

**Sacramento County Youth Commission**  
Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes  
Monday, August 18, 2008

Chair: Naomi Endsley  
Vice Chair: Cynthia Tsay  
Secretary: Rachel Anderson

**Attendance:**

District 1	Stephanie Taylor	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 2	Cynthia Tsay	X
	Kiki Vo	X
	Raylia Washington	Absent
District 3	Megan Alcalay	Absent
	Elizabeth Eggert	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 4	Naomi Endsley	X
	Rachel Anderson	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Brianna Moland	X
	Harjot Hansra	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>

**Advisor:** Michele Watts

**Guests:** None

**Agenda:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

**2. Announcements and Comments:**

- The sales tax to prevent gang violence proposal did not make it on the November ballot, and it was rejected on the city level by one vote. The Yes to Youth effort, however, is still actively addressing gang violence problems in other ways. Michele has their contact if commissioners are interested in getting involved in their efforts.

### **3. Approve Minutes of July 21, 2008 Meeting**

- Corrections were made to the second bullet on the second page, rewording the sentence so its meaning would be clearer.
- Kiki motioned to approve the July 21, 2008 minutes as amended and Brianna seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

### **4. Monitoring of Board of Supervisors Agendas**

- No Commissioners from District 1 were present to report, so Michele made a report in their stead.
  - The Board is focusing on budget problems this year, and commissioners should consider how these cuts will affect programs helping youth.
  - There have been problems with Child Protective Services specifically surrounding the deaths of several children under C.P.S care. The board is investigating these issues, but it is difficult to identify ideal solutions, given the high caseloads for social workers and funding issues, especially in light of budget problems.
- August/September agenda monitoring is assigned to District 2 Commissioners

### **5. Crocker Art Museum Project Update**

- Cynthia received Rachel Sussman's email containing Caren's contact information. Cynthia tried emailing Caren, but the email contact was incorrect. She plans on researching the correct contact information and proceeding with the email.
- The event has changed from a youth exhibit to a youth informational night using a PowerPoint presentation that the Crocker already has.
- The original plan was to raise money for the Crocker, but having an educational night would not earn any money for the museum. Keeping the focus more on informing youth and less on making money for the Crocker might be a more appropriate focus for the commission anyway.
- Elementary school students would be the target age since they would probably be more appropriate for this type of event. Middle school students would be more convenient though because they wouldn't need parents.
- If the presentation focuses on volunteer opportunities at the Crocker, kids in middle school might be enticed to go in order to learn about how they can volunteer at the Crocker in order to fulfill school volunteer requirements. Cynthia will research the minimum volunteer age requirement at the Crocker to see if this is a plausible incentive for middle school students to attend the event.
- Cynthia will research what exhibits will be available over the next several months to make sure they are age-appropriate for our event.

### **6. Youth Issues Survey Project Update**

- Thirty people have taken the survey total.
- Now that school has started, commissioners are encouraged to promote the survey at school.
- Michele will send the link to the survey to the commissioners again.

- To encourage participation we might consider printing out smaller copies or making the survey shorter.
- Sending ads to libraries, newspapers, or posting fliers on bulletin boards are good publicity ideas.
- If more takers do not start taking the survey, we may consider changing the entire survey, changing the method of distribution, and possibly getting approval from schools to have it distributed directly to them.

#### **7. Trade Schools Brochure Project Update**

- Commissioners discussed final touches to the brochure:
  - Possibly add more information about each school
  - Add testimony from trade school alumni on the back page
  - Clip art needed with text to make the brochure more inviting
    - Zig-zag lines, books, pencils, happy people
  - Different font and different font colors
  - Maybe substitute paragraphs with bullets
- Michele will email brochure to Rachel and Naomi. Rachel and Naomi will work together in putting together the final draft since Naomi has the appropriate software.

#### **8. Transportation Safety Brochure: Continued Discussion**

- Sacramento Regional Transit has a teen-friendly website.
- A possible goal for the project would be to make the information that is already available more available.

#### **9. New Project Proposal Format**

- Michele passed out a New Project Proposal Form. The form is designed to make sure the commission is fulfilling its mission. The form is also available electronically.

#### **10. Other Business**

- Kiki announced that Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, a free youth carnival will be held from 11-4pm. Kiki will email the address of the event to commissioners.

#### **11. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

- Michele will email commissioners the pictures she took of them at the July meeting.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02p.m.