Minutes:

Regular Meeting of the Youth Advisory Commission

Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2008

Time of Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Place of Meeting: 1325 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas Teen Center

A. ROLL CALL

Chair Sandhu called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Commissioners/Alternates Present
Sareen Sandhu, Ryan Ng, Brian Leon, Dilpreet Khalsa, Jennifer Shen, Patricia Do, Audrey Frey, Samuel Lai and Celine Cacho

Commissioners Absent
Richard Albana, Lovin Cortez, Anthony Vu and Katherine Pita

City Council Present:
Debbie Giordano, City Councilmember

City Staff Present:
Samu Tiumalu, Program Coordinator

B. SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Chair Sandhu sat Audrey Frey in place of Richard Albana, Samuel Lai in place of Lovin Cortez and Celine Cacho in place of Anthony Vu.

C. FLAG SALUTE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the minutes from Thursday, November 20, 2008 meeting.

M/S: Frey/Leon   Ayes: All

E. PUBLIC FORUM

F. ANNOUNCEMENTS

G. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION to adopt the agenda for the Thursday, December 11, 2008 meeting.

M/S: Ng/Frey   Ayes: All
H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Milpitas’ Got Talent
   The commission discussed and finalized event specifics. The commission decided to charge $5 for admission with all proceeds going to the Milpitas Teen Center. The commission also discussed eliminating snacks to reduce expenditures but will still look for a sponsorship from Peet’s Coffee. The commission wanted the marketing material to be consistent with last year and just update last year’s flyer for the event. The commission also discussed prizes and determined there would be a $100 prize for 1st place, $50 for 2nd place and $25 for 3rd place. They also determined that each act would receive a certificate for participating in the talent show.

   MOTION to charge $5 admission with all proceeds going to the Milpitas Teen Center, eliminating snacks at the event, update last year’s marketing material for this years show and prizes for winners.

   M/S: Leon/Frey     Ayes: All

2. Adopt-A-Spot
   Program Tiumalu provided a list of possible locations for the YAC to adopt. The commission decided on Cardoza Park as their spot to adopt. This decision was based on the central location of the park and the high use of the park. Program Coordinator Tiumalu will be bringing in a work plan for the Adopt-A-Spot program to the January 09 meeting.

   MOTION to adopt Cardoza Park for the Adopt-A-Spot program.

   M/S: Frey/Cacho     Ayes: All

3. Tutoring Program
   Anh Nguyen from the Library’s “Read to Succeed” program provided a brief overview of the program at the library. Last year the “Read to Succeed” program assisted over 50 kids with 20 tutors during the summer months starting in March. After the presentation, the commission decided to reagendize the item for the February meeting to further discuss the partnership.

   MOTION to reagendize to the February 09 meeting.

   M/S: Ng/Lai         Ayes: All

4. Teen Survey
   The commission discussed different ways to distribute the survey (face to face, written and Survey Monkey) and decided on doing all three ways. After much discussion, the commission decided to have a subcommittee work on the surveys. Commissioner’s Ng, Leon, Khalsa and Cacho will work on the format and bring it back for the commissions review in January.

   MOTION to create a subcommittee to create the surveys to bring back to the January 09 meeting.

   M/S: Lai/Leon       Ayes: All
I. NEW BUSINESS

None

J. OTHER BUSINESS

1. City Council Liaison Report
   Council Member Giordano reported that the new City Council was sworn in at the December 9 meeting with Pete “Primo” McHugh being selected as the new Vice Mayor.

2. Staff Report
   Program Coordinator Tiumalu announced that the Teen Center would have adjusted hours starting January 5 (Monday-Friday from 2:00-7:00pm). He also reported the Teen Center would be hosting the “Reason 2 Rock” break dancing event on Saturday, January 31 from 7:00-10:00pm at the Milpitas Sports Center.

3. Future Agenda Items
   - Milpitas’ Got Talent show
   - Adopt-A-Spot
   - Teen Survey

K. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Sandhu adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm to Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Milpitas Sports Center.

Respectfully Submitted,
Samu Tiumalu
Youth & Teen Coordinator