



City of Petaluma, California

Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
2 Tuesday, Aug 22, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

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4 **Youth Commissioners Present:** Anne Abbott, Wendy Calomiris, Lynn Carolin,
5 Scott Cooper, Carol Fullerton, Whitney Hall*,
6 Diane McNamara, Patricia Souza, Johnny
7 Turner

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9 **Staff Present:** Jim Carr, Director Parks and Recreation
10 Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator

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12 * Chair

13 14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15 There were no minutes to be approved.

16 17 PUBLIC COMMENT

18 None.

19 20 CORRESPONDENCE

21 None.

22 23 COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

24 None.

25 26 NEW BUSINESS

27 **1. Introductions**

28 Commissioners introduced themselves to one another.

29 30 **2. Overview of Services Provided by Parks and Recreation Youth Services Program**

31 **Donnie Frank** provided an overview of the programs and services that the Teen Center
32 and the Parks and Recreation Department provide for youth.

33 34 **3. Commission Organization and Procedures**

35 The commissioners discussed the structure of the commission and whether or not they
36 needed to have a retreat. They also discussed possible leadership structures for the
37 commission. The Commissioners requested this topic be placed on the next agenda.

38 39 40 NEW BUSINESS

41 **1. Review / Status of Current Projects**

42 **A. Photo Exhibit**

43 **Commissioner Abbott** stated that the display was currently in the large window at
44 Copperfields downtown and would remain there until the end of the month. It was
45 previously at Lucchessi and at Fair. There were about eight students who participated

1 along with a couple of professional photographers who worked with them. It was a
2 pleasure and a joy to watch the youth develop, become proud of their work, and
3 'shine' while talking about it.
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5 **B. Recognition Event**

6 **Commissioner Hall** described the concept of this event – to recognize youth who don't
7 typically receive recognition for their contributions. The event did not occur this past
8 year due to a number of factors. The commission will need to determine if they will try it
9 again.
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11 **C. Liaison with Teen Council**

12 **Donnie Frank** provided some background information regarding the Teen Council and
13 that there are still openings on the council. The teens will have a representative that will
14 attend Commission meetings to serve as a liaison.
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16 **D. Report to City Council / Follow Up**

17 **Commissioner Hall** reported on the commission's presentation to City Council. We will
18 forward information from that to the other commissioners. **Commissioner Souza** stated
19 that this may be a good opportunity to define the groups goals and priorities and how
20 to speak as a group. **Commissioner Calomiris** reiterated the need to clearly define the
21 goals of the group.
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23 **E. Binge Drinking Project**

24 **Jim Carr** provided the commission an update on the binge drinking project. Including
25 information regarding the parent pledge and the no-host ordinance. There was much
26 discussion among commissioners as to the importance and severity of this topic.
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28 **2. Review and approval of Goals as stated on City of Petaluma website**

29 **Commissioner Hall** provided a brief overview. The commission would like this topic on
30 the next meetings agenda to discuss further.
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32 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

33 **Jim Carr** provided the commission an update on the Skate Park and Swim Center
34 development, as well as information regarding the Little League Fields. He also provided some
35 information regarding the 'Resa' property.
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37 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

38 **Donnie Frank** reported on the Youth Expo to be held on September 23 at the Petaluma
39 Fairgrounds.
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41 **ADJOURNMENT**

42 **Commissioner Turner** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner**
43 **Abbott** and unanimously approved.