



# City of Petaluma, California

## Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes  
2 Tuesday, September 26, 2006 – 7:00 p.m.

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4 Youth Commissioners Present: Anne Abbott, Wendy Calomiris, Lynn Carolin,  
5 Scott Cooper, Whitney Hall\*, Patricia Souza

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7 Staff Present: Jim Carr, Director Parks and Recreation  
8 Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator

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10 \* Chair

### 11 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

12 Motion by **Commissioner Abbott** to approve the August 22, 2006 minutes as submitted,  
13 seconded by **Commissioner Souza** and approved by all.

### 14 PUBLIC COMMENT

15 None.

### 16 CORRESPONDENCE

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19 **Commissioner Hall** reported on a letter received from the Petaluma Youth Network, requesting  
20 for a resolution of support from the commission. Motion by **Commissioner Calomiris** to resolve  
21 that the Commission become a member of the Petaluma Youth Network, seconded by  
22 **Commissioner Carolin**, approved by all.

### 23 COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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25 **Commissioner Hall** had asked **Commissioner Turner** to report to the commission what is  
26 happening in Santa Rosa currently with gang intervention.

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29 **Commission Hall, Commissioner Abbott, and Commissioner Fullerton** met with Donnie Frank  
30 and Boys and Girls Club Director Jennifer Weiss regarding the Petaluma Youth Network.

### 31 NEW BUSINESS

#### 32 1. Revisit the notes/goals from the 2005-2006 Commission Retreat

33 **Commissioner Calomiris** reported on last years retreat. See attached report. She lead a  
34 discussion, clarifying with the current commissioners the details and results of the retreat.

35 **Commissioner Souza** stated that she saw the commission as a public policy group giving  
36 recommendations to City Council, taking information in from various community groups to  
37 provide solid recommendations. The commission could take a look at the City's Master Plan  
38 and see how it affects kids, be proactive. **Commissioner Hall** stated that the commission has  
39 not yet gone to the level of attending planning commission meetings and taking a look at  
40 how plans affect kids. **Jim Carr** reported that staff do bring projects to the commission for their  
41 input. The commissioners had a discussion about the need for the commission to take the  
42 lead and not sit back and wait for the community to come to them. **Commission Hall** spoke  
43 regarding the importance of being accurate if the commission is saying they are speaking for  
44 the community, than they really need to be accurately representing the community. **Jim Carr**  
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1 suggested the opportunity to have a working session with all board/committees related to you  
2 to check in on what each other is doing and to be aware of each others board goals.  
3 **Commissioner Calomiris** felt that as the commission continues to develop and mature, they  
4 would develop into a policy group within the city.  
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## 6 OLD BUSINESS

### 7 **1. Commission Organization and Procedures**

8 **Jim Carr** provided the commission with the history of the group, the use of a rotating chair and  
9 the pros and cons of that system, the evolution into a standing Chair, and the current  
10 evolution of the commission. He discussed that many other groups have a Chair and Vice-  
11 Chair that serve for one year and that staff record and distribute notes. **Commissioner Souza**  
12 asked for clarification as to what "year" the commission uses. **Commissioner Calomiris** stated  
13 that she believes it is okay for a chair to be in place longer than a year, as long as the  
14 commission votes them in each year.  
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16 **Commissioner Abbott** motioned to nominate **Commissioner Hall** as Chair, **Commission Souza**  
17 seconded the nomination, approved by all.  
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19 **Commissioner Souza** motioned to nominate **Commissioner Calomiris** for Vice-Chair, seconded  
20 by **Commissioner Cooper**, approved by all.  
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22 **Commissioner Hall** motioned to nominate **Commissioner Abbott** for Vice-Chair, seconded by  
23 **Commissioner Calomiris**, approved by all.  
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25 **Commissioner Calomiris** withdrew herself as a candidate for Vice-Chair.  
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### 27 **2. Review and Approval of Goals as stated on City of Petaluma website.**

28 Tabled until the next meeting.  
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## 30 DIRECTORS REPORTS

31 None  
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## 33 TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS

34 **Commissioner Hall** asked another commissioner to meet with Donnie to research all that  
35 occurs at the Teen Center, and all that she does, **Commissioner Souza** agreed to meet and  
36 report back  
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## 38 ADJOURNMENT

39 **Commissioner Calomiris** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner**  
40 **Abbott** and unanimously approved.  
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