

MINUTES

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY YOUTH COMMISSION

Monday, October 7, 2013

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Youth Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Recreation Supervisor Sue Earnest

ROLL CALL Commissioners present were: Bogue, Caldwell, Geeson, Gonzalez, R Green, Lafferty, Rowe, Ahmadi, M Green, Idnani, Moffit, Hayes.

Absent: Bracamonte.

Youth Commissioner applicant, Courtney Linzner was also present as an observer pending appointment by the PRCC.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Commissioner Lafferty

SWEARING IN-2013-14 YOUTH COMMISSION

Town Clerk Lesley Copeland swore in the following Commissioners: Bogue, Caldwell, Geeson, Gonzalez, R Green, Lafferty, Rowe, Ahmadi, M Green, Idnani, Moffit, and Hayes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Commissioner Bogue moved to approve the Agenda of October 7, 2013 Youth Commission meeting**

Move: Ahmadi 2nd: Geeson Vote: 12-0-1

STAFF REPORTS

1. Overview of Youth Commission role and rules, meeting and events calendars, meeting protocol

Discussion only:

Recreation Supervisor Sue Earnest advised the commissioners of their role as Town of Yucca Valley Youth Commissioner. She gave an overview of how an agenda gets approved and spoke regarding the Brown Act; reviewed the calendar, along with volunteer opportunities; stressed the importance that each member of the commission show respect to staff and other commissioners by arriving on time, dressing appropriately, contributing input and observing general rules of decorum. Each Youth Commissioner is required to attend at least one governmental meeting during their term and report back to the commission. Supervisor Earnest mentioned that the Youth Commission does sit as an advisory to the Parks Recreations and Cultural Commission who are advisories to the Town Council. Youth Commission meeting schedule, volunteer opportunities and Government meeting times and locations were distributed.

Supervisor Earnest talked about the Youth Commission Facebook web page, stating make sure you email her first before posting anything to the page. Be aware of what you post, no last names or phone numbers, addresses, make sure your comments are appropriate to be read by teachers, employers and friends.

Supervisor Earnest gave the commissioners her cell phone number and email address for

communication.

An upcoming volunteer opportunity is the Halloween Flashlight Candy Scramble on Friday, October 25th, Commissioner Ahmadi, Geeson, Bogue, Caldwell, Moffitt, R Green, M Green, Gonzalez, Hayes, raised their hands to volunteer.

Director Curtis Yakimow gave a welcome speech and encouraged the commissioners to have fun.

2. Selection of Youth Commission Chair for the 2013-2014 term

Recreation Supervisor Earnest discussed the need for a Chair and Vice-Chair and their roles.

Commissioner R Green nominated Commissioner Bogue

Commissioner Idnani nominated Commissioner R Green

By a vote by show of hands Commissioner Bogue received the majority of votes

Action: Motion: **Commissioner R Green moved to approve the selection of Commissioner Bogue to serve as the Youth Commission Chair for the 2013-14 term.**

Move: R Green 2nd: Rowe Vote: 12-0-1

3. Election of Youth Commission Vice-Chair for the 2013-2014

Chair Bogue opened discussion on the need for a vice chair for the 2013-14 term.

Commissioner Gonzalez nominated Commissioner R Green

Commissioner Lafferty nominated Commissioner Rowe

Commissioner Lafferty nominated Commissioner Caldwell

Commissioner Geeson nominated Commissioner Ahmadi

Commissioner Hayes nominated Commissioner Gonzalez

By a vote by show of hands Commissioner R Green received the majority of votes.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve the selection of Commissioner R Green to serve as the Youth Commissioner Vice-Chair for the 2013-14 term**

Move: Gonzalez 2nd: Idnani Vote: 12-0-1

4. Approval of the 2013-2014 Youth Commission Goals

After some discussion the Commission has selected the following goals for the 2013-2014 Youth Commission term.

- 1) Assist in promoting awareness of the Social Host Ordinance
- 2) You Tube Videos
- 3) Prepare and conduct presentation at Joshua Springs Christian School and La Contenta Middle School
- 4) Research and consider a smoke shop age restriction ordinance.
- 5) Designate a smoking area along with research for enclosed smoking receptacles
- 6) Represent the Town by participating as a group in the Old Town Light Parade December 14, 2013 and the Grubstake Days Parade May 24, 2014

Other suggested goals were a Skate Park at Essig Park and changing the name of the Teen Topic You Tube video. Commissioners also suggested revamping the Youth Forum including planning the event earlier in the year and possible having a partnership with the schools on the event.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the 2013-2014 Youth Commission goals and request staff to inform the Parks Recreation and Cultural Commission of the action**

Move: Rowe 2nd: Ahmadi Vote: 12-0-1

Staff Information Items

- 1) Discussion on what color of shirts. It was decided that the 2013-14 color will be electric blue with white print and art work on the back.
- 2) Volunteer Opportunities
Commissioners were invited to volunteer at the following events.
 - Halloween Flashlight Candy Scramble, Friday, October 25
 - Kids' Halloween Dance, Saturday, October 26
 - Halloween Spooktacular, Saturday, October 26

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Commissioner Ahmadi:** Mentioned to new commissioners to get involved
2. **Commissioner Bracamonte:** Absent
3. **Commissioner Caldwell:** This will be a great year
4. **Commissioner Geeson:** Looking forward to a good year
5. **Commissioner M. Green:** Looks like it will be fun this year
6. **Commissioner Gonzalez:** Looking forward to a good year, this years' plans are good.
7. **Commissioner Hayes:** Looks like this will be a lot of fun
8. **Commissioner Idnani:** A lot of fun this year
9. **Commissioner Lafferty:** Good meeting and good turn out this year
10. **Commissioner Moffitt:** Great ideas this year
11. **Commissioner Rowe:** "quote"
12. **Vice-Chair R Green:** Thanked the other commissioners for her being elected Vice- Chair
13. **Chair Bogue:** Good meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meetings of the Youth Commission will be a workshop on Monday, October 21, and regular meeting Monday, November 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ocotillo Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm

Respectfully submitted

Maureen S. Randall
Youth Commission Staff Liaison/Secretary