

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING**  
**TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**110 E. MAIN ST.**  
**MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2010**

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Present: Ben Baranovsky, Jacob Hershberger, Sheridan Jones, Doug McLeod, Alissa Miller, Matthew Mingrone, Nicky Robinson, Autefeh Sajjadi, Robbie Van Unen, Andrew Yang

Commissioners Absent: Rodd Farhadi, Paul Glenn, Hirsh Goswamy, Killian Jackson, Avi Salem

Alternates Present: Zaul Moayedian, James Marino, Noel Painter

Alternates Absent: Julie Wiederhold

Staff: Chief Scott Seaman, Irene Shrier

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Robbie Van Unen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**TOUR OF THE POLICE OPERATIONS BUILDING**

Sgt. D'Antonio gave the commissioners a tour of the new police operations building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Minutes of December 8, 2009**

Autefeh Sajjadi made a motion, seconded by Ben Baranovsky, to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2009 meeting. **(Passed 10-0)**

**VERBAL COMMUNICATION**

There was no verbal communication

**ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

**2. Update on Town's Plans for Sports Facility – Todd Capurso**

Todd Capurso, Director of Parks and Public Works, introduced himself. He addressed the property which the town purchased for a sports facility at 930 University Avenue. The property is 2-1/2 to 3 acres and has two structures on it. There will be a town wide process with community meetings to discuss and seek input on interest in what type of sports activities and uses of the property the community would like. All options will be discussed. The process of community

meetings will begin in April and notices of those meetings will be posted on the website and around the Civic Center.

After completion of the public meetings, the Parks and Public Works Department will make recommendations to the Town Council on possible uses and development of the property. The Town Council will give final approval of the master plan for the site.

### **ITEMS OF DISCUSSION**

#### **3. Youth Friendly Business Program**

Nicky Robinson distributed a youth friendly business information sheet and application form, that he created, for review by the commission. The intention is to share it with the Chamber of Commerce for their input and reach out to the leadership class at the high school to see if they would be interested in partnering with the youth commission in this effort. Nicky will work with Irene to set up a meeting with the Chamber of Commerce president.

Suggestions were made for some revisions of the draft. The sub-committee will meet to make the needed revisions and discuss how to implement the program. After revisions are made, the document will be presented to the Chamber of Commerce for review. The Town Council will then need to sign off on the project, materials will be printed up and the project will be publicized and launched.

#### **4. Follow Up Discussion of Youth Forum**

##### **a. Chief's discussion with students-to-students and leadership class**

Chief Seaman reported on his meeting with the students and ASB. It was an open discussion with question and answers. It was a very good discussion and addressed how the police department works and what can be expected from the department. Issues that concern students, such as curfew, were addressed and explained.

Chief Seaman asked the commission how the police department can better connect with students. The following were some suggestions:

- Connect with 8<sup>th</sup> graders and freshmen, possibly through freshman orientation, and educate them on possible issues that they will be confronted with in high school
- Use specific examples with young age groups
- Speak with Mr. Autrey about an assembly during the tutorial period
- Have Officer Wonnell work with Nancy Offer on making presentations to the students
- Smaller groups settings are more helpful in getting students to express their concerns and ask questions
- Continue to hold regular youth commission forums

Chief Seaman also reported on a bill to legalize marijuana which was introduced to the public safety committee in Sacramento on 1/12/10 and that passed that committee. This does not legalize marijuana but was a first step in the process. Marijuana is legal for medical use at the state level. The bill would

affect adults over the age of 21. The feedback from some of the commissioners regarding this bill was not supportive.

### **COMMISSION MATTERS**

**5. Date Setting for review of Town's General Plan**

The commission decided that they would like to review the general plan in March.

**6. Youth Commission/Town Council/School Board Members Reception**

Prior to the next Youth Commission meeting on February 9, a reception will be held in the Town Council Chambers lobby at 5:30 p.m. that will give the commissioners and their parents an opportunity to meet the Town Council and School Board members. Following the reception, the regular meeting of the youth commission will convene at 7:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.