

MINUTES
REGULAR YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
110 E. MAIN ST.
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chair Ben Baranovsky called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Ben Baranovsky, Rodd Farhadi, Molley Ball, Jack Horan, Sofia Kuta, Stefan Montana, Alisha Nagendran, Claire Strickland, and Henry Strickland

Commissioners Absent: Kira Barsten, Mackenzie Jackson, Laura LaBombara, Matthew Mingrone, Zaul Moayedian and Thomas Wrappe

Alternates Present: Hyuntae Byun, Crystal Huang and Shomik Jain

Staff: Sgt. Kerry Harris, Keara Johnson, and Jackie Rose

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jack Horan made a motion, seconded by Claire Strickland, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2012 meeting. **(Passed 11-0)**

VERBAL COMMUNICATION

Chris Miller, Resident of Los Gatos

- Chris gave the definition of the Youth Commission.
- Chris researched the best practices of Youth Commission surrounding areas.
- He suggested that the Youth Commission to adopt a statement. The proposed statement is thus, "Any new or revised policy that includes changes to service delivery, programs, or staffing that impact the quality of life of youth in the Town of Los Gatos shall be referred to the youth commission for consideration."

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

Review of the Commissioner's Handbook – Continued from September 11, 2012

- Ben Baranovsky gave an overview of the handbook
- Ben Baranovsky asked that the Youth Commission review Section 2 on their own time as it a very important section

Facebook Update and Delegation

- Since Matt Mingrone was not present, Henry Strickland requested access to the Facebook Account.
- Ben Baronovsky stated that he would get Henry Strickland access.

Discussion of Youth Commission Priorities

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

- How to raise awareness among other:
 - Alisha Nagendran - set up info both at the farmers market and passes out flyers.
 - Crystal Huang -put up posters around town
 - Sofia Kuta - publicity thru HS and due more fundraisers
 - Thomas Wrappe - set up a program/event to get more interest in the Youth Commission
 - Ben Baronovsky requested volunteers everyone raised their hands
 - Jack Horan asked about a sub comity
- Youth Friendly Business:
 - Sub Committee to meet prior to next month's Youth Commission Meeting
 - Stefan Montana agreed to head the committee
 - Jack Horan, Molley Ball, Ben Baronovsky, Hyuntae Byun, Shomik Jain and Crystal Huang agreed to be on the subcommittee
- Business Publicity:
 - Jack Horan to head up the committee
 - Henry Strickland, Thomas Wrappe, Sofia Kuta, Claire Strickland, Hyuntae Byun and Alisha Nagendran to be one the subcommittee.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION

- Holiday Parade Application and Volunteers
 - Rodd Farhadi and Jack Horan would like the Youth Commission to be in the Parade
 - Rodd Farhadi made a motion, seconded by Stefan Montana, to approve the Youth Commission to be in the parade.
 - Jackie Rose offered to turn the application in for the parade by Friday
 - Hyuntae Byun is not able to attend
 - Everyone else is willing to participate
 - Ideas for the Parade
 - Look for a vehicle to carry them.
 - Suggestions were for a bus or town vehicle
 - Stefan has SUV
 - Them for the parade
 - Stefan Montana - Star Wars
 - Jack Horan and Rodd Farhadi Avatar

- League of Women Voters – Request for Assistance at Candidate Forums
 - Jackie Rose gave a brief description of the League and what they do and their forum
 - Hyuntae Byun asked what League of Women Voters is
 - Crystal Huang asked about the forum
 - Hyuntae Byun asked where the meetings would be held
 - Molley Ball and Hyuntae Byun asked about dates of the meeting
 - Ben Baranovsky answered the location question and time of meeting
 - Volunteers were requested- No one publicly volunteered

COMMISSION MATTERS

- Bike Committee
 - Jackie Rose gave a brief description about the Committee
 - There will be one meeting in November and possibly a Feb meeting
 - Claire Strickland offered to attend the meeting
- Strategic Goals
 - Ben Baranovsky went over the goals
 - Ben Baranovsky then asked the Youth Commission about adding more goals
 - Rodd Farhadi talked about adding teen suicides and teen stress to the public safety section
 - Ben Baranovsky requested Jackie to add it to the goals.
 - Claire Strickland would like more involvement at the schools, and to publicize at the schools
 - Rodd Farhadi suggested publicity at other town events and thru other events
 - Jack Horan would like the Youth Commission to get more involved with the town Council and get involved with the Youth Commission. This would be added to the good government services section.
 - Jackie Rose suggested they speak with the Chief about ways to access the Council.
 - Crystal Huang publicizing thru teachers and possibly getting extra credit to get more people involved
 - Sofia Kuta requested about bring back the 21 and under club
 - Rodd Farhadi stated the he spoke with the head of the clubs and they are closed for this semester but maybe next semester open.
 - Maybe we could expand to outside of the high school.
 - Stefan Montana asked how we would handle this.
 - Stefan Montana is interested in do the 21 club add to the agenda for next meeting
 - Crystal Huang asked about the 21 club
 - Rodd gave a brief description of the club
 - Alisha Nagendran suggested that the Youth Commission start small to advertise then let it grow bigger.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.