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# Sacramento County Youth Commission

Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

## Minutes

Monday, December 15, 2008

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

### Attendance:

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

**Advisor:** Michele Watts

**Guests:** Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office; Yumi Sera, GABY; Matt Cervantes; GABY; Patrick, GABY

### Agenda:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Commissioners made introductions. No new commissioners.

#### 2. Announcements and Comments:

- Career exploration event for middle school and high school students in five general job categories offered in March 2009. Commissioners interested in this program should email Michele for more information.
- An updated roster was passed around and corrections were made to any errors in contact information.
- Sylvia Perscheid generously made delicious holiday cookies for the commission.

#### 3. Approve Minutes of November 17, 2008 Meeting

- Joyce Lau motioned to approve the November 17, 2008 minutes and Tyler MacKenzie seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

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

- November/December report by District 5 Commissioners:
  - No report made. Commissioners will report back in January.
- December/January agenda monitoring is assigned to District 1 Commissioners. Michele will email Stephanie Taylor, who was not present, so that she knows to report in January.

#### 5. Grants Advisory Board for Youth (GABY) Presentation

- GABY gives money to youth groups for philanthropic projects.
- A handout was distributed to each commissioner detailing the different goals and focuses of GABY.
- This year's focus is on the environment. GABY is offering grants from \$50-500 for projects that focus on the environment.
- The application deadline for a grant is the end of February. The application can be found on GABY's website: [www.sacregcf.org](http://www.sacregcf.org).
- Applicants must be sponsored by a school or organization and must be a part of a team. GABY will not give grants to individuals.
- The website offers a step-by-step process of how to develop a project. This may be useful for commissioners even if they may not be applying for a grant.

#### 6. Project Updates

- Coats for Kids
  - The deadline is this week. Harjot will let Sylvia know the exact date.
  - Harjot and Megan will drop coats off separately.
- Trade Schools Brochure
  - The brochure is finalized and it just needs to be printed and distributed.
- Transportation Project
  - A transportation page will be put on the resources page on the website. This page will provide a link to a Sacramento Regional Transit's youth website offering more information about public transportation. This concludes the transportation project.
- Crocker Art Museum
  - The museum is forming its own youth board, and the SCYC is waiting until that board is fully formed before starting a project with the commissioners from that board.
  - Since this project is no longer a high priority, it may be removed from or displaced on the agenda.
- Youth Issues Survey
  - The original intent of the survey was to see from youth what issue most needed to be addressed. A free response survey may achieve this better than the current survey, but may also deter participants. Michele will research how people responded to free response questions in the past. It may also help to have participants only answer questions that cover issues most important to them.
  - The commission should consider using the Children's Report Card data. We could survey information it doesn't have, or we could focus on information that they have already gathered. We may want to consider starting a project using data that is already available. The Children's Report Card will be presented at the January meeting and we can ask advice from the presenters then.
  - The survey may be more efficient if we pick one project.
  - The question still remains as to whether the survey will exist unchanged, exist in a modified version, or will exist at all. Commissioners will decide the fate of the survey at the next meeting.

## 7. Youth Commission Meeting Calendar

- The January meeting has been moved from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioners should consider their May schedules regarding AP tests and finals.
- With amendments to the January meeting and a tentative outlook on the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting date, the committee approved the meeting calendar.
- Any conflicts should be emailed to Michele.

## 8. Other Business

- Joyce Lau proposed a project involving the commission supporting the youth board to help the Chinese community receive aid in cancer treatment. Elderly Chinese people with cancer often are deterred from seeking help from the American Cancer Association due to cultural and language barriers. This project would help spread awareness to the Chinese community of what ACS can offer and would create/support a specialized youth board to help these individuals get treatment. She will email a flier to commissioners detailing the project.
- Christopher Eur proposed a project based on an ongoing program in Davis where musicians play music for elderly people. He would like to expand this program to hospitals and nursing homes in the Sacramento County area. Sacramento Lifting Spirits (supervisor Kathy Atkins) is an ongoing program in our area that already does this, so the project may focus on getting involved in that program. Christopher would also like to incorporate recording and selling CD's to make money for charities.
- Cynthia Tsay proposed making T-shirts/sweatshirts. Michele will check the budget for a project like this.
- Megan Alcalay is looking for CD players for a charity program. Bring any CD players you or your friends would like to donate to the next meeting.
- Tyler MacKenzie would like to form a project focusing on creating activities that offer an alternative pastime to keep kids from getting into trouble. Although an activities brochure has already been made, writing a letter to the city may help encourage installment of parks in certain areas.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.