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MEETING AGENDA

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY YOUTH COMMISSION

**YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012
6:30 P.M.**

**YUCCA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
OCOTILLO ROOM
57090 TWENTYNINE PALMS HIGHWAY
YUCCA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA 92284**

Youth Commission

Aaron Ahmadi, Hannah Bogue, London Caldwell, Tyler Geeson,
Francisco Gonzalez, Rachel Green, Nathan Lafferty, Nicholas Lombardo,
Amanda Olson, Blake Rowe, Wade Shaver, Sean Vincent

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission

Jeff Evans, Jennifer Collins, Dan Harman, Meredith Jones, Laurine Silver

Mark Nuaimi, *Town Manager*

Jim Schooler, *Director of Community Services*

Lynne Richardson, *Museum Supervisor*

Candy Drake, *Staff Liaison/Secretary*

Community Services Department 760-369-7211

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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please call the Town Clerk's office at 369-7209 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.*

(WHERE APPROPRIATE OR DEEMED NECESSARY, ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ON ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA)

CALL TO ORDER (staff)

ROLL CALL Commissioner Ahmadi, Commissioner Bogue, Commissioner Caldwell, Commissioner Geeson, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Green, Commissioner Lafferty, Commissioner Lombardo, Commissioner Olson, Commissioner Rowe, Commissioner Shaver, Commissioner Vincent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by _____

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

November 5, 2012 Youth Commission Agenda

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the November 5, 2012 Youth Commission meeting**

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 1, 2012 Youth Commission Minutes

Action Motion: **Move to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 Youth Commission meeting**

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

October 15, 2012 Youth Commission Minutes

Action Motion: **Move to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2012 Youth Commission meeting**

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

In order to assist in the orderly and timely conduct of the meeting, the Youth Commission takes this time to consider your comments on items of concern which are not on the agenda. When you are called to speak, please state your name and community of residence. The Youth Commission will not take action or discuss items not on the printed agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Social Host Ordinance

Discussion of commissioner duties for Social Host Ordinance publicity plan components

2. Youth Commission Teen Topics Community Forum

Discussion of forum program content and logistics

3. Parks Ordinance Review

Discussion of review of the Yucca Valley Use of Park Facilities Ordinance

4. Commissioner Attendance at Local Government Board Meetings

Commissioner reports in fulfillment of the public meeting attendance requirement.

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Oath of Office Forms
2. General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Meeting, Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
3. Thank you to those commissioners who volunteered at the Halloween Flashlight Candy Scramble, Kids' Halloween Dance, Halloween Spooktacular, and Pumpkin Splash
4. Volunteers needed for the Veterans' Tribute, Sunday, November 11
5. Group Youth Commission Photograph

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COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Ahmadi:
2. Commissioner Bogue:
3. Commissioner Caldwell:
4. Commissioner Geeson:
5. Commissioner Gonzalez:
6. Commissioner Green:
7. Commissioner Lafferty:
8. Commissioner Lombardo:
9. Commissioner Olson:
10. Commissioner Rowe:
11. Commissioner Shaver:
12. Commissioner Vincent:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date, time and place of the next Youth Commission meeting:

The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission will be Monday, November 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ocotillo Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

ADJOURNMENT

YOUTH COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Youth Commission
From: Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor
Date: October 31, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 5, 2012

Subject: Social Host Ordinance

Recommendation: No recommendation, for discussion only regarding the role of the Youth Commission's in publicizing the Social Host Ordinance in the community.

Order of Procedure:

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Questions
- Commission Discussion

Background and Analysis:

Youth Commissioners of the 2009-2010 term expressed concern about drug use and underage drinking within the local teen community. At the end of their term, the Commissioners made a presentation to Yucca Valley Town Council and encouraged consideration of a local Social Host Ordinance. The Town Council indicated support for the concept and recommended further investigation of the subject, which was then incorporated into the Youth Commission work plan for the subsequent term. The 2010-11 Youth Commission set a goal of preparing a formal recommendation to present to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission (PRCC) and Town Council.

Various professionals and community members assisted the Youth Commission with research, showing that underage drinking is closely associated with threats to the health and safety of youth, not only with drinking and driving, but also with diminished academic performance, sexual assault, fights and violence. The Commission uncovered studies indicating that the earlier a young person is exposed to alcohol the more likely they are to develop life-long drinking problems.

