



City of Saratoga Youth Commission

Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 13, 2012
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Warner Hutton House
13777 Fruitvale Ave.
Saratoga, CA 95070

Call to Order 7:07

Roll Call: Agrawal, Chang, Chien, Finch (*absent*), Lee, Khare (*absent*), R. Pandya, Smith, Sreedhara, Tang, Vijay.

Report on Posting of the Agenda: Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2, this meeting was properly posted on November 5, 2012.

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

Approval of October 9th and 22nd Minutes *Ruchi & Jane*

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. Political Forum

- a. Review/Analysis
 1. *Successful*
 2. *Dialogue in third round was more laid-back*
 3. *Partnering with Cupertino Commission helped a lot*
- b. Suggestions for future forums
 1. *Saratoga teens weren't interested in FUSD portion*
 2. *Take away school district and start at state level*
 3. *Make third round longer*
 4. *Teacher extra credit helped*
 5. *Try other topics? With other topics, try a different approach to make it effective/appeal to teens*
 6. *Bullying topic – assembly for younger children? Middle or elementary school?*

II. YAC Social

- a. *Burlingame*

- b. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday, November 16th
- c. Who's Attending – no attendance
 - 1. Transportation

III. Tree Lighting Ceremony

- a. 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 23rd @ Blaney Plaza (Downtown Village)
- b. Proposed Project
 - Help to write letters to wounded soldiers in the area
 - Many soldiers came back with emotional/physical problems
 - set up table and chairs and help children write the letters/facilitate the booth

IV. Future SYC Events

- a. WOW – Walk One Week 2012/2013
 - 1. 3/18 – assembly 3/25 – school 1, 4/1 – assembly/prizes, 4/8 – school 2, 4/22 – prizes
 - 2. 2 schools out of 3: Argonaut, Saratoga Elementary, Foothill
 - 3. propose plan to school principals after winter break
- b. TFBA – Schedule?
 - 1. Talk to businesses first and get consent on special deals
 - 2. Poll on Facebook to get opinions from teens
 - 3. join with Chamber of Commerce Youth Council?
 - 1. Invite them to our next meeting? 12/11?
- c. Community Service – JW House
 - 1. Next to Kaiser, spend 3-4 hours: cooking/cleaning/hanging out with kids that are there
 - 2. 8-10 people
 - 3. 12/22, 1/12, 1/19 – Sat. morning (approx. 9-12)
 - 4. Open it up to other teens?
- d. Alumni Network
 - 1. Post photos up, add more people
- e. Media
 - 1. Facebook
 - 1. update brochure and Facebook page
 - 2. keep posting new events (ie. TFBA, WOW, etc.)
 - 2. Create a Youtube Channel?
 - 1. Post Pizza and Politics video
 - 2. Make small videos for every event that we go to
 - 3. Instagram?
 - 1. Post photos on individual accounts to promote Youth Commission
- f. Programs for Middle School Student?
 - 1. Continue on from Project Cornerstone?
 - 2. Difficult due to lack of representation at Redwood

V. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- a. **Alumni Network**
- b. **Programs for Middle School Students**

c. **Inviting Chamber of Commerce Youth Council**

VI. Adjournment 8:50

Minutes completed by Mercedes Chien.