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Sue Earnest
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MEETING AGENDA

TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY YOUTH COMMISSION

YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015
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, Laurine Silver

Curtis Yakimow, *Town Manager*

Sue Earnest, *Community Services Manger*

Megan Stueckle, *Staff Liaison/Secretary*

Community Services Department 760-369-7211

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
YOUTH COMMISSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015**

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

CALL TO ORDER (Chair)

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

February 2, 2015 Youth Commission Agenda

Action Motion: **Move to approve the agenda of the February 2,
2015 Youth Commission meeting**

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 1, 2014 Youth Commission Minutes

Action Motion: **Move to approve the minutes of the December 1,
2014 Youth Commission meeting**

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2015 Youth Commission Minutes

Action Motion: **Move to approve the minutes of the January 5,
2015 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.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Anti-Bullying Campaign Review and Implementation

Recommendation: Discuss the Anti-Bullying presentation implementation plan. Review campaign/survey materials and outreach methods that will be presented by staff and determine desired elements. Move to approve the program plan details of the 2014/2015 Youth Commission Anti-Bullying Work Plan.

Action Motion _____

Move _____ 2nd _____ Vote _____

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities & Special Events
 - a. Paradise Park Family Fun Day on Saturday, February 7, 2015, 10 am - 2 pm
 - b. Healthy Hearts Run on Saturday, February 21, 2015, 7:30 am - 11:30 am.
2. Distribution of Youth Commission shirts and take Commission photo.
3. Invitation for YC members to take Self Defense Class for free on February 21, 2015
4. Update on Grubstakes Days Events

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
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YOUTH COMMISSION
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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 meeting of the Youth Commission will be Monday, March 2, 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, December 1, 2014

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Youth Commission was called to order at 6:41 p.m. by Chair Ahmadi

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Led by Commissioner Pringle

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action Motion: **Commissioner Gonzalez moved to approve the Agenda of December 1, 2014 Youth Commission meeting**

Move: Gonzalez 2nd: M. Green Vote: 17-0-0

1. Youth Commission Oath Of Office

Town Clerk, Leslie Copland, introduced herself to the Youth Commission and issued them their oath of office.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Pringle moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014 Youth Commission Meeting.**

Move: Pringle 2nd Linzner Vote: 17-0-0

STAFF REPORTS

1.Design and Planning of Anti-Bullying Campaign

Community Services Manager Sue Earnest discussed with the Youth Commissioners about their Anti-Bullying campaign and about Anti-Bullying promotion with bracelets, brochures, postcards, t-shirts and other items that could be handed out at forums at the local schools for outreach purposes.

Sue Earnest also discussed with the Commissioners about the possibility of splitting into smaller sub-committees to do a (1) skit writing and acting for the two short videos and (2) publicity and promotion of their Anti-Bullying campaign. By a show of hands, Commission decided that the two

skits would be broken into indirect bullying and direct bullying. Each skit would be between 2-5 minutes. Staff solicited volunteers from the Commission on who would be participating in the skit and who would be a host to explain to the public about the types of bullying the skit content. Chair Ahmadi asked the Commissioners if any of them would like to participate by performing in the video, no Commissioners volunteered. Some Commissioners volunteered to be a host, a script writer or to work on publications for the Anti-Bullying campaign. With the Commission at an impasse and the meeting ending, staff offered to assist by either assigning Commissioners to the sub-committees at a later date or to bring forth alternative methods of outreach other than the skit performances; all Commissioners agreed.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Pringle moved to approve that the Commissioners produce two skits and host them at school assemblies by video.**

