



City of Saratoga Youth Commission

MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 13, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Warner Hutton House
13777 Fruitvale Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070

Call to Order **7:05**

Roll Call: Baker, Dev (**late**), Estes (**absent**), Fariba, Fatemi, Finch, Goel, Kuan, Morgan-Witts, Mu, Nookla, Rao, Rees, Sheikh, L. Tang, S. Tang, Tkalcevic, Wilson (**absent**). (*Tang Roll Call*)

Report on Posting of the Agenda: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, this meeting was properly posted on October 5, 2009.

Accept Agenda Items: No additional items may be added pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2.

Approval of September 12th Minutes. **Fariba, Tkalcevic**

Oral & Written Communication: Any member of the public may address the Commission about any matter not on the agenda for this meeting for up three minutes. *Commissioners may not comment on the matter, but may choose to place the topic on a future agenda.*

I. **New Business**

- a. Review from Training
 - i. Policies
 - Always a youth commissioner whether you are in Saratoga or not
 - Model citizens, good attendance, Brown Act
 - ii. What is the Youth Commission
 - iii. Officers – 2009-2010
- b. Commission Outreach:
 - i. Meet with other Saratoga Commissions and/or other Youth Commissions (Baker)
 - Library, Planning, Parks and Rec, Trails
 - Los Gatos Youth Commission (Kaitlin) – policy based, more trying to solve problems, go to one of their meetings
- c. Website Update (Sheikh, Rees, Tkalcevic)
 - Ramiz is working on a new website design
 - will figure out how to make it more user friendly
 - simple, clean style
 - something new each day

- pictures of our events
- calendar- community calendar
- forum- allow viewers to post, comment (ex Saratoga History Museum)
- Facebook – has been updated with concert

d. Committee Updates

i. Committee Expectations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Ideas, enthusiasm, passion – keep in mind that these ideas are new, success of them depends upon the effort and enthusiasm we put into them

ii. Column/Blog Group (Goel, Nookala, Mu, Fatemi, L. Tang, S. Tang, Estes)

- Going to the Saratoga News is our goal
- Starting with a blog to discuss topics, 3 people each month saratogateen.wordpress.com
- Library, college, downtown, reviews for events, inside look on the youth commission, school, safe driving, sports, TV
- First topic of the month: Downtown
- Discusses issues that affect teens in Saratoga
- Come from different schools- discuss about your school and how it relates to Saratoga as a whole
- Journal of life in Saratoga
- Ideas of how to promote the blog: facebook, video, pictures, high school newspapers, word of mouth, recreation catalog teen page

iii. Endorse Saratoga (Tkalcevic, Dev, Mu, Kuan)

T-Shirts

- Have created a rough outline of a T-shirt design
- T-shirts to wear at events
- T-shirts to sell to people, T-shirt contest open to the public
- Bumper stickers at Planet Juice
- Flyers with the graphic design with blog, website, facebook group
- Motto: “We are there for Ya” ☺
- Submit (designs, graphic art, slogan, ideas) to Natalie within 2 weeks

Community Service

- More involved with volunteer work- picking up food from leftover restaurants and donating it to a soup kitchen, shelter to get our name out
- No replies from Sacred Heart, Our Daily Bread
- Senior center – serve food
- Volunteer events – go as a group and seeing the people
- Adopt a Highway – clean up trash
- Christmas tree –for kids who don’t get Christmas gifts in the library

- Hunger banquet – larger scale event, estimating 40-60 kids, have a speaker and combine with our lecture
- iv. Events
1. Filmfest (Sheikh, Baker, Kuan)
 - Had one last year – moderate success
 - Would like to have a fantastic success this year
 - Networking with friends who are interested in film making
 2. Concerts (Morgan-Witts, Sheikh, Rees, Rao, Fatemi, Fariba, Estes, Wilson)
 - Working with Pinup Productions
 - Organized one concert so far, looking for local bands
 - Become more integrated in the concerts
 - Try to find a band from Saratoga for the December 11 Concert
 - Send out a facebook message asking if there are any bands in Saratoga interested in playing at the next concert
 3. Dances (Rees)
 - Invisible Children Dance – Elena
 4. Lecture Series (Baker)
 - Hunger Banquet with a Hunger themed lecture: choose a date, figure out logistics (Natalie)
 - Congressional Representative from our district to speak
- v. In the Park (Morgan-Witts, Fariba)
- involve teenagers in our park and how we can get involved with the Parks and Rec Commission
 - tree planting ceremony for community service on Earth day/Arbor day?
 - Music festival? Outdoor film fest?
- vi. Downtown (Goel, Finch)
- Get teens to go to downtown, get a liason to the planning commission?

II. Old Business

a. Nothing

III. Calendar

- i. North Campus 23rd at 3:30 p.m. ribbon cutting
- ii. Concert – November 20th
- iii. Concert – December 11th
- iv. YAC Attack – March 6, 2010 if you are interested in helping with the planning, there will be a meeting next Tuesday at 6:00 in Sunnyvale
 1. What would you like served for lunch?
 2. What type of Lunch-time entertainment would you like to have?
 3. What type of Workshops or Roundtables would you like to attend? Any workshops or roundtables that you think your Committee/Commission could host?
 4. What types of Debate topics would you like to see? Any topic your Committee/Commission could host?

5. What type of giveaway would you like to receive? (in the past we have given away T-Shirts, Carabineers, Lanyards, etc.)
- v. Film Fest – April/May?
- vi. Rotary Art Show – 1st Sunday in May

IV. Adjournment 8:47

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Minutes completed by Lauren Tang, Secretary.