



City of Petaluma, California
Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
2 Tuesday, October 26, 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 Patricia Souza, Johnny Turner
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8 Staff Present: Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator
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12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

13 Motion by **Commissioner Abbott** to approve the September 26, 2006 minutes as submitted,
14 seconded by **Commissioner Cooper** and approved by all.
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16 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

17 None.
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19 **CORRESPONDENCE**

20 None
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22 **COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

23 **Commissioner Abbott** reported on the recent Tri-School Dance. It is hosted by the Youth
24 Delegates, they hold 2 jr. high dances each year. This one was attended by 3 full time police
25 officers. There were approximately 630 kids in attendance, kids who were wearing gang attire
26 was asked to remove it. **Commission Abbott** has noticed some changes in attitudes, the styles
27 of dancing, and some gang activity.
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29 **Commissioner Turner** reported on a conversation he had with Lt. Oliveras from Santa Rosa
30 Police Department. Lt. Oliveras' position is funded through a tax that Santa Rosa created to
31 help fund youth programs. He is responsible for monitoring the money that is spent.

32 **Commission Turner** also provided some information regarding the current status of gangs in
33 Petaluma as it relates to the rest of the county. He also provided background explanatory
34 information regarding gang names, colors, signs, etc.
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36 **Commissioner Souza** discussed how prevention and intervention strategies are what the
37 school district sees working at the elementary level, using programs such as DARE.
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39 **Commissioner Souza** presented a powerpoint on The Teen Center and Donnie Frank and all
40 the activities that take place at and sponsored by the Center.
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43 **NEW BUSINESS**

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Review and Approval of Goals as stated on City of Petaluma website

Commissioner Calomiris led the group through a discussion of the goals to be posted on the web site. Please see attached new proposal.

2. Role and Presence of Commission in the Community

Commissioner Hall began the discussion regarding how far they were willing to go and how committed the commissioners were, are they ready to approach civic organizations for presentations. **Commissioner Calomiris** stated that this is an item that should be brought to the table on a regular basis. **Commissioner Turner** suggested that the group establish a sub-committee. **Commissioner Calomiris** discussed the topic of giving a regular column in the Argus Courier. **Commissioner Calomiris & Commissioner Carolin** committed to working on this. **Commissioner Souza** stated that she felt the group needed to have more of a handle on what concerns are facing the kids before they go out and speak for the group.

The group decided to table this item. The group needs to develop the capacity to speak before organizations and become youth advocates in the media. The commission instructed Donnie Frank to connect with the City Clerk in regards to notification of the meetings in the newspaper.

3. Possible Retreat

The commission was in agreement that they should have a retreat. **Commissioner Abbott and Fullerton** will work to help determine the scope, day/time, and agenda.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

None

TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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