

# Sacramento County Youth Commission

Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes  
Monday, November 13, 2006

Chair: Amanda Koire  
Vice Chair: Christine  
Secretary: Harkirat Hansra

**Attendance:**

District 1	Katie Batten	Absent
	Kristina Wong	X
	Vacant	<i>Vacant</i>
District 2	Elissa Ouchida	X
	Clark Taylor	X
	Cynthia Tsay	X
District 3	Amanda Koire	X
	Rachel Sussman	X
	Dale Till	Absent
District 4	Christine Braziel	X
	Naomi Endsley	X
	Leah Bloom	X
District 5	Harkirat Hansra	X
	Stacey Howell	X
	Tiffany Jones	X

**Advisor:** Michele Watts

**Guests:** Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office

**Agenda:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.
2. The Sacramento County Youth Commission has a new member. Cynthia Tsay, a sophomore at Mira Loma High School, will be filling the vacancy in District 2.
3. Christine motioned to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2006 meeting, and Harkirat seconded. The minutes were approved as written.
4. Michele advised that we only needed to review the minutes for the October 2, 2006 meeting as it was not an official meeting because we did not have a quorum. The notes were reviewed.

5. As we were not able to hold the election at the last meeting, the election was held in this meeting.
  - **Chair**
    - ❖ Christine volunteered to be the chair for the chair election, as she is not seeking this office
    - ❖ Amanda was nominated by Christine
    - ❖ Amanda won the election 10–0
    - ❖ Amanda assumed responsibilities as chair immediately and presided over the remainder of the meeting
  - **Vice-Chair**
    - ❖ Christine was nominated by Amanda
    - ❖ Harkirat nominated himself
    - ❖ 5–5 tie before Tiffany arrived at the meeting
    - ❖ Christine won the election 6–5 in revote
  - **Secretary**
    - ❖ Harkirat was nominated by Naomi
    - ❖ Harkirat won the election 11–0
  
6. **Projects:**
  - **Coats For Kids:** Harkirat let his fellow commissioners know that he was going to sign up for the News10 Coats For Kids Drive. The commissioners decided to set up collection bins in county buildings, schools, churches/temples. Commissioners need contact their school authorities for approval to set up the collection bins.
  - **Safety Fair:** Harkirat is still awaiting a reply from Mr. Dietrich from the Safety Out organization. He will try to contact him again. It may also be possible to reach Mr. Dietrich through Christine's step-dad since they are friends.
  - **Voter Registration:** It was proposed that the Commission consider setting up a voter registration drive for the next election.
  - **Food Bank:** Individual commissioners can volunteer at the food bank by preparing food packages. It was proposed that the Commission volunteer as a group, but it may be difficult to plan such an activity in time for the holidays.
  - Michele advised that the Commission can identify volunteer opportunities activities to do together by using the Hands-On Sacramento website. Commissioners can check out the website and find a few activities to do as their schedules permit. Everyone can report on the volunteer activities they participated in at the December and January meetings. The goal is for all commissioners to have done three hours of volunteer work by the January meeting.

7. **Monitoring Board of Supervisors Agenda:** Kristina will do a back-check for District 1. District 2 commissioners will check the agenda for November and December.
8. **Discussion of Goals For 2007:** Michele passed out a worksheet with the SCYC mission in order to guide discussion and planning of projects and activities for 2007.
9. **Other Business:**
  - Amanda visited the Sacramento Regional Transit District website and noted that it has been updated and improved since Clark saw it. The Commission decided that no further information is needed.
  - Assigned Commissioners need to do a better job of following through and reporting on the monitoring of the Board of Supervisors Agenda.
  - Commissioners would like to be involved with the Children's Coalition. Amanda will send out reminders of what we need to look at from their agenda.
  - Commissioners discussed doing a run to raise money for a local youth-related cause, possibly WIND. This would be a big project requiring the efforts of all commissioners. Stacey knows about a possible sponsor from a local business which sponsored a run she recently attended. The Commission decided to form a sub-committee to explore this option further. Stacey and Harkirat will be the two members on the sub-committee at this time. Harkirat will try to get information and advice from someone in Mira Loma's Interact Club, which will also be putting on a run. Finding sponsors will be very important. WIND should be contacted before concrete steps are taken to plan a run.
  - The by-laws need to be amended to reflect the current composition and practices of the Commission.
  - The Commission needs to improve attendance and, therefore, a stricter attendance policy needs to be developed. Since Commissioners are appointed by the Board of Supervisors, one option may be to inform the respective Supervisor when a commissioner has excessive absences. If a commissioner is going to miss a meeting, he or she should let a fellow commissioner as well as Michele know in advance.
  - The 2007 meeting calendar will be reviewed at the December meeting and no meetings will be scheduled on religious or other holidays.
  - The mandatory ethics training is now available online. Anyone who has not participated in the training needs to do so.
  - Alan will staff the December meeting in Michele's absence.
  - The Commission should look into Cal-grant volunteer opportunities.
  - The Commission should consider conducting a new Youth Issues survey next year.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.