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Sacramento County Youth Commission

Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2008

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

Attendance:

District 1	Stephanie Taylor	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 2	Cynthia Tsay	X
	Kiki Vo	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 3	Megan Alcalay	Absent
	Elizabeth Eggert	Absent
	Christopher Eur	X
District 4	Naomi Endsley	X
	Rachel Anderson	Absent
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harjot Hansra	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
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Advisor: Michele Watts

Guests: Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office
Betsy Braziel, Sacramento County Communications and Media Officer; Tamesia Ellison; Paul Hicks, Sacramento County Children's Coalition; J.D. Mackenzie, Firefighter and the Vice Chair of the Equal Opportunity Committee; Tyler Mackenzie, Youth Commission applicant; Brian Page; Quinn Ransom; Candace Waters

Agenda:

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m.
2. **Announcements and Comments:**
 - The Sacramento Youth Commission introduced themselves to the new commissioner, Christopher Eur, a sophomore at Jesuit High School, who will be filling in the vacancy in District 3.
 - Paul Hicks, Senior Program Associate for the Sacramento County Children's Coalition, wanted to invite commission members to aid in the presentation of the Children's Report Card. The Report Card is created every two years and covers a wide range of children

and youth issues. The Children's Coalition is an advisory board that presents to the Board of Supervisors, and they need youth co-presenters. There are two presentation dates, which occur during school hours, on November 18 and November 21. There are ongoing presentations throughout the school year and it can count for community service volunteer hours.

3. Approve Minutes of September 15, 2008 Meeting

- Cynthia motioned to approve the September 15, 2008 minutes and Harjot seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

4. Monitoring of Board of Supervisors Agendas

- August/September report by District 2 Commissioners
 - Reached a revenue agreement to fund the Women, Infants, and Children Program (Health and Human Services)
 - Presentation of the Children's Coalition Child Protective Systems Oversight Committee Annual Report
 - Christopher Eur appointed to the Sacramento County Youth Commission to fill the vacancy in District 3
 - Cynthia Tsay was reappointed to the Sacramento County Youth Commission for District 2
 - Considering nominations to fill Children's Coalition vacancies
- No commissioners from District 3 were present to report. They will report September/October information at the next meeting
- October/November agenda monitoring is assigned to District 4 Commissioners

5. Commission Website Discussion

- Due to an unexpected presentation by concerned members of the public, the discussion about the site development and updating the website will be postponed to the next meeting. Betsy Braziel has graciously agreed to come to our next meeting to discuss this issue

6. Projects Updates

- Trade Schools Brochure
 - Naomi reformatted the brochure and added graphics. There were a few suggestions about formatting the brochure and minor corrections, but overall the brochure seems ready for distribution. Michele will correct the problems and finalize the brochure.
- Transportation Project
 - Megan was not present to discuss the project. However, there were suggestions to just include a link on the commission website to the Regional Transit website.
- Crocker Art Museum
 - Our former contact, Caren, is no longer working at the museum. The museum has announced the formation of its own youth advisory board, so this project will probably be put on hold until we can contact this board.
- Youth Issues Survey
 - Betsy Braziel suggested that we integrate the survey on our website and work on marketing the survey to more youth. We could separate the survey into more manageable sections and place them on our website quarterly, addressing each issue individually.

- The commission should also contact the Boys and Girls Club for distributing the survey and look into the Youth Development Network.

7. Other Business

- Michele will not be here for the next meeting, so Alan Lange will be the advisor for the November meeting.

8. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- Several concerned family members made assertions of staff misconduct and abuse of wards at Sacramento County juvenile detention facilities. These parents shared stories of mistreatment of their children, as well as processes/policies that limit the amount of information and access parents receive when their children are injured.
- The parents want the county to take action on the issues they've raised.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.