



**RIVERSIDE COUNTY
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
FIRST SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT**

Minutes:

04 August 2010

County Administrative Center: Conference Room C
4080 Lemon St., 5th Floor; Riverside, CA 92502
(951)955-1010

1.0 Call to order 2:45 PM

2.0 Roll Call

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Council Business-Discussion items

- 4.1 Returning members signed “**member certification**” papers at the end of the guidelines section from their binders.
- 4.2 **Brown Act** – council members were provided a brief summary over the Brown Act from their YAC binders. Ensures “transparency” from our group.
- 4.3 **Robert’s Rules of Order** – the YAC was provided a summary of the Robert’s Rules of Order. These rules were established in an effort to allow all individuals on a committee/group an opportunity to express their concerns prior to making final decisions.
- 4.4 **Jeopardy Game** – the council was divided into three groups to quiz their knowledge on the Board of Supervisors, proper meeting Procedures, the Youth Advisory Council, the Youth Commission and Youth Law Booklets. The winning team was awarded a cheesecake, but they decided to share it with all council members.
- 4.5 **Contact sheet** – each council member was given contact information for each of the council members.
- 4.6 **Mikenzie’s “project initiative” update** – Mikenzie presented information on a tree planting project she found through the city. Unfortunately, because it is being put on through the city, we cannot participate. However, council members would like to do something similar for First District.
- 4.7 **Adriana’s “project initiative” update** – Adriana presented information on volunteering at the Mary S. Roberts Pet Adoption Center off of Industrial Avenue in First District. Volunteers have to be sixteen years of age and able to dedicate four hours a month at the center. Volunteer applications were distributed. These are due at the next council meeting. There will be more discussion at the next meeting if the council will be able to make such a commitment.
- 4.8 Revised **YAC meeting and Youth Commission meeting schedules** were distributed to council members.
- 4.9 **Operation Safe-House “Stuff the Bus” (November 18th)** – the Youth Commission helped with this event last year in order to raise items for the youth at the SafeHouse; over 5,000 items were raised last year. One bus from RTA goes around Riverside on November 18th collecting donated items in an effort to “Stuff the Bus.” Council members discussed ways to raise items this year. Some ideas include: a scavenger hunt on Saturday, August 28th from 10AM to 1PM in the Orange Crest area, standing outside of a store for

donations, seeking donations from private companies or large corporations, working with school clubs such as ASB to get an entire campus involved and using funds from a clean-up to donate to the SafeHouse.

4.10 **Temescal Valley Clean-Ups** (November 20th; December 4th) – Code Enforcement has been given a grant in an effort to clean up the Temescal Valley area while also getting youth involved. Youth groups, with a non-profit tax-ID, are awarded \$500 after cleaning up an area. The council is able to assist because funds awarded will be donated to a non-profit. Council members are enthusiastic to clean the environment and donate funds to others in need. It will be discussed during the next meeting which organization the funds will be donated to.

4.11 **Earth Day, Green project** (Saturday, April 23rd, 2011) – Aviana met with Code Enforcement to discuss clean-ups in Temescal Valley. She made it known that the council is very interested and concerned with getting and keeping Riverside clean. As a result, Code Enforcement will be assisting the Youth Advisory Council host an environmental youth fair on Earth Day. The council will continue to develop the event, and Aviana will stay in communication with Code.

5.0 Youth Commission Updates

5.1 **“2 truths and a lie”** – in an effort for council members to get better acquainted with one another, council members went around the group making three statements. Two statements are real and one is false. All of the council members must discern between the statements and decide which is false.

5.2 **Youth Retreat Overview & Survey** – council members shared feed-back on the recent Youth Retreat. All students greatly enjoyed the speaker, John Vandenburg, and his activities, but they also suggested having the Youth Retreat at a less distracting location indoors.

5.3 **Commission Officer Positions Presentation** – each of the five officer positions were reviewed and explained to the council members. New members asked questions about the positions.

5.4 **Nominations, Campaigning and Voting** – the following officers were democratically elected: Commissioner: Vanessa Florez; Co-Commissioner: Simran Bohgunh; Secretary: Jocelyn Campos; Parliamentarian: Haleigh Anderson; and Historian: Jazmin Lopez.

5.5 **Youth in Government Day registration** – registration forms were distributed to YAC members. This is a mandatory event, and council members will have to miss school to attend. Council members are encouraged to discuss this event with their parent(s)/legal guardians. Forms are due to Aviana at the next council meeting.

6.0 Ideas, Questions and Comments none

7.0 Next Meeting

7.1 Thursday, September 02nd at 4:55PM

8.0 Adjournment 5:00 PM