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Sue Earnest  
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## MEETING AGENDA

# TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY YOUTH COMMISSION

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014  
6:30 P.M.

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

### **Youth Commission**

Aaron Ahmadi, Cole Baldwin, Taysha Boyas, Nicole Caguioa,  
Tommy Cruz, Tyler Geeson, Zoie Gianforte, Francisco Gonzalez,  
Miranda Green, Rachel Green, Rachel Kee, Courtney Linzner,  
Vianne Militar, Joshua Pringle, Angel Rodriguez, Sarah Rodriguez,  
Emily Sheckler, Madison Tuttle, Aurora Valdes, Katie Young,

### **Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission**

Jeff Evans, Dan Harman, Edith Jones-Poland, Meredith Jones, Laurine Silver

**Curtis Yakimow**, *Town Manager*

**Sue Earnest**, *Recreation Supervisor*

**Megan Stueckle**, *Staff Liaison/Secretary*

Community Services Department 760-369-7211

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
YOUTH COMMISSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

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

**CALL TO ORDER (staff)**

**ROLL CALL** Chair Ahmadi, Vice Chair R.Green  
Commissioner Baldwin, Commissioner Boyas, Commissioner Caguioa, Commissioner Cruz,  
Commissioner Geeson, Commissioner Gianforte, Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Green,  
Commissioner Kee, Commissioner Linzner, Commissioner Militar, Commissioner Pringle,  
Commissioner A. Rodriguez, Commissioner S. Rodriguez, Commissioner Sheckler,  
Commissioner Tuttle, Commissioner Valdes, Commissioner Young.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

November 17, 2014 Youth Commission Agenda

Action                      **Motion: Move to approve the agenda of the November 17,  
2014 Youth Commission meeting**

Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**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.*

**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
YOUTH COMMISSION  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. Approval of the 2014/2015 Youth Commission goals

**Recommendation: Discuss the preliminary goals, modify if desired, and move to approve the 2014/2015 Youth Commission goals and request staff to inform the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission of the action.**

Action                      Motion \_\_\_\_\_  
Move \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Vote \_\_\_\_\_

**STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Commission T-shirts (selection and sizes)
2. Invitation to Town Council Meeting – Youth Commission Appointments on November 18, 2014
3. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

1. Chair Ahmadi:
2. Vice Chair Green:
3. Commissioner Baldwin:
4. Commissioner Boyas:
5. Commissioner Caguioa:
6. Commissioner Cruz:
7. Commissioner Geeson:
8. Commissioner Gianforte:
9. Commissioner Gonzalez:
10. Commissioner Green:
11. Commissioner Kee:
12. Commissioner Linzner:
13. Commissioner Militar:
14. Commissioner Pringle:
15. Commissioner Rodriguez:
16. Commissioner Rodriguez:
17. Commissioner Sheckler:
18. Commissioner Tuttle:
19. Commissioner Valdes:
20. Commissioner Young:

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**The next scheduled meetings of the Youth Commission will be Monday, December 1, 2014 and Monday, January 5, 2015 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Ocotillo Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.**

## ADJOURNMENT

# 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      2<sup>nd</sup>: 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      2<sup>nd</sup>: 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      2<sup>nd</sup>: 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

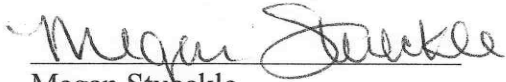
### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Stueckle". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Megan Stueckle

Youth Commission Staff Liaison/Secretary



## YOUTH COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

**To:** Youth Commission  
**From:** Sue Earnest, Recreation Supervisor  
**Date:** November 12, 2014  
**For Commission Meeting:** November 17, 2014

**Subject:** Approval of the 2014/2015 Youth Commission goals

**Recommendation:** Discuss the previously identified goals, modify if desired, and move to approve the 2014/2015 Youth Commission goals and request staff to inform the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Commission of the action.

**Order of Procedure:**

- Request Staff Report
- Request Public Comment
- Commission Questions
- Motion/Second
- Discussion on Motion
- Call the Question

**Background and Analysis:**

The Youth Commission is appointed by the Town Council to provide a link between the youth of the community and their local government. To fulfill this role, each commissioner is encouraged to provide input to staff at Youth Commission meetings. Some issues are likely to generate commission discussion and a need for a formal commission recommendation. Those items will be placed on a future agenda to allow for staff preparation and public discussion of the issue.

In addition to those issues that will come up from time to time, the Youth Commissioners typically adopt goals that further their community involvement. Town staff assists the commission to establish and achieve their annual goals.


At its meeting of November 3, 2014, the Commission discussed possible goals for the 2014-15 term. After 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:

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Approved:

Finance

Department 

Attorney

Town Mgr

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Department Report     Request of other Agency     Ordinance     Study Session

Consent     Presentation     Resolution     Public Hearing

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Staff recommends further discussion of the proposed goals and will assist the Commission in identifying specific objectives that can be accomplished in the current term.

Upon adoption, Staff will inform the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Commission of the approved Youth Commission goals at their December 9, 2014 meeting.

**Attachments:** None