Move: Pringle 2nd: Ahmadi Vote: 17-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
The Town of Yucca Valley's volunteer events for the Commissioners were the Tree Lighting Ceremony, the Craft Faire and the Parade of Lights; sign ups were taken for each event.
2. Distribution of Holiday Event Costumes and Information
Staff distributed Holiday Costumes to the Commissioners who volunteered for the upcoming events.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Chair Ahmadi:** No Comment
2. **Vice Chair Green:** Excited to get our shirts
3. **Commissioner Baldwin:** No Comment
4. **Commissioner Boyas:** Absent
5. **Commissioner Caguioa:** Excused
6. **Commissioner Cruz:** No Comment
7. **Commissioner Geeson:** Yes Comment
8. **Commissioner Gianforte:** No Comment
9. **Commissioner Gonzalez:** Good meeting
10. **Commissioner Green:** That's fine
11. **Commissioner Kee:** Excited to work on the video
12. **Commissioner Linzner:** Super fun
13. **Commissioner Militar:** Great meeting
14. **Commissioner Pringle:** No Comment
15. **Commissioner Rodriguez:** Good meeting
16. **Commissioner Rodriguez:** No Comment
17. **Commissioner Sheckler:** No comment
18. **Commissioner Tuttle:** No Comment

19. **Commissioner Valdes:** No Comment

20. **Commissioner Young:** Excused

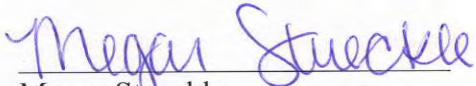
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Chair Ahmadi

Respectfully submitted



Megan Stueckle

Youth Commission Staff Liaison/Secretary

MINUTES
TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY
YOUTH COMMISSION
Monday, January 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Youth Commission was called to order at 6:37 p.m. by Chair Ahmadi

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Geeson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Action: Motion: **Chair Ahmadi moved to approve the Agenda of January 5, 2015 Youth Commission meeting**

Move: Ahmadi 2nd Green Vote: 16-0-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Gianforte moved to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2014 Youth Commission meeting.**

Move: Gianforte 2nd M. Green Vote: 16-0-0

STAFF REPORTS

1. Design and Planning of Anti-Bullying Campaign

Staff brought back the Anti-bullying Campaign to the Youth Commissioners and discussed what direction the Commissioners would like to go with the campaign. The Commissioners initially wanted to do two (2) skits and record them to present to the schools during an assembly, however during the planning stages there were no Commissioner volunteers that were willing to perform in the skits. Therefore, staff was directed to present other options.

Staff presented alternatives to the skit format in the form of pre-existing anti-bullying campaign materials for consideration. Three campaigns were presented to the Commission. The campaigns were:

- **Tom Thelen:** An anti-bullying advocate who does presentations at schools around the country and discusses with the students about bullying and his campaign "Victim Proof".

- Stopbullying.gov: Stopbullying.gov is a government created campaign and website that sells promotional items and has short thirty second videos about bullying and students feelings towards bullying.
- I Choose: I Choose is an online anti-bullying campaign that is based more on social media. People can write about their experience and comment on others experiences. This campaign also addresses all kinds of bullying.

Community Services Manager Sue Earnest shared videos and materials from the selected programs.

After discussing the programs, the Commissioners declined the use of any of the campaigns and expressed a desire to present something with more local content gleaned from their own school district. Commissioners shared a variety of ideas with each other as alternatives to the campaigns:

- Presenting a poem called To This Day. Commissioners thought that this poem would impact many of the students at the schools.
- Recording personal videos about kids being bullied at schools.
- Vice Chair Green still wanted to do the skit and present it to the schools; she commented that “We are the youth of the community,” and commented that the skits would be more impactful
- A personal survey about bullying – bring the data to the assembly and present it.
- Do a survey and interview on video or paper – Commissioners were cautioned that if they video tape students, they must have a release form signed by their parents.
- Have colored sticky notes on chairs at the assembly or hand them out as they walk into the assembly, the sticky notes represent the percentage of students being bullied in different ways at that school.
- Do something nice card – where you do something nice for someone and hand them the card in hopes that they will do something nice for someone in return and give that card away

After discussion, the Commission decided they were in favor of performing a survey of students at local schools and presenting the results of the collected data (number of children affected, types of bullying that is happening, etc) at school assemblies or lunch time presentations.

Action: Motion: **Commissioner Ahmadi moved to approve the revised Anti-Bullying Campaign to include a student survey and presentation of collected data to local schools and revising the 2014/2015 Youth Commission Work Plan accordingly.**

Move: Ahmadi 2nd Vice Chair Green Vote: 16-0-0

STAFF INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities and Special Events

Staff informed Commissioners about the Healthy Hearts Run as well as the Paradise Family Fun Day that will be happening in February as volunteer opportunities.

