



*Parks, Recreation and  
Neighborhood Services*

## YOUTH COMMISSION

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### **Commission Meeting Minutes May 24, 2010**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on April 26, 2010 in the Council Chambers at 6:00p.m.

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioner Shankar, Chung, Ong, Aldama, Dhaliwal, Polussa & Khan  
Late: Carrera and Heng  
Absent: Stromfeld

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

April 26, 2010 minutes were approved.

#### **III. CEREMONIAL ITEMS**

None

#### **IV OPEN FORUM**

Ricky, Amelia and Jose, children from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Center spoke on how the movie industry advertises smoking to children. They requested that the Commission look into this issue and create a resolution requesting that the movie industry remove smoking scenes from their movies.

#### **V. COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

**(Information Only)**

Council assistant Tiana Seymore congratulated the commissioners that were reappointed She also congratulated Commissioners Shankar and Polussa for speaking for the Youth bill of rights. The Youth Bill of Rights  
June 4<sup>th</sup> Mayor Budget Message  
June 15<sup>th</sup> Final Public Hearing  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Passage of the final budget

#### **VI. LIAISON REPORTS**

**(Information Only)**

Officer Joe Perez was not present to report the Truancy Report.

Sandra Stuart from the San Jose Library introduced Charmaine Caward from the Cambrian Branch Library. Ms. Stuart announced the winners of the Teen Talent Program. She also informed the Commission of the need for teen volunteers for the summer reading program at all the branch libraries.

Ms. Vanessa Burbach from the Human Rights Commission welcomed the new commissioners. She also informed the commission that the Human Rights Commission did not have a meeting in the month of May but they will be resuming their meeting next month to amend their by-laws.

## **VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAM REPORTS**

Commission Chair, Kavya Shankar reported for the Executive Board. The Board met and discussed the possibilities of re-aligning duties and holding officer elections in June. This will allow the new board to be established before summer recess and possibility work together to help plan the commission retreat.

Commissioner Khan reported for the Truancy Ad Hoc working team. Commissioner Khan reported that the truancy ad hoc team has taken a back seat to the budget ad hoc team but hopes to resume after summer recess.

Commissioner Ong reported for the Budget Ad Hoc. The Budget ad hoc team met and put together their first draft of an alternative recommendations to the current city budget proposal. She suggested that each commission touch base with their respective council office and inform them of their interest in the budget recommendations.

## **VIII. COMMISSIONER REPORT**

District 1 - Commissioner Shankar reported that the District 1 YAC received 21 YAC application. On June 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> D1 Commissioner Successor will be held. They will be reviewing applications and holding YAC interviews this month. The D1 YAC has also been working on their D1 budget letter and wrapping up the year.

D2 – Commissioner Chung reported that the D2 YAC has been working on the District project proposal. She had two YAC members attend the May 18<sup>th</sup> Budget meeting and has drafted their district budget letter.

D3 – Commissioner Carrera reported that the D3 YAC members participated in the Washington United Youth Center March to City Hall in an effort to safe the teen center from budget cuts.

D4 – Commission Ong reported that the District 4 Teen Lunch Project was not as well attended as hoped for. However the few students that attended enjoyed a nice lunch with the District 4 Council member and the D4 YAC. They have also completed their draft budget letter.

D5 – Commission Heng reported that she will have her first D5 YAC informational meeting at the Alum Rock Youth Center tomorrow May 25<sup>th</sup>.

D7 – Commissioner Aldama reported that the May YAC meeting had low turn out due to end of school year activities. They completed their budget letter and are planning YAC recruitment.

D8 – Commission Dhaliwal reported that she has been working on the budget letter and hopes to have the D8 YAC informational meeting the first week in June.

D9 – Commissioner Stromfeld was not present to report.

D10 – Commissioner Polussa reported that they had over 100 community members attend the movie night. They also had YAC recruitment during the movie night and will be deciding if they will continue the movie nights during the summer.

City-wide – Commission Khan reported that she will be meeting with Vice Mayor and Council member Ash this week. She will be presenting the budget proposal and continue to do her research and ranking of the youth centers.

## X ACTION ITMES

Commissioner Chung, requested to have the Dodge Ball Project Proposal postponed to next months meeting due to venue issues.

**Moved:** It was moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> by commissioner Ong to postponed the District 2 Dodge Ball Tournament for the June meeting.

**M/S:** Commissioner Ong/Commissioner Polussa

**Ayes:** All

## XI INFORMATIONAL ITEM

**(Information Item)**

Gabrielle Antolovich and Bobby Lorilla from Voices United presented the issues of underage drinking and introduced the ‘Social Host Ordinance’ to the commission. They urged the commission to take a leading action to bring this issue to their YAC’s, Commissioner will be discussing this issue at their next monthly meeting.

## XI. STAFF REPORTS

Staff reported that the Youth Bill of Rights will be sent to the commission office once it has Been given a resolution number She went on to remind the commission of the budget hearing dates.

## XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm by Commission Chair Shankar.