



City of Petaluma, California
Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
2 Tuesday, August 28, 2007 – 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

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8 Staff Present: Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator

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12 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

13 There were no minutes to approve as there was not a quorum at the last meeting.

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15 PUBLIC COMMENT

16 None.

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18 CORRESPONDENCE

19 None.

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21 COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

22 None.

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24 NEW BUSINESS

25 1. Reestablishing the Teen Council

26 **Commissioner McNamara** gave an update on the reestablishment of the Teen Council.
27 She talked about possibly bringing in a City Council member to each meeting so they can
28 interact with the council. She also mentioned the idea of holding Teen Council meetings in
29 City Chambers. She passed out a new flier she created to advertise the Teen Council. She
30 also stated that the Youth Commission should take the time to reestablish the council
31 instead of rushing to make one happen this year.

32 **Ellen Lewis** from Petaluma City Schools stated about wanting to get the various groups that
33 have the common goal of empowering youth together so they can share and collaborate
34 ideas and set a curriculum of what the Teen Council should like.

35 **Commissioner Abbott** inputted that there should be a Youth Commission member to be a
36 link between the Commission and the Teen Council.

37 **Melissa Abercrombie** from the Parks and Recreation Commission said that it would be a
38 good idea to have teens be apart of planning the Teen Council so it would be more
39 intriguing to other teens.

40 **Commissioner Sousa** thought that the Council should have a voice in different groups (City
41 government, Parks and Recreation, etc.)

42 **Commissioner McNamara** suggested using the school newspapers and morning
43 announcements to let teens know what is going on and what is out there (Teen Council,
44 New Parks, etc.)

1 **2. Petaluma Youth Network**
2 **Pat Landrum** from HC² and the Petaluma Youth Network gave a brief overview to the
3 Commission of what the Petaluma Youth Network is and what it does.

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5 **OLD BUSINESS**

6 **1. Teen Center**

7 A discussion was held about the Teen Center facility by the Commission. **Commissioner**
8 **McNamara** thought that the facility was not being utilized properly.

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10 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

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13 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

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16 **ADJOURNMENT**

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