Despite legal prohibitions, alcohol is frequently obtained by minors, particularly at house parties hosted by adults. Some rationalize that young people will be drinking anyway and it is less harmful if they are supervised. However, the evidence indicates both of these assumptions are false.

Reducing access to alcohol is considered to be an effective strategy for prevention of alcohol abuse among teens. For this reason, laws that make the hosting of underage drinking parties illegal –

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also known as social host accountability laws – have increasingly come into use in states, counties and municipalities. Such laws hold the host of the party or the owner of the property responsible for disruptive behavior and/or underage drinking that is going on, regardless who provided the alcohol. This provides law enforcement personnel with the ability to issue citations without consideration of who provided the alcohol.

Social host laws have been touted as among the best practices by leading prevention and research institutions, such as the Applied Research for Community Health and Safety (ARCHS) Institute in San Bernardino, National Research Council, Institute of Medicine, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Social Host Ordinances throughout the state vary considerably in content and intent. The Youth Commission worked with staff, law enforcement personnel and the Ready, Aim Fire Coalition to review the various elements of these ordinances to determine which elements would best serve the local community. Commissioners favored a local Social Host Ordinance that would provide penalties for those who allow minors' use of illegal substances and/or alcohol at private gatherings.

At the May 3, 2011 Town Council meeting, the council members concurred with the Youth Commission recommendation and directed staff to draft an inclusive Social Host Ordinance for local consideration. The ordinance was adopted during the October 4, 2011 Town Council meeting.

The 2011-12 Youth Commission developed a Social Host Ordinance brochure and Frequently Asked Questions which are available on the www.yucca-valley.org website. The brochure has been approved for dissemination by the Morongo Unified School District.

The goals for the 2012-2013 term include disseminating information regarding the new law throughout the community. Commissioners will discuss a publicity plan and assign responsibilities for the various components of the plan.

YOUTH COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Youth Commission
From: Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor
Date: October 31, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 5, 2012

Subject: Youth Commission Teen Topics Community Forum

Recommendation: Discussion of forum logistics; no formal action anticipated.

Order of Procedure:

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Questions
- Commission Discussion

Background and Analysis:

The Youth Commission work plan for the 2012-2013 term calls for the presentation of a community forum to address teen issues. The forum has been scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2013 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Yucca Room of the Community Center. Commissioners and staff will discuss program content and logistics.

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To: Youth Commission
From: Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor
Date: October 31, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 5, 2012

Subject: Parks Ordinance Review

Recommendation: No recommendation, for discussion only regarding a review of the Town of Yucca Valley Use of Park Facilities Ordinance.

Order of Procedure:

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Questions
- Commission Discussion

Background and Analysis:

The Town of Yucca Valley and local law enforcement are dealing with escalating challenges resulting from teens utilizing park property for illegal activities including drug and alcohol use, theft and vandalism. The activities are negatively impacting other park patrons, and some parents no longer allow their teens to visit the community center and other Town parks due to these concerns. Newly installed video cameras and increased police patrols are improving the situation, but additional remedies are being sought to address this problem.

The goals for the 2012-2013 Youth Commission term include reviewing the current Town of Yucca Valley Use of Park Facilities Ordinance and recommending any changes which may help address the problem of illegal teen activities at the Town's parks.

A copy of the Yucca Valley Use of Park Facilities Ordinance will be provided to commissioners during the November 5, 2012 meeting.

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To: Youth Commission
From: Lynne Richardson, Museum Supervisor
Date: October 31, 2012
For Commission Meeting: November 5, 2012

Subject: Commissioner Attendance at Local Government Board Meetings

Recommendation: Commissioner reports in fulfillment of the public meeting attendance requirement; no formal action anticipated.

Order of Procedure:

- Request Staff Report
- Request Commissioner Reports
- Commission Discussion

Background and Analysis:

All Youth Commissioners for the 2012-2013 term are required to attend one meeting of a local governmental board and to return to the Youth Commission with a written or verbal report. Applicable meetings include Yucca Valley Town Council; Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission; Hi-Desert Water District Board; and the Morongo Unified School District Board (MUSD).

Any prepared written or verbal reports may be presented at this time.

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