

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

MONDAY, January 14, 2019 AT 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trandafir at 7:03 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

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

ROLL CALL

Chairperson	Trandafir
Vice Chairperson	Cebreros, Absent
Commissioner	Argumedo, Mendoza, Tlahuel

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Adolfo Marquez introduced himself to the Commission and thanked the commission for serving the community. He said that he looks forward to the commission's participation in the departments programs. He also said that he is here to assist the commission with anything that they need. However, it is important to go through the proper channels and their point of contact is Marcus. He also wished the commission a Happy New Year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

City of Commerce Teen Librarian Erik Jackiw reported on the following Library Services items:

- 1/26 Character Creation, 11 a.m. at the Rosewood Library
- 1/28 Comic Anthology Program
- 2/2 Stress Management Workshop for Teens
- 2/6 Financial Aid & Fafsa Workshop, 6 p.m. at the Rosewood Library
- 2/12 Valentine's Day Card Craft, 5:30 p.m. at
- Friday's Book Festival Preparation - Teens meet at 4 p.m. at the Rosewood Library
- 3/16 Author Visit

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Trandafir made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meeting of December 10, 2018, Commissioner Mendoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2019 GOALS

The Commission discussed the goals that they would like to implement for 2019. Ideas such as an environmental awareness campaign; empowerment day; something that will bring positivity to people's lives; or possibly a program that is not at a park but something that takes place on a trip. The Commission would like to continue to discuss this item at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

TEEN CENTER IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. Enriquez once again asked the commission to continue to give their ideas for improving the Teen Center. Chairperson Trandafir recommended that additional publicity and better communication is needed to assist with advertisement, trip cancellations and obtaining permission slips. So many youth are forgetful and he recommends that the Teen Center be more supportive when it comes to reminding the Teens about items that are required of them. Commissioner Argumedo recommended the use of a phone app to assist with reminders. Mr. Enriquez stated that he and his staff will seek to find additional resources to provide the youth with better experiences. He shared that Senior Recreation Leader Vanessa Perez uses an app to communicate with her Adventure Club and it works well. He will consider utilizing this resource for other Teen Center programs.

TRAININGS

The commission continued to provide their ideas on different trainings and workshops.

SOCIAL MEDIA IDEAS AND OPINIONS

Mr. Enriquez notified the Commission that he was approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation Robert Lipton to implement a social media campaign which will include Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

ROSEWOOD LIBRARY VISIT

The Commission unanimously agreed to conduct their next meeting at the Rosewood Library and then conclude the meeting to take their commission photos at the Council Chambers.

STAFF REPORTS

Teen Center Supervisor Marcus Enriquez reported on the following Teen & Pre-Teen trips and activities:

- Mon.-Wed. Homework Help, 1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Wed. Drum Basics, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Tues. Calligraphy, 3 p.m.-4 p.m./5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- 2nd, 4th Wed. Baking 101, 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Wed. & Fri. iCare, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Mon. Chef's Club, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thur. Girlology Club, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
- Fri. Adventure Club, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Mon. Man vs. Wild, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- Wed College for Teens, 6 p.m.
- 4/15 – 22 Spring Break
- Teen Clubs & Pre-Teen Clubs meet at the local Parks. Meeting dates and times vary by location.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Chairperson Trandafir shared that he started school but that during the winter break he spent time at the Teen Center and went on the scavenger hunt. He said that he auditioned and landed a part in the Outsiders play at the La Mirada Theatre. He is currently focusing on school, and enjoyed the Teen Center during the break so that he could get away from home. He is also working at a theatre.

Commissioner Mendoza reported that he has a second job walking Councilmember Altamirano's dog; he has returned to school and will be going back to water polo; and he is not as stressed now that finals are over.

Commissioner Argumedo reported that he attended Camp Commerce and saw snow. He said that he had fun and really liked it. He also went to Arizona and spent time with his sister.

Commissioner Tlahuel reported that he has been working and concentrating on school.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Trandafir adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m. until February 4, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Rosewood Library.