

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
TEEN CENTER
5107 ASTOR AVENUE, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 AT 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mendoza at 7:04 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Vice Chairperson Escobar led those present in the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

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| Chairperson | Mendoza |
| Vice Chairperson | Escobar |
| Commissioner | Coreas, Reyes, Sainz |

Commission Liaison and Teen Center Supervisor Marcus Enriquez

WELCOME/INTRODRUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Joshua Barrera, 2200 Ransom St. Commerce, CA addressed the Commission and said that he wants to focus on the economics and that he's worried about the future. The economy is having high inflation and we are close to a recession and at one point, they may have to fundraise do their part and help with a solution to attend trips and do activities. He feels that teens need to do their part to help fundraise. In addition, he would like to see more publicity in order to attract more teens to join the Teen Center. He suggested using social media platforms, speaking to parents, going door-to-door, mailers or going to schools to recruit teens.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Mendoza made a motion to approve the minutes of the special meeting of May 4, 2023, Vice Chairperson Escobar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

PARKS MASTER PLAN

Chairperson Mendoza requested clarification on which improvements would be done to the Teen Center as explained in the presentation by Director Alaniz. Mr. Enriquez explained that the Modelo Project will include a new Teen and Performing Arts Center and the current Teen Center will be repurposed. Resident Joshua Barrera expressed his concern and hopes that the City will make good use of the Teen Center.

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE CHARITIES

The Commission visited the Ronald McDonald House in Pasadena and prepared 20 or more burritos for the sick children and their families. Ms. Coreas' mother also volunteered her time and expertise. The Commission agreed that it was a great experience and that they should do it again. Chairperson Mendoza provided ideas for improvements but he shared that it was an overall great experience.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Enriquez shared flyers and provided information on upcoming Teen and Pre-Teen programs and activities. He congratulated Heaven Hernandez for being promoted to the position of Senior Recreation Leader. She'll be leading the Teen and Pre-Teen programs. He also announced that he was promoted to the position of Camp Program Manager. He shared that he will be assisting with the Teen Center until the Teen Center Supervisor position is filled. He expressed his feelings for each commissioner, he feels he learned a lot, it was a great experience and he will miss everyone. All of the commissioners shared their feelings for Mr. Enriquez, congratulated him and wished him the best of luck.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Chairperson Mendoza reported that he passed the written portion for his driver's license; he will soon be taking the behind-the-wheel test. He also started growing tomato and chili plants. He regrets not applying for a city position because now he would like to have more money available to him. He finished school and completed all of his finals in one evening. He said it was insane but he got it done.

Vice Chairperson Escobar reported that he is studying for finals and everyone wished him luck.

Commissioner Sainz reported that he will be attending UCLA's summer program. He will be taking a research class on the connection of movies and theme parks. He is required to participate in the mandatory housing and will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Commissioner Coreas reported that she and her school dance group performed Folklórico at the Luckman Theatre.

Commissioner Reyes reported that he is preparing for finals and has studied a lot to prepare for his anatomy class.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Mendoza adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m. until July 10, 2023, at 7 p.m.