

MINUTES

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY YOUTH COMMISSION

Monday, November 17, 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 Chair Ahmadi

ROLL CALL Commissioners present were: Ahmadi, Baldwin, Caguioa, Cruz, Geeson, Gianforte, Gonzalez, R. Green, Kee, Linzner, Militar, Pringle, A. Rodriguez, Sheckler, Tuttle, and Young
Excused: Commissioners Green, S. Rodriguez, and Valdes
Absent: Commissioner Boyas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Commissioner Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Commissioner Linzner moved to approve the Agenda of November 17, 2014 Youth Commission meeting**

Move: Linzner 2nd: Pringle Vote: 16-0-0

STAFF REPORTS

1. Approval of the 2014/2015 Youth Commission Goals

Staff brought back the five items that the Youth Commissioners wanted to consider as their 2014/2015 goals:

- 1) A YouTube video on bullying and how to prevent it
- 2) A Presentation on bullying at local schools
- 3) The Parks Ordinance – recommendations against smoking
- 4) Representing the Town in the Parade of Lights and in the Grubstake Days events
- 5) Sidewalks review and recommendation campaign

The Commissioners discussed and decided they would create a campaign to draw awareness to bullying, including making a YouTube video on bullying and peer pressure, with Commissioners playing the role of a bully to show how it affects children and teens. Commissioners discussed doing anonymous surveys and pamphlets about bullying and teen drug abuse and how they coincide and how to prevent both of them. Commissioners decided to show the YouTube video at the local schools as a presentation.

Commissioners also discussed and decided to consider and recommend more specific changes to the Parks Ordinance in the area of smoking.

Instead of making the Parade of Lights and the Grubstake Days events into a goal, the Commissioners decided that instead, they would like to participate in these events as a group and

represent the Town in the best way they possibly can. The item was removed as a goal.

By a vote, the sidewalks review was removed for their goals at this time.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Pringle moved to approve the 2014/2015 Youth Commission goals and to request staff inform the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission of the action.**

Move: Pringle 2nd R. Green Vote: 15-0-1

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Commission T-shirts (selection and sizes)

The Commissioners took a vote and decided to have a navy blue tie-dye Youth Commission shirt with pink writing for the girls and white writing for the boys.

2. Invitation to Town Council Meeting – Youth Commission Appointments on November 18, 2014
Recreation Supervisor Sue Earnest invited the Commissioners to the November 18 Town Council Meeting for the Youth Commissioners to be introduced and appointed to the Council Members

3. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

Recreation Supervisor Sue Earnest told the Commissioners the upcoming events the Recreation Staff will be putting on for the public, including:

1. The Holiday Craft Faire
2. The Tree Lighting Ceremony
3. The Parade of Lights

Sue Earnest gave the Commissioners the opportunity to volunteer for these events.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Chair Ahmadi:** Looking forward to complete the work plan. I like you guys.
2. **Vice Chair Green:** Good meeting and excited for upcoming events
3. **Commissioner Baldwin:** Good meeting. I like you too.
4. **Commissioner Boyas:** Absent
5. **Commissioner Caguioa:** No comment
6. **Commissioner Cruz:** I'm sad we didn't get orange shirts
7. **Commissioner Geeson:** No comment
8. **Commissioner Gianforte:** Happy to start bullying project and the park ordinance project
9. **Commissioner Gonzalez:** Good meeting looking forward to next meeting
10. **Commissioner Green:** Absent
11. **Commissioner Kee:** Pretty Gucci
12. **Commissioner Linzner:** No Comment
13. **Commissioner Militar:** Great meeting, can't wait for the next one
14. **Commissioner Pringle:** Looking forward to next meeting
15. **Commissioner Rodriguez:** I'm sad we didn't get orange shirts

16. **Commissioner Rodriguez:**
17. **Commissioner Sheckler:** No comment
18. **Commissioner Tuttle:** Excited to start the work plan
19. **Commissioner Valdes:** Absent
20. **Commissioner Young:** No comment

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jeff Evans thanked the commissioners for letting him sit in during the meeting and letting him discuss with them the idea of turning their YouTube video into their school presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meetings of the Youth Commission will be a meeting on Monday, December 1, and regular workshop Monday, January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ocotillo Tree Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm by Chair Ahmadi.

Respectfully submitted

Megan Stueckle
Youth Commission Staff Liaison/Secretary