

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
TEEN CENTER
5107 ASTOR AVENUE, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019 AT 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trandafir at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

Vice Chairperson Cebreros led those present in the salute to the flag and invocation.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson	Trandafir
Vice Chairperson	Cebreros
Commissioner	Argumedo, Mendoza, Tlahuel

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- 3/14 Pi Day @ 4 p.m. at Rosewood Library
- 3/16 Author Visit @ 10 a.m. at Rosewood Library
These authors write novels that are horror related; the books will vary in price from \$10-\$15 and lunch will be served to all participants.
- 3/30 Essay Contest for grades 4-12
- 4/1 D-motivation Day Program – a day dedicated to being pessimistic and cynical.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Trandafir made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Meetings of January 14 and February 4, 2019, Vice Chairperson Cebreros seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2019 GOALS

The Commission discussed the importance of environmental awareness and how they each have received information through the programs that they are involved in. Chairperson Trandafir shared that he is taking AP Environmental Science and has learned that there are so many different and yet common household pollutants that exist. Commissioner Tlahuel shared that he has met with the staff from East Yards and they have been very informative about environmental issues in the community. At the request of Mr. Enriquez, East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, a Commerce based group, has offered to speak and share their knowledge at the next commission meeting. Mr. Enriquez informed the commission that he went to school to become a geologist and worked in the industry for two years. He said that with his background and expertise, he believes that an awareness campaign would be a great program to develop. He encouraged the commission to continue to think of ways to

organize the program.

Commissioner Argumendo suggested that the teens attend an archery trip that is offered by the Pasadena Roving Archers. He feels that it would be a great opportunity for the youth to experience a different type of activity. The First-Time Archers Class is free and returning students pay \$10 per session. Mr. Enriquez said that he knows of a great teen program that would benefit from such a trip. This program is now called the i-wild club. This club was formed by merging the i-care club and the outdoor club to work together to promote outdoor and healthy living.

TRAININGS

Due to the strong support of the Commission to offer CPR/First Aid training, Mr. Enriquez contacted the American Red Cross Association and they will provide a training in June for a cost of \$30 per person. The Teen's will be allowed to fundraise in order to assist with the cost of the class. Vice Chairperson Cebreros recommended that all teens be allowed to participate in the Pet Shelter training that will be attended by the Girology Club. She feels that it is important to open this up to all teens because this type of training is a requirement to volunteer at pet shelters. Mr. Enriquez was in support of Commissioner Tlahuel's suggestion to offer an interview skills program and immediately implemented an interview training class to be held on Fridays on a walk-in basis and then appointments will be accepted throughout the week. He feels that teens will benefit from a flexible schedule that meets their availability and need. Commissioner Tlahuel said that he has an interview coming up and he would like to utilize this resource.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Enriquez announced that the implementation of the Teen Center's social media campaign will begin on Friday, March 6th. He shared that it took longer than expected to get the approval and to be provided with an appropriate device. But, he is happy to almost be done because he prefers to do things right. He said that he will be heavily responsible for the Teen Center's Instagram page. In addition, Recreation Leader Jacob Rodriguez has images and has shared a lot of great ideas that will be implemented.

At the recommendation of Senior Recreation Leader Vanessa Perez, the unattractive windows at the Teen Center have been replaced with chalk boards that can be decorated. Desks have been moved and a study area has been created. Though the space at the Teen Center is small, they are trying their best to make improvements to benefit the teens. Soon, the entry room will be painted, some of the large pieces of furniture will be removed and a counter will be installed against the windows.

Additional items that were covered are as follows:

- 3/15 – Preteens, Captain Marvel movie
- 3/16 – Pre-teen/Adventure Club - Trip to a wolf sanctuary
- 8/11-16 – Trip to Los Osos, Santa Barbara
- Recommends bringing someone from ULCA to conduct a training for the YES Program.
- Unplugged is back in full motion
- YES Program is open, ages 14-19
- Mental Health Training was held for Teen staff. They are certified for 3 years to gain assistance for those with mental health issues.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Chairperson Trandafir reported that due to the encouragement from staff and friends, he applied for Young Man of the Year. He did not receive this award, but he benefited because it helped him with his interviewing skills and he enjoyed going through the process. He finished up his participation in the Outsiders play that was held on February 21st. He thanked everyone who attended and was especially grateful to Commissioner Argumedo for driving from so far to support him. He said that he is currently focusing on school; this year is his junior year and it's the hardest year. He continues to volunteer his time with Unplugged.

Commissioner Argumedo reported that he attended a library event and the Outsider's play and especially loved the part with Tony and Pony Boy.

Vice Chairperson Cebreros said that she is currently taking AP World History, AP Spanish, honors English and she is hoping to get approval to take honors math. She had a Sharp's Drill Team Competition and they took 1st place.

Commissioner Mendoza shared that he is excited that his brother will be coming home from Wisconsin. He is focusing on school and water polo. He is also planning his school schedule for next year.

Commissioner Tlahuel reported that he is preparing for an interview and will be meeting with one of his teachers to get assistance. He said that he is focusing on school and his ROP class. He also went to Tony's play and is studying so that he can get his permit because he needs his license.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Trandafir adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. until April 1, 2019, at 7 p.m. at the Teen Center.