

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
TEEN CENTER
5107 ASTOR AVENUE, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2025, AT 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Escobar at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Commissioner Ramirez led those present in the salute to the flag.

ROLLCALL

Chairperson	Escobar
Vice Chairperson	Coreas
Commissioner	Ramirez, Terrones
Absent	None

Teen Center Supervisor Amber Torres and Administrative Technician Vilma Moran.

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Escobar made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 9, 2024, Vice Chairperson Coreas seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

UNPLUGGED

Performing Arts Program Specialist Sara Fenton, Class Instructor - Performing Arts Abigail Rosas and Nyree Rodriguez introduced themselves to the Commission. Ms. Fenton shared that the Unplugged Performing Arts group has been in session since the beginning of November. The program started with an introduction to musical theatre workshop with junior and senior students. That culminated with the Tree Lighting performance. Thereafter, a company audition was completed for the Junior and Senior Unplugged Programs. The Juniors are ages 6-12 and the Seniors are ages 12-18. The Seniors right now are working on a Director Showcase, and their next performance is March 7th. The Juniors are working on a performance of the Little Mermaid and it opens April 10th. There are four performances that will be held on April 10th, April 11th, and 2 on April 12th. Ms. Fenton expressed that she and the staff are excited, enthusiastic and they have a great devoted group. She also shared that she is happy to meet everyone.

SPRING PROGRAM

The commission discussed their ideas for spring programming. Chairperson Escobar recommended an indoor easter egg hunt at the Teen Center and hide the eggs on top of the vending machines, Vice Chairperson Coreas suggested hiding the special egg near the spider, since no

one got it last time. Commissioner Ramirez suggested that activities be done outside such as gardening and she said that it's a new time of year so it would be good to get some air. Vice Chairperson Coreas added to the gardening suggestion that seasonal flowers can be planted in the garden.

STAFF REPORTS

Teen Center Supervisor Amber Torres reported that she is in the middle of planning the spring program and the commissions ideas will be helpful. The Teen Center has been doing great with the programs. Two Teen Club members are doing a very great job helping the Teen Center connect with Bell Gardens High School. Bell Gardens High School will be having a Children's Fair Event which is part of the I Care Program. The City's Pre-Teen and Teen Clubs will be hosting a booth at this event. The purpose is so that the club members can work on their volunteer hours, they can work with some of the youth and so that they can promote the Teen Center. Ms. Torres shared that it is nice to get involved with Bell Gardens High School since they mainly focus on Rosewood Park School. She is very proud that they are trying to build a bridge between Bell Gardens High School and the Teen Center. She continues to work on trips, programs have continued to be successful as participation is high, and staff is doing a great job.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Chairperson Escobar reported that he is working and getting ready for his second semester at ELAC.

Vice Chairperson Coreas reported that she is studying for her AP exams, and she is taking a trip in April, during spring break. She will be going to Europe for 13 days but she will continue to do homework during her trip.

Commissioner Ramirez reported that in December and January she spent a good amount of time studying for the SBAC test for juniors. She has started to look in to scholarships for school.

Commissioner Terrones reported he is doing his schoolwork and working on projects. In December and going into this month, he has been doing a business project. He is working on his clothing brand. He is shipping out orders now and getting money and turning it in.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Escobar adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m. until March 3, 2025, at 7 p.m.