

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
TEEN CENTER
5107 ASTOR AVENUE, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2016 AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rodriguez at 7:09 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Commissioner Del Rio led those present in the salute to the flag and invocation.

ROLL CALL

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| Chairperson | Rodriguez |
| Vice Chairperson | Moreno |
| Commissioner | Del Rio, Sainz |
| Absent | Pinal-Varela |

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Commission was presented with an email from the City of Commerce Teen Librarian Erik Jackiw:

Comic Book Anthology Workshop meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30 p.m. at Rosewood Library. The teens who like to draw are partnering with those who like to write. Professional Comic Writer Ryan Little is walking them through the creative process, with the goal of having each team create an 8-10 page comic. All of these comics will be compiled and printed. Mr. Little is having someone from Marvel Comics draw the cover! This is an ongoing workshop series. During past meetings, a theme for the anthology was selected: useless or silly superpowers. The library started to have writers pitch ideas and artists show their work.

Day of the Dead Celebration, Wednesday 11/2 @ 5 p.m. at Bandini Library. An altar at the library has been assembled to remember loved ones. There will be face painting, crafts and traditional refreshments.

College-related activities: TBD. The library is in the process of finalizing dates.

On 10/15 students from UCLA were invited to the Rosewood Park Library to share their experience and offer advice to teens and parents. Although the focus was on UCLA, they also offered helpful advice, applicable to students going elsewhere. There

was a nice turnout and found that students and parents had lots of questions. The library will continue to invite college students. The next featured school will be Whittier College. Additionally, the library will be hosting a workshop on writing personal statements for college applications. These statements are important, since they offer schools a chance to see students as more than numbers.

SCHEDULED MATTERS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES METROPOLITAN AUTHORITIES TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the City Administrator was not able to participate in the meeting. The Parks and Recreation Commission will hear the presentation on the Metropolitan Authorities Transportation Plan on October 6, 2016, at 6 p.m. at the City of Commerce Council Chambers. This meeting is open to the public.

STATUS REPORT

In conjunction with the second matter, this report could not be presented and will be presented at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

FALL TEEN AND PRE-TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Center Supervisor Blancarte reported on the Fall Program.

ROCKTOBER

Rocktober will be held on Friday, October 7, 2016, from 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. at Boomers in the City of Irvine. The cost is \$20 on or before Saturday, September 10, 2016. The cost after this date is \$25. Registration will go through September 28th.

STAFF REPORTS

Teen Center Supervisor Blancarte reported on the following:

The Teen Center is under construction. The parking lot at the Teen Center will be reconstructed, there is a fabric shade/patio that will be installed, the air conditioning units will be removed, and netting will be installed above the back wall of the Teen Center so that balls no longer go over to the train yard. The Teen Center will be plastered and painted. Soon after, new furniture, games and hopefully a pool table will be approved and purchased during the midyear budget.

10/21 Itsy Bitsy Halloween @ Veterans Park 6:30–7:30 p.m.

10/30 Dia de Los Muertos Celebration @ Bristow 1 – 5 p.m.

12/5 Community Tree Lighting @ Rosewood Park 6 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Chairperson Rodriguez reported that she attended the 16th of September Celebration.

Vice Chairperson Moreno reported that she attended the Flea Market at Rosewood Park School. It was a nice experience and she enjoyed that there were a variety of plants on display.

Commissioner Del Rio reported that he started high school and he enjoyed the engineering walk through that his school provided.

Commissioner Sainz reported that she spoke to youth in the community and many expressed interest in attending a college road trip.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. until November 7, 2016, 2016, at the Teen Center.