



# City of Petaluma, California

## Youth Commission Meeting

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

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

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7 Staff Present: Donnie Frank, Recreation Coordinator

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9 \* Chair

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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11 Motion by **Commissioner Hall** to approve the January 25, 2007 minutes as submitted,  
12 seconded by **Commissioner Cooper** and approved by all.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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14 None.

### CORRESPONDENCE

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16 None

### COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

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### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Report on current mission/goals/projects of the Petaluma Youth Network

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21 **Donnie Frank** updated the commission on the current projects of the PYN. **Commissioner**  
22 **Hall** stated that he has spoken with the PYN Leadership Team and expressed the  
23 Commission's willingness to convene folks at a board level.

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25 The commission then discussed whether or not there should be a representative of the  
26 commission at PYN general meetings. It was determined that this would be good, and  
27 **Commissioner Abbott** volunteered.

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29 **Frank** was asked to have the commissioner's added to the email list for the PYN meetings,  
30 and to forward the agendas/notes from the last two meetings.

#### 2. Photography Project

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32 The commission does not at this time have the capacity to do the project now. They would  
33 like to potentiall partner with the Arts Council on their 'Youth Art Show' project. **Frank** will  
34 contact the arts council and find out more details about this event.

#### 3. Asset Training

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36 The commission has asked **Frank** to take a look at Santa Rosa's work. What is happening  
37 there? and is it something the commission would like to participate in?

#### 4. Preparation for New Parks and Recreation Director

1 The commissioners discussed how best to bring the new director up to speed on the  
2 commission's work. It was agreed that the best approach would be to provide him with a  
3 calendar of meetings, and after he attends his first meeting, to have an informal follow up  
4 meeting with a couple of commissioners to answer any questions.  
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#### 6 **5. Preparation for 2007 Youth Commission report to City Council**

7 The commission asked **Frank** to add them to the June 18, City Council meeting. The  
8 commission discussed what the content of the presentation should include. They agreed  
9 that data providing a snapshot of youth, concerns and commission needs. **Commissioner**  
10 **Souza** agreed to do some data gathering including some numbers from police, schools,  
11 families, and health statistics. They also would like to include some youth sports statistics (ie:  
12 numbers of players)  
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#### 14 **OLD BUSINESS**

##### 15 **1. Update on two Objectives & Clarification of Action Steps**

##### 16 **a. Reinvigorate a Teen Council that is representative of community demographics by Fall** 17 **2007**

18 This committee has not yet met and needs to schedule a meeting.  
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##### 20 **b. Increase tolerance and respect by Petaluma youth by exploring two programs with the** 21 **anticipation of implementing a pilot by Fall 2007.**

22 **Commissioner Cooper** met with Dave Rose. Dave provided an overview of the work he  
23 does for the district and shared what the needs are. Parent education is a big need. Dave  
24 was interested in the Challenge Day project and shared that he will take a look at the  
25 Olweus project and that the schools are currently using a different program. **Commissioner**  
26 **Cooper** agreed to take a look at this program.

27 **Commissioner Cooper** also plans on scheduling a meeting with the Superintendent of  
28 Waugh to determine what is happening at their schools.  
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##### 30 **2. Final review of goals as state on City Web Site**

31 The Commission agreed on the final corrections to this wording. See attached document.  
32 Motion was made by **Commissioner Souza**, seconded by **Commissioner Hall** and approved by  
33 all.  
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#### 35 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

36 None  
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#### 38 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

39 None  
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#### 41 **ADJOURNMENT**

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