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## Sacramento County Youth Commission

Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes  
Monday, November 17, 2008

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

### Attendance:

District 1	Stephanie Taylor	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
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District 2	Cynthia Tsay	X
	Kiki Vo	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 3	Megan Alcalay	<i>Absent</i>
	Elizabeth Eggert	X
	Christopher Eur	X
District 4	Naomi Endsley	X
	Rachel Anderson	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harjot Hansra	<i>Absent</i>
	Joyce Lau	X
	Tyler MacKenzie	X

**Advisor:** Alan Lange

**Guests:** Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office; Youth Commission Liason  
Betsy Braziel, Sacramento County Communications and Media Office  
Cortez Quinn, Supervisor Roger Dickinson's Office; Twin Rivers United School  
District Board Member

### Agenda:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- The Sacramento County Youth Commissioners introduced themselves to two new commissioners, Joyce Lau and Tyler MacKenzie, who will be filling in the vacancies in District 5.

#### 2. Announcements and Comments:

- No announcements or comments were made.

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

- Rachel Anderson motioned to approve the October 20, 2008 minutes and Elizabeth Eggert seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

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

- September/October report by District 3 Commissioners:
  - Authorized application to receive \$3,991,250 for Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act and made a modification to the Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice Plan (probation)
  - Children's Coalition Child Protective Systems Oversight Committee made its annual report to the Board of Supervisors
  - Made a contract with Broward Brothers, Inc. to expand youth detention facility and made modifications to the project.
- October/November report by District 4 Commissioners:
  - Appointment of two new commissioners, Joyce Lau and Tyler MacKenzie, to the Sacramento County Youth Commission
  - Recognition of Xue Yang and Ian Campbell for earning rank of Eagle Scout
- November/December agenda monitoring is assigned to District 5 Commissioners

### **5. Commission Website Discussion**

- The website is the commission's business site and public face. If the website is not appealing, then the commission may not appear appealing to the public.
- Sample websites from other youth commissions were passed around the commission. A key part getting people to view a website is advertising the website. Press releases and school newsletters are good ways of advertising the website and/or content within the website.
- One of the problems with the website is that it is very static. Commissioners should think about content for the website to make it valuable and useful. Since nobody has a lot of time to commit to website upkeep, the content should be easily updatable, requiring low commitment.
- The commission will be presented with several templates to choose from to make the site unique, but the commission must work within that template's limits.
- Betsy Braziel encouraged posting the youth issues survey on the website but suggested the following modifications to make it more inviting and efficient:
  - Do not approximate survey as lasting 20 minutes. This can be intimidating.
  - Shorten survey. Survey covers a wide variety of subjects, which makes it too long. Maybe select one issue to survey.
  - Decide what to do with the information. Give a reason for why the survey is being given.
  - Reference the results from other surveys. The work has already been done, so another survey may not be necessary. Many of the issues today

are the same as the issues in the July 2001 survey. Additionally, the Children Report Card has already gathered information about current issues. The commission may want to focus on addressing issues presented from these resources. If another survey is created, it may be better to survey an issue the commission decides to address based on referencing the other surveys.

- Be careful of generalizing results.
- Although paper surveys are useful, it requires somebody taking the time to tally results, so it is not very efficient.
- Commissioners brainstormed valuable ideas for the website including deleting old materials, including a resource section, and providing a blog for people to make suggestions of what the committee should work on. Betsy Braziel took note of the suggestions and will be present at the next commission meeting with a more developed template of the commission's website.
- Commissioner's were encouraged to look at other youth commission websites to generate ideas of what else might be useful to put on the website.
- If a commissioner has a suggestion for the website, they should contact Betsy Braziel by email at: [brazielb@saccounty.net](mailto:brazielb@saccounty.net)

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

- Trade Schools Brochure
  - The following corrections were made to the brochure: "Rachel Anderson" should be on one line (Pg. 6); Print date should be "11/2008" (Pg. 6)
  - Commissioners should take finished brochure to counseling offices, libraries, Jamba Juice, or other venues with bulletin boards to market brochures. They can also be placed on the final website.
  - Alan Lange noted the corrections to the brochure. He will make the changes and email the final result to Michelle.
  - Stephanie Taylor motioned to approve the Trade School Brochure and Joyce Lau seconded. The brochure was approved as amended.
- Transportation Project
  - Megan was not present to discuss the project. The commission postponed discussion until the next meeting.
- Crocker Art Museum
  - The commission decided to hold discussion until a new contact is formed.
- Youth Issues Survey
  - See item number five for discussion detail.
  - Commissioners should brainstorm how to make the survey work and how to address issues marked by other surveys.

## **7. Other Business**

- Rachel Anderson suggested a project focused on preventing teen pregnancy. Alan Lange suggested researching organizations already working on such a project and see whether they want or need help from the commission.

- Tyler MacKenzie suggested a project focusing on assisting people with learning disabilities. Alan Lange again suggested working with an organization already dedicated to such a project.
- Elizabeth Eggert suggested a project based of her knowledge of the ESL program at Whitney Elementary and the opportunities to volunteer to tutor.
- All commissioners suggesting projects should fill out a project proposal form.
- Sylvia Perscheid and Cortez Quinn discussed an ongoing lawsuit involving the Board of Supervisors.
  - At the last meeting four parents addressed the youth commission suggesting that the commissioners meet with the board regularly.
  - Due to an ongoing lawsuit of the board, the Board of Supervisors cannot discuss the issue, but parents can address the board directly if they wish.
- Coats for Kids
  - Sylvia needs to know at which schools to put bins.

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

- There were no public comments on non-agenda items.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.