

Sacramento County Youth Commission
Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes
Monday, August 8, 2005

Chair: Michael Wood
Vice Chair: Thiersten Rose
Secretary: Beth Griffiths

Attendance:

District 1	Katie Batten	X
	Thiersten Rose	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	
District 2	Beth Griffiths	X
	Sara Schmunk	X
	Grant Taylor	Absent
District 3	Amanda Koire	X
	Rachel Sussman	Absent
	Michael Wood	X
District 4	Christine Braziel	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	
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District 5	Harkirat Hansra	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	
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Advisor: Joe Barba

Guests: Linda Kimura, Supervisor Illa Collin's Office

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m.
2. On a motion by Sara and seconded by Harkirat, the minutes for July 11, 2005 were approved.
3. With some help from other Commissioners, Christine had compiled the Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors. The Commission will strongly urge the Board to quickly fill the vacant or soon to be vacant Youth Commission seats. Beth will present the section on community outreach, and Amanda will contact Thiersten and Christine to ask them if they could assist Beth with her part of the presentation. Amanda and Harkirat will present the section on promoting the Youth Commission.

Amanda also said that she would contact Rachel to see if she would be able to help with the presentation. Beth volunteered to call Grant. Joe advised presenting Commissioners to adjust the podium to the appropriate level and to speak slowly. Joe will take the brochures and wristbands so the Commissioners can hand them out to the Board members. Everyone agreed to wear the Youth Commission shirts and wristbands on the day of the presentation.

4. Amanda volunteered to check/monitor the August and September Board agendas.
5. District 2 commissioners reported that they had met their meeting with their respective Board member. District 3 commissioners have scheduled a meeting with their Board member on August 17th at 4:00. District 5 has two vacant seats; therefore, a meeting will be scheduled with their Board member after the vacant seats are filled. Commissioners from Districts 1 and 4 were absent; therefore, no report was available.
6. A brief discussion was held regarding the Youth Commission shirts. Joe said that we should hold off on ordering more shirts until the vacant seats are filled.
7. Rachel was absent; therefore, there was no report on the new flag/banner.
8. In September, the Commission will decide on a new project. Also, as new commissioners are appointed, each district will host a welcoming session for new members.
9. At the presentation to the Board of Supervisors, the Commission will invite Board members to attend upcoming meetings.
10. Mike and Sara stated that they were going off to college and that the August meeting would be their last Youth Commission meeting. Everybody present said good-bye and wished them good-luck. They were asked for feedback on their experience in the Youth Commission and both suggested that the Commission meet twice a month rather than once a month.
11. Other Commissioners added suggestions for upcoming plans for the Commission. The general sense was that the Commission needs to focus more on policy issues (Linda suggested foster care) rather than events. The Commission should shift from trying to find the voice of youth to making real policy changes to benefit youth.

12. On a motion by Beth and seconded by Katie, the meeting was adjourned early at 8:00 p.m.