

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Brandy Pech called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Michelle Aranovsky, Ben Baranovsky, Paul Glenn, Peter Hadar, Killian Jackson, Sheridan Jones, Brandy Pech, Nicky Robinson, Autefeh Sajjadi, Robbie Van Unen, Amy Zhang

Commissioners Absent: Sydney Burns, Jessica Jolley, Kelsey Hall, Hirsh Goswamy

Staff: Captain David Gravel, Irene Shrier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ben Baranovsky made a motion, seconded by Nicky Robinson, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009 meeting. **(Passed 11-0)**

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

No verbal communication.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Update on Council/Commission Retreat

Brandy Pech gave a brief report on what was presented at the commission retreat. The attached retreat questionnaire was presented to the Council with major accomplishments of the past year, proposed projects for the upcoming year, issues specific to the commission, beneficial training and questions and comments for the Council. These items were also discussed with the Mayor in a one-on-one meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair prior to the commission retreat.

Report from Youth Friendly Business Subcommittee

Brandy reported that the subcommittee met two weeks ago and developed a proposal and nomination form for youth friendly businesses in Town. The commission took time to read over the document for further discussion and input. Language under nomination process will be change to say "any resident" instead of youth. Support staff will be

contacted to help fill in the blanks with appropriate information. Nicky will also be added to the Subcommittee list. Timelines will be change to reflect year round instead of January-September.

Motion: (A. Sajjadi/P. Hadar) To approve the youth friendly proposal and nomination form as presented and amended. (Passed 11-0)

Review of Survey Results

The results of the survey have not yet been completed. However, the commission discussed input that they received on the different issues:

- Almost all teen activities such as shopping, movies, etc. are done outside of Los Gatos. Teens do eat at local establishments.
- Most teens interviewed are not interested in a sports facility. However, they would utilize it if it was more like a recreation center.
- For the most part, there was positive feedback regarding the relationship between the police and kids, especially among the juniors and seniors. Those who were negative couldn't give a reason why unless they had an encounter with an officer that was not favorable. A few had been stopped for curfew but had a positive response as to how it was handled.
- Most teens interviewed didn't know that Los Gatos has a curfew. A suggestion was made to have curfew brochures available in driver's education classes.
- Most teens interviewed have not been employed in Los Gatos. Anyone, 14 years or older, can obtain a work permit to work 20 hours a week.
- Ideas for a vacant building/property that would serve youth were: motor cross tracks, in door tennis courts, bowling alley/roller-ice rink, lighted soccer fields, driving range, hangout for teens and a shopping mall.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

El Camino Hospital Behavioral Health Services Task Force

Peter Hadar reported that El Camino Hospital is researching the development of a mental health needs and drug rehabilitation facility for teens in Town. Currently, most of these needs are addressed through the Teen and Family Center. Georgia Clark is the contact person for this organization.

Teen Employment Agency

Mr. Hogan was asked by the commission if he is still pursuing development of a teen employment agency project. He is moving ahead and doing research at this point. He recently attended a Lion's meeting and made a presentation on how the program would work and did a survey as well. Twenty out of 27 liked the idea. Fifteen have hired teens previously. Half of the group said they would hire teens for business and 15 said they would hire teens for work around their homes.

General Plan Community Panel, Saturday, May 2, 2009

Brandy reported that there will be a General Plan community meeting on May 2, 2009 at Calvary Church in Los Gatos. Anyone interested in attending should do so. Changes to the general plan will include the areas of youth, recreation, seniors and the environment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.