



# City of Petaluma, California

## Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes  
2 Tuesday, December 5, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

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4 Youth Commissioners Present: Anne Abbott\*, Wendy Calomiris, Lynn Carolin,  
5 Diane McNamara, Patricia Souza, Johnny  
6 Turner  
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8 Staff Present: Jim Carr, Director, Parks & Recreation  
9 Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator  
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11 \* Chair

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14 Motion by **Commissioner McNamara** to approve the October 24, 2006 minutes as submitted,  
15 seconded by **Commissioner Turner** and approved by all.  
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### PUBLIC COMMENT

18 None.  
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### CORRESPONDENCE

21 None  
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### COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

24 **Commissioner Abbott** discussed the Photo Exhibit. She shared with the commission what the  
25 exhibit was and how it worked last year. She stated that she was willing to work on it again, as  
26 was **Commissioner Hall**, but that they would like a couple of extra volunteers. The project will  
27 happen during the spring. Another professional photographer Lynn Lofgren has committed to  
28 work with the kids. **Commissioner Calomiris** said that she was willing to assist. **Commissioner**  
29 **McNamara** stated that she could help publicize the project at Casa Grande.  
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31 **Commissioner Carolin** report on the Assets Seminar that she attended. She shared handouts  
32 with the group (see attached). She also shared information regarding "Challenge Day" a  
33 project that you can bring to your school to help build awareness around diversity and similar  
34 topics. The commission would like this topic placed on a future agenda.  
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36 **Commissioner Souza** reported that she and **Commissioner Hall** attended a meeting regarding  
37 Graffiti that was held by the police department. They learned that much of it is created by 18-  
38 25 year olds, and that the only thing that works to get rid of it is covering it up immediately.  
39 They also learned of a group in town who regularly goes around painting out the graffiti.  
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### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Social Host Ordinance – letter of support

43 **Jim Carr** shared with the group the purpose of the social host ordinance. It has already had a  
44 first reading and approval by City Council. It will have a second reading by the end of the  
45 month. At this point a letter of support is not necessary.

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2 Jim also shared the other two components that the Binge Drinking Task Force is working on: the  
3 Parent Pledge, and addressing drinking through Land Planning.  
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## 6 OLD BUSINESS

### 7 8 1. **Retreat**

9 **Commissioners Abbott & Fullerton** met regarding the retreat. They determined that a possible  
10 format would be to take the 5 goals from the Youth Master Plan, break into groups of 2 (1 new  
11 commissioner, 1 returning commissioner) and take a look at what has been done, what can  
12 be done, and how to get there from here. The commissioners agreed that they need to be  
13 able to stand up in the community and say "...this is what we do". The commission needs to  
14 fine tune it down to 1-3 things that they can achieve in a year.  
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16 The retreat will be held: **January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2-7pm**, at the Petaluma Community Center. Donnie  
17 Frank will see if Ellen Lewis is available to facilitate the group.  
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### 19 2. **Verbage for Website**

20 The commission discussed the final edits to the website verbage. See attached.

21 **Commissioner McNamara** made a motion to approve the verbage as read, seconded by  
22 **Commissioner Turner**. Discussion was held regarding the fact that the chair of the commission  
23 was not present. **Commissioner McNamara** amended her motion to state that the verbage be  
24 approved after the chair read it, and if changes were made the entire commission had the  
25 opportunity to reread it; seconded by **Commissioner Turner**, and approved by all.  
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## 28 DIRECTORS REPORTS

29 **Jim Carr** reported on the East Washington park site. It is a 26 acre parcel just past the airport.  
30 The first public meeting was held in November, it was well attended. The community is asking  
31 for 3-4 synthetic fields, 2 90foot baseball diamonds, large playground, restrooms, concessions,  
32 lights, BMX park. The project is currently with the architect and will come back for another  
33 public meeting in January or February. The hope is to go to council in April for approval. We  
34 will then need to begin working on the finance part.  
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36 **Carr** also informed the commission of his plans to retire in mid February.  
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## 38 TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS

39 None  
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## 41 ADJOURNMENT

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