

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Ben Baranovsky called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Ben Baranovsky, Rodd Farhadi, Molley Ball Kira Barsten, Mackenzie Jackson, Sofia Kuta, Matthew Mingrone, Zaul Moayedian, Stefan Montana, Claire Strickland, and Thomas Wrappe

Commissioners Absent: Jack Horan, Laura LaBombara, Alisha Nagendran, and Henry Strickland

Alternates Present: Hyuntae Byun and Shomik Jain

Alternates Absent: Crystal Huang

Staff: Chief Scott Seaman, Keara Johnson, and Jackie Rose

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Rodd Farhadi made a motion, seconded by Matthew Mingrone, to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2012 meeting. **(Passed 11-0)**

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Karla Albright, Chair at CASA

Made a presentation about two programs adopted by CASA - Safe Rides and Under 21 Club. Also, Suggested that a member of the Youth Commission attend the CASA meetings to provide the board with youth oriented projects in the community.

Safe Rides

- Commented about the Safe Rides program and how it works
- Questioned if the Youth Commission would be interested in hosting an evening.

Commission Comments

- Questioned how much time in advance would be needed to host a Safe Rides night.

Verbal Communications/ Karla Albright, Chair at CASA - *Continued*

Under 21 Club

- Commented that the program is in need of adult and student volunteers.
- Questioned if there was interest from the Youth Commission and or youth in the community to participate in the Under 21 Club.

Commission Comments

- Questioned the current status of the Under 21 Club.
- Questioned if information on these programs could be found on a website.
- Chair Ben Baronovsky offered to attend the next CASA meeting.

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Chief Scott Seaman commented on the process to appoint a Chair and Vice Chair to the Youth Commission for 2012/13.

Zaul Moayedian nominated Ben Baronovsky for Chair to the Youth Commission.

Matt Mingrone nominated Rodd Farhadi for Chair to the Youth Commission.

Mr. Baronovsky commented that the Youth Commission means a great deal to him and that he will support the commission and the youth in the community.

Mr. Farhadi commented that Ben would make a great Chair and declined the nomination.

The Commission voted by ballot and Mr. Baronovsky was appointed to Chair the Youth Commission.

Stefan Montana nominated Rodd Farhadi for Vice Chair of the Youth Commission.

Ben Baronovsky nominated Zaul Moayedian for Vice Chair of the Youth Commission.

Mr. Farhadi commented that he would be honored to represent the Youth Commission as Vice chair.

Mr. Moayedian commented that he would be honored to represent the Youth Commission and support the youth in the community.

The Commission voted by ballot and Mr. Farhadi was appointed to Vice Chair of the Youth Commission.

Stop Hunger Now – Karen Noe and Amanda Agramonte

Made a presentation, demonstration, and video about Stop Hunger Now's mission and opportunities to join the club.

- Commented about the upcoming packaging events at Los Gatos High School and at Saratoga High School.
- Commented that Los Gatos High is in the process of forming a Club and is awaiting approval from the school.
- Commented that the events are humanitarian and educational.
- Commented that community service hours can be obtained through volunteering at the events.

Commission Comments

- Questioned how many volunteers are needed to package 2,000 meals.
- Questioned if people can donate food to Stop Hunger Now.
- Questioned if a club could be started at any school.
- Commented that the Youth Commission would be interested and would like to be notified when the events occur.

Ms. Noe and Ms. Agramonte

- Commented that it would take about 35 volunteers to prepare 2,000 packaged meals to ship.
- Commented that the organization contracts to grow the rice which is used in preparing the packages.
- Commented that clubs can be started at any school and that it would be up to the school organization to approve the program.
- Commented that they will notify the Commission when the next event is scheduled.

Review Commissioners Handbook

Commissioners Handbook review has been continued to the meeting of October 9, 2012.

Update on Facebook Page

There was a discussion regarding the Youth Commission Facebook page which is for posting information only. Henry Strickland and Matt Mingrone have offered to take charge of updating the page.

Discussion of Youth Commission Priorities

Chair Ben Baronovsky spoke about the Youth Commission priorities and the Youth Friendly Business Program.

- Mr. Mingrone commented that he would like to help out at one of the events.
- Mr. Farhadi Commented that he would like the Youth Commission to continue to appear in the parade
- Mr. Mingrone commented that he has gotten 19 friends to "like" the Facebook page.
- Ms. Kuta suggested that the commission get friends get more involved and suggested hosting a movie night.
- Mr. Farhadi commented on incorporating youth and community by hosting a concert through the Under 21 Club.

Discussion of Youth Commission Priorities - *Continued*

- Mr. Wrappe suggested that the Youth Commission promote themselves at community events.
- Mr. Farhadi suggested hosting a scavenger hunt at Youth Friendly Businesses.
- Commented on continuing to promote the Youth Friendly Business program and Mr. Montana will take the lead for the subcommittee.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

There were no items of information discussed at this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.