

TULARE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2014

Members Present:

Clint Ashcraft, District 1 Appointee
Yonok Warson, District 1 Appointee
Janis Lehmann, District 2 Appointee
Brett Taylor, District 3 Appointee
Angela Ruiz-Alvarez, District 4 Appointee
Donnie Moore, At-Large Appointee
Melody Tucker, District 2 Appointee

Members Absent:

Krystle Contreras, District 5 Appointee

Vacancies:

District 3 Appointee
District 4 Appointee

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:07pm.

2. Roll call and determination of excused/unexcused absences

Krystle Contreras was ill and notified the staff prior to the meeting that she would be absent.

3. Public comment period

None at this time.

4. Approval of Minutes from 1-27-14

Motion by Commissioner Moore, second by Commissioner Ruiz-Alvarez. Motion approved.

5. Review of February 12, 2014 Mandatory Youth Activities Workshop.

Chairman Lehmann began by thanking Commissioner Warson, Contreras, and Caudill for attending the workshop. She felt that staff leadership made it go very well and quickly and we did not have some of the issues that we have had before.

Commissioner Caudill shared that staff did an excellent job. It was less work for commissioners. It went very well and there weren't many questions compared to other years. She did not see a lot of new faces. There didn't seem to be confusion and she did not recall anything being asked that was confusing.

Commissioner Warson believed there was less confusion because many had been through the process.

Commissioner Caudill commented that many organizations are improving on their proposals since they have applied before.

Chairman Lehmann felt it went well because they were able to discuss past issues and provide clarification.

6. Approve Youth Commission participation in LEAD Program and acceptance of new roles/responsibilities as requested by the LEAD Advisory Committee

Chairman Lehmann stated that this item is being brought forward as a continuance of last month's presentation by Allison Pierce. It is to vote on the approval of forming an AD Hoc Committee to participate in LEAD activities. She shared that the future goal of the program is to expand outside Visalia.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Tucker, Second by Commissioner Taylor. Motion approved.

7. Appoint Youth Commissioners to AD Hoc Committee for LEAD Program participation

Julieta Martinez, Staff, informed the Commission that although Commission Contreras was not in attendance, she volunteered to serve on the Ad Hoc. Commissioners Lehmann, Caudill, Tucker, and Taylor also volunteered. Staff will make contact for future meeting dates.

Motion to approve was made by Commissioner Caudill, Second by Commissioner Taylor. Motion approved.

8. Appoint Youth Commissioners to AD Hoc Committee for Youth Activities Grant Review for 2014-15 and set meeting date

Julieta Martinez, Staff, asked the Commission to select a date for the grant reviews. She shared that review group would be split into two.

Commissioner Ashcraft offered host the groups at the McDermont Field House in Lindsay. The commissioners agreed to meet on March 27th at 11:00am.

9. Commissioner Vacancies/Recruitment

Staff shared that there are still vacancies in district three and district four.

Commissioner Tucker shared that she will be retiring in September and will leave an additional vacancy on the Commission.

10. Staff Updates

None at this time.

11. Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Ruiz-Alvarez shared that the school district will be having a meeting to inform parents of how schools will spend local monies in the coming school year. It is a new requirement of the state.

Commissioner Tucker stated that the Tulare Police Department is having a fundraiser coming soon and she will get the dates to staff.

Commissioner Warson shared that she, Supervisor Allen Ishida, and Board Representative Allison Pierce met with the Lindsay Unified School District Superintendent to try and have a Step Up Event in Lindsay. They just finalized a Step Up Event in Strathmore and it is set for March 11th.

Commissioner Moore commented that they just had a mini Step Up event this past Saturday at the Emmanuel church in Porterville. They had about 300 people show up. Supervisor Ennis was in attendance.

Commissioner Ashcraft stating that he is working with Allison Pierce to put together an open basketball tournament in June at Mcdermont Field House.

12. Next meeting – Monday, March 31, 2014 at 3:00pm

13. Adjourn

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