John Hogan – Youth Employment Concept

Mr. Hogan introduced himself and stated that he has lived in town for 20 years and owned a mortgage company in Town for a number of years. He is interested in starting a business in Town that employees teens and is soliciting ideas, suggestions and data to support such an effort. His goal is to start a temporary agency made up of teens and run by teens in Los Gatos. Half of the profit from the business would be donated back to the community in some way. If this effort is successful, perhaps the model could be replicated for by other cities.

Mr. Hogan was interested in finding out what skills kids have, where they have worked in the past, availability and limitations. Each Youth Commission member had an opportunity to speak about their own employment as teens and the factors that limited

them. The following is a list of things that the commission members have done, not necessarily for profit: tutoring, hospital and office work, drug store, youth camps, Safeway, moving services, life guard, internships, community service, Baskin-Robbins, babysitting, horse stables and work for homeowners.

The commission offered suggestions from screening applications to on-line reviews by employers. The majority of members on the commission were interested in meeting with Mr. Hogan to discuss ideas.

Selection of Developmental Assets Elements for Youth Commission Focus

This item was tabled and will be agendized for the January 2009 meeting.

Subcommittee Reports

Presentation of Youth Survey

Autefeh presented a revised draft of the survey that the committee has been working on. After much discussion and further suggestions, Autefeh will make the recommended changes and a copy will be sent to Irene for distribution.

COMMISSION MATTERS

Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interest

Commissioners who were absent from the last meeting filled out Form 700 for submission to the Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.