



City of Petaluma, California
Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
2 Tuesday, October 24, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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8 Staff Present: Donnie Frank

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12 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

13 Motion made by **Commissioner Fullerton** to approve the minutes of the 9/25/07 meeting,
14 seconded by **Commissioner Carolin**, 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 None.

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25 **NEW BUSINESS**

26 **1. Report on the Petaluma Youth Network (PYN)**

27 **Commissioner McNamara** reported that the meeting was well attended by a wide-variety of
28 folks include a few young people. She gave an overview of the format and content of the
29 meeting. She reported that a goal of PYN is to have all kids be 'Ready by 21'.

30 **Commissioner Abbott** asked what the Youth Commission's role would be in this new format of
31 PYN. **Commissioner Fullerton** stated that the role would be to keep the Youth Commission up
32 to date on PYN and visa versa.

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34 **OLD BUSINESS**

35 **1. Commissions Next Steps**

36 **Commissioner Fullerton** asked the commissioners to think about areas that they could have an
37 affect as the Youth Commission.

38 **Commission Carolin** stated that an area for her is youth having a voice in policy and politics.
39 Another area of concern is around the gang issue that seems to be on the rise. **Commissioner**
40 **Abbott** posed the question of how to do prevention about gangs? **Commissioner Fullerton**
41 shared with the group the work that Boys & Girls club is currently doing around gang
42 prevention.

43 **Commission Hall** stated that he would like to ask the Police Department to do a quarterly
44 report for the commission so that they may have a baseline of data to look at. **Commission**

1 **McNamara** stated that the commission needs to insist on the urgency of the issue, many folks
2 have the attitude that if it doesn't affect me then it must not be a problem.

3 **Commissioner Fullerton** stated that an area that may be a benefit to kids is looking at health
4 and mental health needs. There is a lack of services in Petaluma, many are located in Santa
5 Rosa.

6 **Commissioner McNamara** stated that she felt they should advise City Council but be cautious
7 not to take on something too big. She asked about Project Tuff and how it was doing.

8 **Commissioner Souza** shared information regarding a new grant received by Mentor Me that
9 would allow them to work with older students. She committed that she would speak with SAY
10 in Santa Rosa, to find out about some of their funding streams.

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12 The Commission requested for Tom Joynt and an Officer (either Dave Sears or Jason
13 Lechleiter) to come to the next commission meeting.

14 15 **2. Teen Council**

16 **Commissioner Fullerton** reiterated how important it is to have kids here as part of this
17 discussion. She recommended that each commission take some time to research another
18 Teen Council to discover about their purpose and procedures. Donnie Frank will provide the
19 commissioners with a list of councils and assign one for them to research.

20 **Commissioner McNamara** stated how important it is that during the recruitment process we
21 have a mixture of leaders and future leaders.

22 23 24 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

25 None.

26 27 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

28 None.

29 30 **ADJOURNMENT**

31 **Commissioner Hall** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner**
32 **Carolyn** and unanimously approved.