



City of Petaluma, California
Youth Commission Meeting

1 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
2 Tuesday, January 8, 2008 – 7:00 p.m.

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

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9 Recreation, Music, and Parks Commissioners Present: None

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11 Staff Present: Donnie Frank, Kevin Amaral

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13 * Co-Chair

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15 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

16 Motion made by Commissioner Hall to approve the minutes of the 12/18/07 meeting,
17 seconded by Commissioner Fullerton, and approved by all.

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19 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

20 None.

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22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

23 None.

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25 **COMMISSION COMMENTS AND REPORTS**

26 None.

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28 **NEW BUSINESS**

29 **1. Introduction of Youth**

30 Melissa McCallister, Jaclyn Russell, and Ethan Weiss, the commission's new youth advisors,
31 introduced themselves to the commissioners, and the commissioners introduced
32 themselves as well. The commissioners were also informed that the Leadership Committee
33 had met with the youth advisors before the meeting to inform them of how the meetings
34 are run.

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36 **OLD BUSINESS**

37 **1. Follow Up with Detective Jason Lechleiter**

38 The commission agreed that Donnie Frank will send Detective Lechleiter a thank you letter
39 for talking with the commission.

40 ***Action items: What, Who & When?**

41 **#1**

42 Send thank you letter

43 Donnie Frank

February 1, 2008

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45 **2. Teen Council Dialogue**

1 **Consultant Serene Cooper** started the dialogue asking the youth advisors their opinion on
2 the commission's proposed ideas for the new Teen Council. There was an initial concern
3 with having thirteen year old members on the council saying that he felt it might be hard
4 getting them to open up in discussions. It was also brought up that with thirteen year olds
5 there could be a lack of attention span and maturity, and to create a comfort level for
6 them. There could be associate/junior members or pair the up with older youth as mentors.
7 The youth advisors felt that there would be safety in numbers with the youth members of
8 the council. It was also brought up that partnering may loose members if there is a bad
9 relationship, so projects were favored upon when considering the council. The
10 commissioners and youth advisors then broke into small groups to discuss where and how
11 to recruit youth for the new Teen Council. See the attached Work Session Notes for more
12 information.

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14 ***Action items: What, Who & When?**

15 **#1**

- 16 • Read Mission Statements (handout)
- 17 • Create a Purpose/Vision Statement
- 18 • Give Concrete Examples
- 19 • List Goals (Legislative/Project based)

20 *Email to Kevin @ kamaral@ci.petaluma.ca.us*

21 *All January 25, 2008*

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23 **#2**

24 Meeting Notes to be typed and organized.

25 *Kevin & Serene January 25, 2008*

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27 **#3**

28 Commissioner Recommendations & Action Items to be organized

29 *Kevin & Serene January 28, 2008*

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31 **#4**

32 Leadership committee to plan February 12th meeting

33 *Anne, Carol, Donnie & Serene January 31, 2008*

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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 Souza** made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner**
43 **Cooper** and unanimously approved.