



## YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES

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Regular Meeting of March 6, 2006  
Hillview Community Center – Room A  
97 Hillview Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022

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### ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Chair Bien, Vice-Chair Angelo, Commissioners Beck, Colehower, DeMartini, Demmer, Johnson, Lew, Saliba and Vaswani.

Absent: Commissioner Sines (unexcused)

Also Present: Staff Liaison Donna Legge and Teen Program Coordinator Chris Karney

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COLEHOWER MOVED to approve the meeting minutes of February 6, 2006 as presented. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEMMER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

### BUSINESS

#### 1. Teen Friendly Business Program

Staff introduced Julie Rose Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. Mike Becker of the City of San Carlos and Molly Given of the City Mountain View each gave presentations on their Teen Friendly Business Programs. The Youth Commission asked questions and discussed the possibility of implementing the same program in Los Altos. The commission agreed to schedule a special meeting on Monday, March 20 at 7 p.m. to further discuss the next steps. It was recommended that staff and/or commission meet with the Chamber and LAVA prior to the next meeting.

#### 2. Teen Program Report

Staff announced the attendance has fluctuated with the weather – less attendance when it rains. The next event is on Saturday – Open Mic Night at the Underground. Commissioners are encouraged to promote the event and attend. There is a pattern of decreasing attendance at the “8<sup>th</sup> grade” LAYC Dances. Staff has opened up the dances to both grades given that the designated grade has priority in purchasing tickets with the other grade purchasing tickets following. The next LAYC Dance is scheduled for April 7 and is designated as a 7<sup>th</sup> grade dance.

### **3. Mountain View H.S. Ambassador Program**

Commissioner Johnson reported on the program conducted at the Mountain View High School. It was recommended that the commission not consider doing a Q and A workshop for incoming freshman at this time.

### **4. Teens at Work Fair**

The work Fair will be held at the Los Altos High School Cafeteria on Wednesday, March 22 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The following Commissioners will help with set-up at 2:00 p.m.: Vaswani, DeMartini, Demmer, Colehower, Bien, Johnson and Saliba. Clean up at 4:00 p.m.: Sines and Angelo.

### **5. YAK Attack Conference**

The following Commissioners are interested in attending the YAK Attack Conference on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Demmer, Lew, DeMartini, Colehower and Vaswani.

### **6. Casino Night**

Staff reminded the Commission that the event would be held on Friday, May 12 at the Youth Center. Each Commissioner will be responsible for obtaining 2 raffle prizes for the event. A donation letter will be made available for getting the donations.

### **7. Skate Park Survey**

The Commission reviewed the draft skate park “school” survey that will be distributed at the elementary (4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade), middle and high schools. Suggestions were made and the survey was approved for distribution.

### **8. Underground Furnishings Sub-committee**

Staff Karney and Commissioners Saliba, Lew and Johnson conducted a tour of the San Carlos and Cupertino Teen Centers. Commissioner Angelo will set up another tour.

### **9. Mandatory Meetings**

Staff reminded the Commissioners to attend a mandatory orientation on March 7 at 7 p.m. Seniors are excused from attending. Staff announced that a mandatory Ethics Training is being offered on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the Santa Clara Valley Water District in San Jose. Other trainings will be offered in the future and will be required by December. Commissioners Colehower, Lew, Beck, DeMartini and Johnson agreed to attend.

## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

1. Youth Commission Recruitment – Staff announced that the City Clerk has received 4 applications so far. The deadline to apply is March 31. The commission was encouraged to recruit more applicants.

2. San Mateo County Youth Development Week – staff distributed information on Youth Development Week being held from April 3 to 8, 2006 in San Mateo.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Underground Furnishings
2. Mountain View Ambassador Training
3. Casino Night Planning
4. Skate Park Project Update
5. YAC Attack Conference Update

### **ADJOURNMENT**

BIEN MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY JOHNSON AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Minutes prepared by Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor - Liaison to the Youth Commission