

MINUTES
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
YOUTH COMMISSION

Monday, March 1, 2010

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Youth Commission was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Youth Commission Vice Chair Caldejon.

ROLL CALL Commissioners present were: Commissioner Allan, Commissioner Bachman, Commissioner Blevins, Commissioner Caldejon, Commissioner Chavez, Commissioner Citrine, Commissioner K. Denison, Commissioner V. Denison, Commissioner Falossi, Commissioner R. Geeson, Commissioner Goddard, Commissioner Hyso, Commissioner P. Long, Commissioner Marquez, Commissioner Queen, Commissioner Reiser, Commissioner Simpson, Commissioner Woolling

Absent: Commissioners Alpin, D. Bevan, N. Bevan, Cain, Cannon, Conrad, Corrick, Foy, K. Geeson, , Handran, Jackson, K. Long, Pandian, A. Richardson, N. Richardson, Robinson, and Webb

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Commissioner Hyso

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Commissioner Hyso moved to approve the Agenda of March 1, 2010 Youth Commission agenda.**

Move: Hyso 2nd: R. Geeson Vote: 18-0-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Motion: **Commissioner Citrine moved to approve the February 1, 2010 Youth Commission minutes**

Move: Reiser 2nd: Woolling Vote: 18-0-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

STAFF REPORTS

Presentation by Diana DeMartino; Ready, Aim, Fire Coalition:

Joan Gahagan, Prevention Program Coordinator, and Diana DeMartino, Prevention Specialist, made a presentation on the Ready, Aim, Fire Coalition and the social host ordinance

Their target issues include: Youth Access to Alcohol, Smoke Shops, Problems & Local Parks, Drug Paraphernalia, Prescription Drug Use, House Parties, Underage Drinking & House Parties

Ontario is the only city in San Bernardino County which has passed the social host ordinance to date

The ordinance holds adults accountable when hosting parties where underage children are drinking

The Ready, Aim, Fire Coalition is working to build community support to the ordinance and get it on

the YV Town Council agenda for a vote Big Bear, Barstow, and Victorville are currently working on

the ordinance Sheriff and Fire Departments are supportive

The Ready, Aim, Fire Coalition meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at the agency building on Santa Fe behind Hi-Desert Water District

At the conclusion of the presentation commissioners discussed the drug problem in Yucca Valley, noting that the YV Community Center was particularly bad and families would not want to come

here. They discussed preparing a recommendation to Town Council to address the drug problem at the Community Center including increased patrols and security cameras. Commissioners advised of a drug problem at Machris Park as well. They discussed a two-pronged approach, also sending a recommendation to the Associated Student Body at the schools to address the problem on campus. Commissions commented that teachers often don't do anything and ignore the problem and should receive training on how to deal with students high on drugs. Commissioner Citrine also commented that students should report it when they see kids who are high or drunk.

Don, from Riverdawn Sanctuary, discussed the problem he sees with teens at his facility ruining their lives with drugs, some dead or in a vegetative state. Commissioner Caldejon suggested that Don come to YVHS as a speaker during the Every 15 Minutes Program. Other commissioners stated that since that program was only for Juniors and Seniors Don should speak to a wider audience.

2. Youth Commission Recommendation to Town Council

Discussion only:

Not sure what to put here...

3. Youth Commission Teen Connection Videos

Discussion only:

The commissioners who are working on the second video are on track with their questions and will coordinate filming dates and times with staff and ProVideo. Commissioner Priscilla Long stated that Commissioner Kayla Long had resigned from Youth Commission. Since Kayla had been assigned to work on the Hi-Desert Nature Museum and Earth Day topics that was reassigned to Commissioner Bachman to work with Commissioner Caldejon.

4. Youth Commission Reports on Local Governmental Board Meetings

Discussion only:

No reports at this time

Staff Information Items

Teen Summit 2010 information was distributed to commissioners.

Commissioners who volunteered at Family Fun Day, Healthy Hearts 5K Run and the Kid's Dance were thanked for their participation.

Supervisor Lynne Richardson asked for volunteers to help at the Earth Day Conservation Fair, April 17th. The following commissioners volunteered.....

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Commissioner Allen:** no comment
2. **Commissioner Alpin:** absent
3. **Commissioner Bachman:** no comment
4. **Commissioner D. Bevan:** absent
5. **Commissioner N. Bevan:** absent
6. **Commissioner Blevins:** Live above the influence & stand up!
7. **Commissioner Cain:** absent
8. **Commissioner Caldejon:** I agree with Commissioner Blevins
9. **Commissioner Cannon:** absent
10. **Commissioner Chavez:** no comment
11. **Commissioner Citrine:** Just say "NO"

12. **Commissioner Conrad:** absent
13. **Commissioner Corrick:** absent
14. **Commissioner K. Denison:** no comment
15. **Commissioner V. Denison:** no comment
16. **Commissioner Falossi:** no comment
17. **Commissioner Foy:** absent
18. **Commissioner K. Geeson:** absent
19. **Commissioner R. Geeson:** absent
20. **Commissioner Goddard:** no comment
21. **Commissioner Handran:** absent
22. **Commissioner Hyso:** Drug free is the way to be
23. **Commissioner Jackson:** absent
24. **Commissioner K. Long:** absent (dropped)
25. **Commissioner P. Long:** Great meeting
26. **Commissioner Marquez:** no comment
27. **Commissioner Pandian:** absent
28. **Commissioner Queen:** no comment
29. **Commissioner Reiser:** no comment
30. **Commissioner A. Richardson:** absent
31. **Commissioner N. Richardson:** absent
32. **Commissioner Robinson:** absent
33. **Commissioner Simpson:** no comment
34. **Commissioner Webb:** absent
35. **Commissioner Woolling:** Thank you & I hope Don will speak to the students @ Yucca Valley High School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date, time and place of next Youth Commission meeting:

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission is Monday, March 1, 2010 at 6:30pm. at the Hi-Desert Nature Museum.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Candy Drake
Youth Commission Staff Liaison/Secretary