

Sacramento County Youth Commission

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Minutes
Monday, August 20, 2007

Chair: Harkirat Hansra
Vice Chair: Rachel Sussman
Secretary: Cynthia Tsay

Attendance:

District 1	Katie Batten	X
	Kristina Wong	Absent
	Stephanie Taylor	X
District 2	Cynthia Tsay	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
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District 3	Rachel Sussman	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 4	Naomi Endsley	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harkirat Hansra	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
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Advisor: Michele Watts

Guests: Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office
Surinder Singh, Sacramento County Planning Department

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.
2. **Announcements and Comments:**
 - The Sacramento County Youth Commission introduced themselves to our newest member, Stephanie Taylor, a junior at McClatchy High School who will be filling the vacancy in District 2.
 - Michele handed out invitations to the female commissioners to attend an event held by the California Elected Women's Association (CEWAER) to honor appointed females in government positions.

3. Approve Minutes of June 18, 2007 Meeting

- Rachel motioned to approve the June 18, 2007 minutes and Naomi seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

4. Monitoring of Board of Supervisors Agendas

- No report for June/ July by the District 3 Commissioners. District 3 Commissioner will review archived agendas and report back in September.
- July/ August report by District 4 Commissioners
 - Process of interviewing potential commissioners to fill vacancies.
 - Nominating and congratulating teachers
- Michele signed up to receive long range agendas from the Board of Supervisors so that we can look at what will be coming up.
- August/ September agenda monitoring is assigned to District 5 Commissioners

5. Sacramento County Human Services Element Presentation

- Surinder Singh made a presentation on behalf of the Sacramento County Human Services Element. As a city planner, he is in charge of the general plan update for the county which includes making blueprints to guide the building of future communities. Supervisor Roger Dickinson suggested that he come to the Sacramento County Youth Commission to receive input from the youth in the planning of the new areas and how Commissioners might be involved with the Human Service Element.
- The model blueprint shown to the Commission was the proposed plan for the development of a community near the Jackson vicinity, around Mather Field. The detailed plan allocated the location and space available for homes, parks, schools, and commercial areas.
- A variety of topics were suggested by the Commission such as:
 - Malls or other places to socialize with friends
 - Schools with specialized programs
 - Art to enhance the public areas
 - Libraries
 - Parks and recreational centers
 - Transportation and bike paths
 - Incentives for potential homeowners to move into the community
- Mr. Singh was receptive of the ideas, but replied that most of the specifics were out of his control. He did not have the power to reserve the space for specific stores (ie Starbucks) but only to save space for a commercial building. Some of our suggestions, such as libraries and park and recreational centers, had already been considered and had space designed for them on the blueprint.

6. Project Update

- **Safety Fair:** There had been no new information from Mr. Dietrich.
- **Crocker Art Museum Fundraiser:** Rachel introduced a new project that would help raise money for the Crocker Art Museum's renovation project. She

suggested that students create a piece of art and get a sponsor, for \$100, and their artwork would be exhibited in the museum. She also suggested the possibility of auctioning off the pieces at a “meet the artists” benefit. She will meet with Caren, our contact, and write a proposal for the fundraiser. Michele suggested having scholarships for people who have financial difficulty in obtaining a sponsor.

7. Youth Issues Survey Development & Planning

- Michele suggested that we start the survey over again because the graduating seniors still have the old survey. Katie and Cynthia volunteered to work with Michele on the survey subcommittee.

8. Youth Commission Report to the Board of Supervisors

- Need to send Michele our school schedules so that she can reserve a date for our presentation to the Board of Supervisors. We need to get this to her as soon as possible, because the dates fill up quickly. Michele is contemplating doing it during the November or December break.

9. Other Business

- Katie informed us of a meeting about Youth Gang Violence. The meeting will be held this Thursday, at 6:00 p.m. at the Hagginwood Community Center.

10. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56.