

Sacramento County Youth Commission
Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes
Monday, March 10, 2008

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
	Raylia Washington	Absent
	Kiki Vo	X
District 3	Rachel Sussman	X
	Megan Alcalay	X
	Elizabeth Eggert	X
District 4	Naomi Endsley	Absent
	Rachel Anderson	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harkirat Hansra	X
	Brianna Moland	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>

Advisor: Michele Watts

Guests: Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office (Youth Commission Liason)

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

2. Announcements and Comments:

- Introductions were made by the Youth Commissioners.
- Graduating seniors and other members of the commission were encouraged to begin recruiting new members. Discussed the possibility of making posters and fliers to advertise the Youth Commission.

3. Approve Minutes of February 11, 2008 Meeting

- Elizabeth motioned to approve the February 11, 2008 minutes and Rachel A. seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

4. Monitoring of Board of Supervisors Agendas

- February/March report given by the District 1 Commissioners. No agenda items were youth related issues.
- January/February report given by the District 5 Commissioners:
 - Sacramento Waldorf School opened its new Math and Science wing
 - Child Protective Systems
 - Mural at the Youth Detention Facility
 - Youthful Offender Block Grant Funding
- March/April agenda monitoring is assigned to District 2 Commissioners

5. Crocker Art Museum Project Update

- Discussed scaling down the project to a smaller event where youth could visit the museum and raise awareness about the renovation. The main goal would be to draw youth to an appreciation of local culture and art.
- Would be reminiscent of the Night at the Museum with an information session. This would include a presentation covering the permanent exhibits, famous artists, the history of the museum, and volunteer opportunities for youth.
- Admission would be free to for students who present their school ID cards. The venue for the information session would be the ballroom where we can show a PowerPoint and have a speaker from the Crocker staff.
- Student artwork could be showcased for the night. Also talked about potentially having an interactive scavenger hunt through the museum. Would be a questionnaire with an incentive offered to those who completed it. However, this could be a safety hazard and it would be a large time commitment to create the scavenger hunt.
- The commissioners could serves as docents or tour guides. The event would also include a reception with food and drinks.
- Target age group would be middle and high school students.
- Event would probably take place at the end of the school year, around the beginning of summer.
- Main time commitment would involve publicizing the event.
- Biggest problem is that we still do not know whether or not the Crocker will support this event.

6. Youth Issues Survey: Next Steps

- The survey will either be posted online on Survey Monkey or paper copies will be available for pickup or mailing in Michele's office.
- Created list of places to advertise the survey. Wanted an outreach strategy that would reach out to the greatest number and variety of youth. Suggestions were made to place fliers at locations with Wi-Fi or internet access such as Starbucks, Panera, and libraries. Also discussed placing a link through Facebook or Myspace to publicize the survey.

- Possibly offer incentives or a raffle to encourage more participation, but this is a challenge because we also want the survey responses to be anonymous.
- Current plan is to post the survey online on April 1 and keep it up for one month.

7. Trade Schools Brochure Project Update

- Rachel A. researched list of trade schools in California and came up with around forty schools in the state alone. Originally, the brochure was going to be organized by specialties, but most of the schools have many branches and are not specialized. Discussed the possibility of listing schools by specialties, then grouping the rest together.
- Looking for a ranking system in order to decide which schools to include. Decided to have a stronger emphasis on schools in the Sacramento region and focus on California rather than the entire country.
- Information to include in brochure: school name, web address, definition of trade schools, chart highlighting differences between traditional colleges and trade schools, benefits, etc. In order to consolidate brochure, focus on Sacramento schools, but include the web address for the site that has a master list of all trade schools.
- Find alumni from trade schools to get a first hand account of their experience and thoughts on trade schools.

8. Participation in the Passport to Summer Youth Fair

- Will take place on Sunday, April 27 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The commission has a booth at the event and will be promoting the commission. The booth will have brochures, applications, and could advertise the Crocker event. Can also discuss opportunities for the summer.
- Brianna, Elizabeth, Stephanie, Rachel A, and Cynthia volunteered to attend. Michele will send an email out confirming the event and assigning shifts. If any other commissioners would like to attend, they can email Michele and let her know.

9. Other Business

- The application for the South Sacramento Youth Leadership Council Art Grant is now available.

10. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- There were no comments on non-agenda items.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.