



City of Petaluma, California

Youth Commission Meeting

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

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4 Youth Commissioners Present: Anne Abbott*, Lynn Carolin, Scott
5 Cooper, Carol Fullerton*, Whitney
6 Hall, Patricia Souza

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8 Recreation, Music, and Parks Commissioners Present: Melissa Abercrombie

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10 Staff Present: Donnie Frank, Kevin Amaral

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12 * Co-Chair

13 14 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

15 Motion made by **Commissioner Fullerton** to approve the minutes of the 10/24/07 meeting,
16 seconded by **Commissioner Cooper**, and approved by all.

17 18 PUBLIC COMMENT

19 None.

20 21 CORRESPONDENCE

22 None.

23 24 COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

25 None.

26 27 NEW BUSINESS

28 1. Gang Discussion

29 **Detective Jason Lechleiter** with the Petaluma Police Department gave an update on gang
30 activity in Petaluma. He stated that right now there is a lull in activity because the older
31 gang members are currently in jail and the younger ones have turned on each other and
32 separated into two groups. The older members are ready to get out of jail and the younger
33 ones are ready to follow them once they are released. The police department is preparing
34 for when this happens. Detective Lechleiter said that parent education is crucial for
35 stopping gang violence. He also stated that Petaluma needs to have a gang discussion
36 where he can present a power point to educate parents and teens on gang activity and
37 how to check if your child might be associated with a gang. Detective Lechleiter asked
38 the youth commission if they could help in putting the event together. He also commented
39 that he felt Petaluma was doing well with its activities for youth. Before Detective Lechleiter
40 left, the commissioners agreed to have him attend another meeting to present the power
41 point. It was also decided to meet with Dave Rose to see about getting these
42 presentations put into the schools as well.

43 44 2. New Agendas

1 **Commissioner Abbott** previewed the new agenda style that will help with time
2 management.

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4 **OLD BUSINESS**

5 **1. Teen Council Dialogue**

6 With the help of consultant **Serene Cooper**, the commissioners reported the information
7 they gathered from the cities they were asked to contact. The data was pooled and is
8 listed on the attached pages. The next steps are to analyze the data and figure out how to
9 move forward; look at what is already in place; key in on what we need to ask more
10 about; and decide what is right for Petaluma. It was agreed upon to start the decision
11 making process at the next meeting. It was also brought up to get City Council
12 involvement as well as youth input.

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14 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

15 None.

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17 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

18 **Donnie Frank** handed out the new, updated Youth Commission roster. She also informed the
19 commissioners about a webinar on Building Effective Youth Councils. She asked them to
20 participate in this webinar with her at the Petaluma Teen Center's computer lab.

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22 **ADJOURNMENT**

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