

MINUTES

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY YOUTH COMMISSION

Monday, November 3, 2014

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: R. Green, Ahmadi, Geeson, Gonzalez, M. Green, Linzner, Caguioa, Young, Pringle, Baldwin, Sheckler, Kee, Tuttle, S. Rodriguez, Valdes, Cruz, Gianforte, Militar, and A. Rodriguez.
Absent: Commissioner Boyas.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Commissioner R. Green

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Commissioner R. Green moved to approve the Agenda of November 3, 2014 Youth Commission meeting**

Move: R. Green 2nd: Ahmadi Vote: 19-0-0

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 Commissioners and distributed Youth Commission informational binders. She gave an overview of how an agenda gets approved and spoke regarding the Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order; 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 sits as an advisory commission to the Town Council with oversight provided by the Parks Recreation and Cultural Commission. Youth Commission meeting schedule and volunteer opportunities were distributed.

Supervisor Earnest talked about the Youth Commission Facebook web page, mentioning that if a post is desired be sure to 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. She mentioned that an upcoming volunteer opportunity is the Paradise Family Fun Day Kite Day on November 8 and invited interested commissioners to add their names to the sign up sheet.

2. Selection of Youth Commission Chair for the 2014-2015 term.

Recreation Supervisor Earnest discussed the need for a Chair and Vice-Chair and their roles. Commissioner Geeson nominated Commissioner Ahmadi
Commissioner M. Green nominated Commissioner R Green
By a vote by show of hands Commissioner Ahmadi received the majority of votes

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Geeson moved to approve the selection of Commissioner Ahmadi to serve as the Youth Commission Chair for the 2014-15 term.**

Move: Geeson 2nd: Cruz Vote: 19-0-0

3. Election of Youth Commission Vice-Chair for the 2014-2015 term.

Chair Ahmadi opened discussion on the need for a Vice Chair for the 2014-15 term. Commissioner M. Green nominated Commissioner R Green
There were no other nominations. By a vote by show of hands Commissioner R Green received the majority of votes.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner M. Green moved to approve the selection of Commissioner R Green to serve as the Youth Commissioner Vice-Chair for the 2014-15 term**

Move: M. Green 2nd: Cruz Vote: 19-0-0

4. Approval of the 2013-2014 Youth Commission Goals

After some discussion the Commission voted to consider a variety of topics for the 2014-2015 Youth Commission term; the majority of commissioners were in favor of the following:

- 1) A You Tube Video with Bullying as a possible topic.
- 2) Prepare and conduct a presentation about bullying at Joshua Springs Christian School and La Contenta Middle School with possibly a presentation at Yucca Valley High School
- 3) Further review and recommendation of Parks Ordinance (No Smoking Areas)
- 4) Represent the Town by participating as a group in the Old Town Light Parade December 13, 2014 and the Grubstake Days Parade May 23, 2015
- 5) Sidewalks: review/ recommendation regarding additional sidewalks

Other suggested goals were promoting the installation of more street lights around town, having traffic cameras at intersections, encouraging curfew enforcement, addition of a traffic light at Sage and Onaga including a mid-street crosswalk, more Youth Commission information or pamphlets at the school forums, and to increase efforts to reduce drug usage among teens. With meeting time running short, there was consensus to continue the item to the next meeting.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Green moved to approve the 2014-2015 Youth Commission preliminary goals and have staff return the item to the next meeting for further discussion or action.**

Move: Green

2nd: Cruz

Vote: 19-0-0

Staff Information Items

- 1) Discussion on what color of shirts. Due to lack of time, the item was continued to the next meeting.
- 2) Volunteer Opportunities
Commissioners were invited to volunteer at the following event.
 - Paradise Family Fun Day on November 8th

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Commissioner Gonzalez:** Interesting on how voting goes through
2. **Commissioner M. Green:** Good Meeting
3. **Commissioner Geeson:** Cool Beans
4. **Commissioner Linzner:** Nice meeting and hopefully a good year
5. **Commissioner Caguoia:** Glad to be back
6. **Commissioner Young:** Would like information on the next workshop
7. **Commissioner Pringle:** Encouraged me to consider the topics for next meeting
8. **Commissioner Baldwin:** Glad to be here and hopeful to help
9. **Commissioner Sheckler:** Good meeting
10. **Commissioner Kee:** Excited to work on Grubstakes glad to be involved
11. **Comissioner Tuttle:** Glad to be on Youth Commission
12. **Comissioner S. Rodriguez:** Glad to be here
13. **Comissioner Valdes:** Good meeting, happy to be here and hopeful for a good year
14. **Comissioner Cruz:** Looking forward to discuss topics in next meeting
15. **Commissioner Gianforte:** Looking forward to next meeting
16. **Commissioner Militar:** Voted on items will be good
17. **Commissioner Boyas:** Absent
18. **Commissioner A. Rodriguez:** Hope to get further along, glad to get topics done
19. **Vice Chair R. Green:** Gave her thanks for election for Vice Chair second year in a row.
20. **Chair Ahmadi:** Honored to be chair

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meetings of the Youth Commission will be a workshop on Monday, November 17, and regular meeting Monday, December 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Joshua Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm by Chair Ahmadi.

Respectfully submitted

Megan Stueckle
Youth Commission Staff Liaison/Secretary