

Sacramento County Youth Commission
 Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes
 Monday, October 3, 2005

Chair: Thiersten Rose
 Vice Chair: Beth Griffiths
 Secretary: Amanda Koire

Attendance:

District 1	Katie Batten	X
	Juan Carlos Lara	Absent
	Thiersten Rose	X
District 2	Beth Griffiths	X
	Grant Taylor	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	
District 3	Amanda Koire	X
	Rachel Sussman	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	
District 4	Christine Braziel	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	
	<i>Vacant</i>	
District 5	Harkirat Hansra	X
	Tiffany Jones	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	

Advisor: Joe Barba

Guests: Linda Kimura, Supervisor Illa Collin's Office
 Cortez Quinn, Supervisor Roger Dickinson's Office
 Jane Smith, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office
 Howard Schmidt, Supervisor Susan Peters' Office
 Lin Batten, First Five Commission
 Jason Tescher, Consultant for the Sacramento County Children's
 Coalition

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:21 p.m.
2. On a motion by Harkirat and seconded by Katie, the September 12th minutes were approved.

3. On a motion by Amanda and seconded by Harkirat, a presentation from Lin Batten, Executive Director of the First Five Commission, was added to the agenda.
4. Elections for officers were held with the following results: Thiersten Rose will be the new Chair, Beth Griffiths will be the new Vice-Chair, and Amanda Koire will be the new Secretary/Recorder.
5. Jason Tescher, a consultant working for the Sacramento County Children's Coalition gave a brief presentation on the purpose of the Children's Report Card and asked the Youth Commission for input for the 2006 Children's Report Card.

The Children's Coalition, established in 1994, is an advisory body to the County Board of Supervisors. The Coalition assesses community needs, evaluates existing services and makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in order to promote the health and well being of children and families in Sacramento County. In 1999, the Coalition began a community process to explore, identify and evaluate the types of information that would be good indicators to help the community understand what is happening with young children and families in the county. The Coalition collected data on certain indicators like family economics, education, health, safety, and social and emotional well-being. The information was then compiled and the findings were presented in the Children's Report Card. The Coalition has published three report cards, one in 2000, the second in 2002 and the third in 2004. The next report card will be published in 2006.

For the 2006 Report Card, the Youth Commission was asked to brainstorm and identify indicators of a healthy neighborhood. Each commissioner was then given 10 stickers and was instructed to place the stickers on the indicator(s) he/she thought were most significant. Various indicators were viewed as important; however, graduation rates and driving under the influence were viewed as the most significant indicators by the commissioners. Jason said the information obtained from the Youth Commission would be incorporated into the Report Card, and that the results of the information gathering would be sent to the Commission.

6. At a previous meeting, the Youth Commission requested information on how the County functions as an organization to help them better understand how the county operates. Cortez Quinn, Linda Kimura, Howard Schmidt and Jane Smith, chiefs of staff for their respective Board members, spoke with the Commission on their role in acting as a resource for the community and answered questions from the commissioners.

7. Lin Batten, Executive Director of the First Five Commission, informed the Youth commission that Sacramento County was a winner of a first-ever national competition identifying the *100 Best Communities for Young People*. Sacramento County received this award, in part, because of the many forward-looking groups and programs in place committed to providing healthy, safe and caring environments for young people. The judges mentioned the County and City Youth Commissions as one of the main reasons for honoring Sacramento County. As a winner of this award, the County received the *100 Best Communities* seal that can be used on materials such as letterhead, brochures, signage website and banners. The seal can be used for a period of one year.
8. Commissioners from District 5 will monitor the Board of Supervisors agenda for the upcoming month. Christine will bring a copy of the long-range agenda's.
9. Due to lack of time, all other agenda items were continued until the next meeting in November.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.