



**City of Petaluma, California**  
**Youth Commission Meeting**

1 **Youth Commission Meeting Minutes**  
2 **Tuesday, February 27, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.**

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4 **Youth Commissioners Present:** Anne Abbott, Lynn Carolin, Scott Cooper,  
5 Carol Fullerton, Whitney Hall\*, Diane  
6 McNamara, Patricia Souza, Johnny Turner,  
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8 **Staff Present:** Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator  
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10 \* *Chair*

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12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

13 Motion by **Commissioner Abbott** to approve the January 25, 2007 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 Hall** reported that Amber Griffith from the Youth Employment Office was  
24 conducting interviews in some classrooms at Casa Grande and was looking for volunteers, if  
25 anyone is interested please contact Amber at the Teen Center.  
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27 **Commissioner Hall** reported that he met with Dave Sears and Pat Landrum regarding the  
28 Petaluma Youth Network and who would be the new chairperson since the previous one has  
29 moved on to another job. Dave Sears is the Chair for the remainder of the year. **Commissioner**  
30 **Hall** offered that the Youth Commission would be willing to convene a Board of Directors  
31 meeting for the boards of the various youth agencies.  
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33 **NEW BUSINESS**

34 **1. Discussion regarding what is available for youth this summer.**

35 **Donnie Frank** reported on the summer camp offerings of Parks and Recreation. See attached  
36 booklet.

37 Matt Martin reported on the offerings of the Petaluma Boys and Girls Club. In addition to  
38 offerings at the main clubhouse they will be expanding to a couple of the low-income housing  
39 sites this summer. They will also be adding a flag football league to their youth sports programs.  
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41 **Commissioner Hall** requested for Donnie Frank to set up a tour of the clubshouses for the  
42 commission.  
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44 **OLD BUSINESS**

45 **1. Update on two Objectives**

1 a. **Reinvigorate a Teen Council that is representative of community demographics by Fall**  
2 **2007**

3 The committee reported that talking to only the Principals won't be enough, they will  
4 need to speak with teachers and counselors. The committee has requested to have the  
5 Teen Center staff resend the email including the documentation regarding the current  
6 procedures used, the committee did not receive the first email. Their goal is still to have  
7 a group in place by the Spring so they can hit the ground running in the Fall.

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9 b. **Increase tolerance and respect by Petaluma youth by exploring two programs with the**  
10 **anticipation of implementing a pilot by Fall 2007.**

11 **Commissioner Cooper** went over the attached paperwork regarding the "Olweus"  
12 program he is proposing. **Commissioner Carolin** shared a video regarding another  
13 program "Challenge Day". The commission had a discussion regarding what the next  
14 steps should be regarding connecting with the school district. The commission  
15 recommended that **Commissioners Cooper and Carolin** schedule a meeting with Dave  
16 Rose to see if the district is even interested in pursuing this topic further.

17 **Commissioner Hall** reported on steps he has taken to assess the demographic tensions  
18 of the schools. There was much discussion on the topic as to the appropriate way to do  
19 this assessment. The commission determined that the "Activities" stated in the goals at  
20 their retreat need to be clarified so that all commissioner are clear on their roles.

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22 **2. Final review of goals as state on City Web Site**

23 Tabled until next meeting

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25 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

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28 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

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31 **ADJOURNMENT**

32 **Commissioner McNamara** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by  
33 **Commissioner Souza** and unanimously approved.