



City of Petaluma, California

Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
2 Tuesday, September 25, 2007 – 7:00 p.m.

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4 Youth Commissioners Present: Anne Abbott, Lynn Carolin, Carol Fullerton, Diane McNamara, Patricia Souza

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

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10 Staff Present: Kevin Amaral

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12 * Chair

13 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14 Minutes were unanimously approved with corrections as stated.

15 PUBLIC COMMENT

16 None.

17 CORRESPONDENCE

18 None.

19 COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS

20 None.

21 NEW BUSINESS

22 1. Election of New Chair

23 Commissioner Abbott and Commissioner Fullerton were chosen as new co-chairs for the Youth Commission. Commissioner McNamara made the nomination for the co-chairs. It was seconded by Commissioner Carolin and passed by a unanimous vote.

24 2. Commission's Next Steps

25 Commissioner Abbott started the discussion by saying she felt that the Youth Commission had gone as far as possible on the goals they had been working on. Commissioner Souza said to not just pass the Teen Council along, but continue to help with reforming it. She also shared with the other commissioners the letter the Petaluma Youth Network constructed regarding the discussion meeting about empowering youth. Commissioner Abbott suggested that the Youth Commission should wait for the Petaluma Youth Network to gather the information they need before working on the Teen Council. Melissa Abercrombie from the Parks and Recreation Commission had an idea that the Teen Council should do grant writing for things they want (i.e. a new skate park). This way they are involved in learning skills like grant writing and they would have a skate park that they made possible. A discussion was held where commissioners shared different ideas about what could be done by the Youth Commission. It was mentioned that they could either create new goals or update the current ones to change the focus a bit. Commissioner

1 **Fullerton** asked the commissioners to think about a concern that they feel needs to be
2 dealt with and bring their ideas back to the next meeting.

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4 **3. Report on "Kids in the Community"**

5 **Commissioner Fullerton** gave a brief summary of the gang seminar herself and
6 **Commissioner Hall** attended in Santa Rosa. The main message was that they needed to
7 get these kids off the streets and into some activities and programs that are targeted
8 towards youth, including have a youth facility where they could hang out.

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10 **OLD BUSINESS**

11 None.

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13 **DIRECTORS REPORTS**

14 None.

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16 **TEEN COORDINATORS REPORTS**

17 None.

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19 **ADJOURNMENT**

20 **Commissioner Fullerton** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner**
21 **Carolyn** and unanimously approved.