2. Report on Light Parade entry and other holiday events

Staff thanked the Youth Commissioners that volunteered for the Festival of Lights Parade and informed them that The Town of Yucca Valley float won the Pride of the Parade Award, thanks to the help of the Recreation Department as well as the Commissioners. Staff also requested that the commissioners return the Christmas costumes they borrowed for the holiday events if they had not already done so.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. **Chair Ahmadi:** Looking forward to finalizing Anti-bullying project
2. **Vice Chair Green:** No Comment
3. **Commissioner Baldwin:** No Comment
4. **Commissioner Caguioa:** No Comment
5. **Commissioner Cruz:** No Comment
6. **Commissioner Geeson:** No Comment
7. **Commissioner Gianforte:** No Comment
8. **Commissioner Green:** No Comment
9. **Commissioner Linzner:** No Comment
10. **Commissioner Militar:** No Comment
11. **Commissioner Pringle:** No Comment
12. **Commissioner Rodriguez:** No Comment
13. **Commissioner Rodriguez:** No Comment
14. **Commissioner Tuttle:** No Comment
15. **Commissioner Valdes:** No Comment
16. **Commissioner Young:** Should be interesting

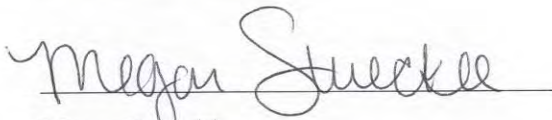
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meeting of the Youth Commission will be Monday, February 2, 2015 meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Ocotillo Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

AJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. by Chair Ahmadi

Respectfully submitted



Megan Stueckle

Youth Commission Staff Liaison/Secretary

YOUTH COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

To: Youth Commission
From: Sue Earnest, Community Services Manager
Date: January 28, 2015
For Commission Meeting: February 2, 2015

Subject: Approval of 2014/2015 Anti-Bullying Presentation Implementation Plan

Recommendation: Discuss the previously identified goals, review survey forms and data recording methods, review presentation options at local schools, approve plan schedule and move approve the Anti-Bullying Presentation Implementation Plan.

- Order of Procedure:**
- Request Staff Report
 - Request Public Comment
 - Commission Questions
 - Motion/Second
 - Discussion on Motion
 - Call the Question

Discussion:
At its meeting of November 17, 2014, the Commission discussed possible goals for the 2014-15 term. After discussion the Commission voted to include the goal of creating 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 performing anonymous surveys and distributing pamphlets about bullying and teen drug abuse. Commissioners also decided to show the YouTube video at the local schools as a presentation.

At its meeting of December 1, 2014, the Commission discussed the details of creating the Anti-Bullying campaign. After discussion, the Commission agreed to create and perform two skits of 2-5 minutes each; one featuring direct bullying and one featuring indirect bullying. Chair Ahmadi asked for individuals to volunteer for the duties of script writing, announcer and performers. Although some volunteered for script writing and announcing, no Commissioners were interested in performing in the presentation. With the Commission at an impasse, staff was directed to come back with alternatives to the skit production.

At its meeting of January 5, 2015, the Commission discussed alternative approaches to the Anti-

Approved: _____

Town Manager	Town Attorney	Mgmt. Services	Dept. Head
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- Department Report Request of other Agency Ordinance Study Session
- Consent Presentation Resolution Public Hearing

Bullying campaign and reviewed presentations of pre-existing program materials presented by staff. After discussion, the Commission declined to adopt any of the proposed campaigns and determined that they were in favor of performing a survey of students at local schools and presenting the results of the collected data at school assemblies or lunch time presentations such as the La Contenta Forum.

Staff Review and Recommendation:

At this time, staff recommends that the Commission review the proposed implementation materials and schedule for a local bullying survey that will be presented by staff at the meeting, consider any desired revisions, and move to approve the Anti-Bullying Presentation Implementation Plan.

Alternatives: None recommended.

Attachments: None