

**MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
ROSEWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD LIBRARY (MAIN)
5655 JILLSON STREET, COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA
MONDAY, February 3, 2020 AT 7:00 PM**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Trandafir at 7:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
AND INVOCATION**

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

ROLL CALL

Chairperson	Trandafir
Vice Chairperson	Mendoza
Commissioner	Amador
Absent	Escalante, Tlahuel

Teen Center Supervisor Enriquez

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

- 2/14 Teen Photo Contest, top 3 drawings will be hung at the Rosewood Library, Teen area.
- 2/18 Financial Aid and Commerce Scholarship Workshop @ 6 p.m. at the Rosewood Library.
- 3/7 Event, Understanding What Happens in the Fashion Industry @ 11 a.m. at the Rosewood Library.
- 3/31 Essay Contest – Topic (Movie), Looking back, what is Commerce about or what would you change?

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairperson Trandafir made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of December 16, 2019, Vice Chairperson Mendoza seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

OUTREACH PROJECT

Mr. Enriquez provided a variety of trainings that could be offered to the community. Such trainings included classes in self-defense/empowerment, sex education, healthy eating, mental health, youth development and diversity/sensitivity.

RECRUITMENT SURVEYS

The Commission was updated on the recruitment survey project. Mr. Enriquez gave credit to Senior Recreation Leader Vanessa Perez for finding an application that would allow the Teen Center to directly text the youth and then they would be able to respond by giving their feedback or notifying if they plan to attend a trip/activity. Mr. Enriquez continued to share that this is a useful way to use technology to send reminders and gather data. Also, it deters staff from having a one-on-one conversation via text with underage participants. Mr. Enriquez asked the Commission if they were in agreement and after a brief discussion the

Commission shared that they were pleased with the outcome.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT DAY Mr. Enriquez reported that Student Government Day will be scheduled for the 1st week in April. Commissioners unanimously agreed that they would like for Assembly member Cristina Garcia's office to be contacted and request that she be the guest speaker for Student Government Day.

STAFF REPORTS

Teen Center Supervisor Marcus Enriquez thanked the Commission for attending the many City Birthday events and noted that attendance was at 250 people at the Teen Center. He was extremely proud and grateful to his staff and the actors for their hard work and dedication in their theatre production of *In the Heights*. Amber Chavez worked diligently and he doesn't know how she gets the kids to learn their lines; Heaven Hernandez and staff made the beautiful stage; so many people made this a memorable event. He also said that though he does not cry often, this work made him extremely emotional.

The Teen Center continues to go through renovations and is temporary closed to the public. Mr. Enriquez gathered the Commissioner's feedback on flooring and painting options. He shared what future projects he would like to see. For example he would like to expose the ceiling joists for an open beam look. The Commissioners were excited and would like to see what is in the attic of the Teen Center. It has always been a point of curiosity for them.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Chairperson Trandafir reported that he started school and he's over it. As the team manager of his school's basketball team, he does not have to attend classes on Tuesday's and Thursday's. However, their team is not very good so they will more than likely lose in the play-offs and he will have to return to his normal school schedule, making his days at school longer. However, he continues to stay busy with school and is running for Young Man of the Year.

Vice Chairperson Mendoza reported that he watched the Super Bowl game and he's getting his schoolwork done.

Commissioner Amador reported that she applied for the Miss Commerce Pageant and scholarship. She attended a wedding in Texas. She loves going to Texas because that's where her family is from. On Christmas Eve, she drove at midnight through terrible weather. She was scared and had never done this before. She also reported that she started her winter schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairperson Trandafir adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m. until March 2, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the Teen Center.