



City of Petaluma, California

Youth Commission Meeting

Youth Commission Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 25, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

Youth Commissioners Present: Anne Abbott*, Wendy Calomiris, Scott Cooper,
Vanessa Loken

Staff Present: Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator

* Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by **Commissioner Loken** to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2006 meeting.
Seconded by **Commissioner Cooper**, and approved by all.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member of the Boys and Girls Club board present.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Commissioner Calomiris did connect with the Argus Courier and forwarded information to Commission Hall regarding how to reach the Argus when needed regarding advertisement for the photography exhibit or other projects.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Update on Photography Exhibition

Commissioner Abbott reported that the project is moving along. They have been meeting on Thursday evenings. The exhibit has been scheduled for May 19 at the Petaluma Community Center. They have been experiencing some challenges around scheduling and continuing to keep the youth engaged. **Commissioners Loken and Calomiris** offered their assistance for the event if needed. **Commissioner Calomiris** brought up the idea of having kids receive school credit for this project. We need to be certain that a debriefing of the event is scheduled for both the youth and adults involved.

2. Update on Report to City Council

Everyone received their copy of the presentation to City Council. If you discover that there are items that you would like added or deleted from the presentation please let **Commissioner Hall** or **Donnie Frank** know of your concerns. **Commissioner Calomiris** recommended that the presentation be postponed until the June 5, City Council meeting so that the commissioners would have more time to review and discuss the presentation as a group. The commission needs to be informative with the presentation but cautious not to promise too much that is not realistic.

1 It was agreed to postpone the presentation to the June City Council meeting so that
2 the entire commission could have sufficient time to provide more input and feedback
3 on the Council Report.
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5 **3. Update on Teen Civic Awards**

6 Unable to report on this item due to the fact that **Commissioners Flores and Hall** are not
7 present.
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9 **4. Discussion about Gangs Presentation**

10 **Commissioner Calomiris** reiterated the importance of addressing gang prevention. We
11 also should be happy about having a Police Chief who is so supportive about
12 prevention. There have been some follow up questions answered regarding how
13 dropouts are tracked due to the differences of how they are defined. Parent
14 communication is a key in prevention. **Commissioner Calomiris** offered to do a thank
15 you to the guests who presented at that meeting. **Donnie Frank** offered that if
16 **Commissioner Calomiris** emailed her the document she could place it on letterhead.
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18 **NEW BUSINESS**

19 **1. Discussion of Commission Procedures – Selection of a Chair**

20 The Commission will need to evaluate the process of continuing to have a chair.
21 **Commissioner Cooper** stated that the commission would like to continue to have a
22 chair. Their needs to be a little bit more structure and timeline set up for this process.
23 They could complete this process at the next meeting.
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25 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

26 None.
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28 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

29 None.
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31 **ADJOURNMENT**

32 **Commissioner Abbot** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner**
33 **Cooper** and unanimously approved.