



## YOUTH COMMISSION

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### **Commission Meeting Minutes January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

The Youth Commission of the City of San José convened in regular session on December 14th, 2009 in the City Council Chambers of San José City Hall at 6:00p.m.

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

Present: Commissioner Shankar, Chu, Carrera, Ong, Aldama, Stromfeld Polussa & Khan  
Absent:

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

November meeting minutes were approved with Annie's last name being corrected.

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

None

#### IV **ORAL COMMUNICATION**

Inaudible - ? shared with the commission about the job shadow day that will take place at City Hall. He explained what the students would be doing as they shadowed the police department.

#### V. **COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT** **(Information Only)**

Council assistant Tiana Seymore congratulated the group on their work at the summit and at the budget meeting. She also shared that February 18<sup>th</sup> was the state of the city address and encouraged commissioners to come. She also encouraged commissioner to spread the word about the census and to take the survey. She also informed them of the Winter Walk off that the Camden community center and that Vice Mayor Chrigo will be purchasing some seats for commissioner at the Project Cornerstone breakfast.

#### VI. **LIAISON REPORTS** **(Information Only)**

Sergeant Quezada informed the commission the total number of students truant for the month of December; **The total number of truants for the month was inaudible.** 121 were repeat offenders, 6 were arrested and 2 were reported as runaways. 12 council referrals were made and 39 home interventions. 15, 16, and 17 years olds comprise the biggest age group of truants. Commissioner Khan asked Sergeant Quezada about the procedure for the TABS showdown day to be held on January 26<sup>th</sup>. Commission Polussa asked about the procedure for picking up truants over the age of 18.

Sandra Stewart from the San Jose Public Library reported that Angie would not longer be coming to meetings because she is now working at the Santa Teresa library, in the interim, Sandra will be our representative. Sandra informed the commission about the Battle of the Band event and the timeline and process for bands to apply. She also mentioned that the library will have a graphic novel contest for teens.

## VII. AD HOC WORKING TEAMS REPORTS

(Information Only)

Commissioner Shankar reported on behalf of the executive board, she reported that the commission will be doing mid year reviews of the commissioner. The purpose of the review is to have the commissioner do some self reflection to highlight strengths and to identify areas of improvement.

Commissioner Chung reported on the PSA Training. She mentioned that they worked on their storyboard, the summit passed and Amanda's PSA storyboard was selected for production. She also mentioned that all commissioners received a free year membership with Cre8TV. Commissioner Shankar asked about the possibility of other storyboards being brought into production.

Commissioner Shankar reported on the budget session. She reported that three commissioner attended the meeting; they were split into small groups and address five key areas that money is allocated to. Commissioner were surprised to see youth programs being ranked as a low priority, they also were surprised to see that interventions services were ranked high while prevention services were ranked low.

Commissioner Carrera reported on the neighborhood summit, he reported that people were interested in the storyboard. He also reported that the trainings were very helpful and educational regarding the topic of gang intervention.

Commissioner Kahn reported about the truancy ad hoc team. She reviewed the details of the shadow day and informed the commission of next steps the team will be taking including a youth survey to be distributed to all schools.

## VIII COMMISSIONER REPORTS

District 1 Commissioner Shankar reported that her website is up and has full content. She also reported that her YAC is working on the second edition of their newsletter. She also handed out a proposal for the Senior Game Night event that her YAC is co-planning with the Senior neighborhood group.

**Moved:** To approve D1 YAC Project proposal for the Senior Game Night.

**M/S** Commissioner Ong / Commissioner Carrera **Ayes:** All

District 2 Commissioner Chung reported that her YAC participated in the Library winter fair where they took pictures and facilitated craft activities. She also reported that her YAC created 4 storyboards for the neighborhood summit.

District 3 Commissioner Carrera reported that he was able to go to the different community centers and talk to the staff about created smaller leadership groups. He also reported that one

of his YAC members came to the training and that he attended the neighborhood summit. His YAC is looking forward to create a second neighborhood litter pick up. He also reported that he is working with Teens Reach at the library to apply for a grant for youth programs in the community.

District 4 Commissioner Ong reported that her YAC worked on the PSA storyboard for the neighborhood summit. She also shared that her YAC is interested in created a dinner for middle school and high school students in the neighborhood n order to match role models to incoming freshman.

District 5 Vacant

District 6 Vacant

District 7 Commissioner Aldama reported that her YAC meeting had 15 people, 2 of which were new. She also repore3td that she updated her work plan and is working with the council office to create a neighborhood clean up. She also mentioned that she was able to connect with the Yerba Buena Vice Principal about recruiting YB students for the YAC.

District 8 Vacant

District 9 Commissioner Stromfeld reported that his YAC is working on a project in which they would have a fundraising dinner and would donate the money to the local children's shelter. He mentioned that Armadillo Willys was interested but he needed a date.

District 10 Commissioner Polussa reported that his YAC had a movie night in which 100 people came including the Councilmember. He also reported that his YAC did a majority of the planning and it was very successful.

City Wide Commissioner Khan reported on the commission's progress on the Bill of Rights and Truancy AD HOC working team. She also reported that she had an idea to give a youth an award during the City Wide Conference.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

### a.) Kids in Common Participation

Commissioner Shankar gave the details of the conference and that she would be speaking on panel at the conference. She encouraged commissioner to come.

### b.) City Wide Conference Proposal

Commissioner Ong reviewed the five main goals of the City Wide Conference and then had the commission review the proposal in its entirety.

**Moved:** To approve the City Wide Conference proposal.

**M/S** Commissioner Polussa / Commissioner Aldama      **Ayes:** All

### c.) City Wide Youth Conference letter of support

Commissioner Aldama shared a letter that she wrote to the council office asking them for their support in providing transportation for students to and from the City Wide Conference. Staff shared that this letter needed to be approved by PRNS staff before it is sent to the council offices.

**Moved:** To approve the City Wide Conference letter of support pending approval from the PRNS department.

**M/S** Commissioner Polussa / Commissioner Carrera **Ayes:** All

d.) City Wide Youth Conference save the date flyer and letter

Commissioner Shankar shared a letter that was drafted to school principals that outlined the details of the conference. Additionally she shared a draft of a save-the-date flyer that would accompany the letter.

**Moved:** To approve the City Wide Youth Conference save the date flyer and letter.

**M/S** Commissioner Ong / Commissioner Aldama **Ayes:** All

**X INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

**XI STAFF REPORTS**

**(Information Item)**

a.) YAC Attack reminder

Staff wanted to remind the commissioners of the date and registration process for the YAC attack event. She also reminded the commission of the process for submitting workshop proposals to be reviewed and approved by YTRS Staff. Staff also talked to the commission about transportation options to the event.

b.) District 5 recruitment update

Staff reminded the commission of the vacancy and shared the outreach that has been done in District 5. The deadline and application process was also shared.

c.) Commission upcoming vacancies

Staff reported of the upcoming vacancies in District 6 and 8. Staff encouraged commissions to get the word out about the vacancies and also shared the deadline and application process for both districts.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm by Commission Chair Shankar.