



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

Minutes:

02 September 2010

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

1.0 Call to order 4:35 PM

2.0 Roll Call

3.0 Pledge of Allegiance

4.0 Council Business-Discussion items

- 4.1 **Name game** – Council members were numbered a one or two. Members divided according to their number, and were on opposite sides of the room. One person from each side held up between the two groups. They made sure they were not facing the other team. Members were instructed in each team to choose one person to sit in front of the sheet. The two holding the sheet would then drop the sheet on cue from the teams. Whoever named the other person's name first won that round. The loser moved back to the group, another player was selected and the winner stayed. This was repeated until all members had a time to go at least once.
- 4.2 **Animal Shelter update** – distributed at the last meeting, volunteer waivers & applications were due. Aviana contacted someone for animal services in hopes of being able to have the council volunteer only once. An update will be provided at the next meeting.
- 4.3 **Whitney's update** – Whitney's update consisted of assisting at a Soup kitchen, "Second Harvest." The council will be volunteering at the location on Saturday, October 16 from 8AM-12PM. Tasks include stocking the kitchen, cleaning and organizing inventory. More information will be available at the next meeting
- 4.4 **Joseph's update** – Joseph's update consisted of mentioning another Soup Kitchen through a Church. More information will be provided at the next meeting.
- 4.5 **Jessica's update** – Jessica informed the council about the "Centro de Ninos" and how she would like the council to run a school supply drive. More information will be provided at the next meeting.
- 4.6 **Operation Safe-House "Stuff the Bus" (November 18th)** – last year almost 4,000 items were collected for Operation SafeHouse. Vanessa asked if anybody was unfamiliar with Operation Safe-House and then provided a brief overview. First district is trying to collect items for the shelter. In an effort to acquire items, it was suggested to conduct a scavenger hunt on August 28th.

- 4.7 **Scavenger Hunt over-view** – council members that went shared their experience from Saturday, August 28th in OrangeCrest: fun, we received a lot of donations, felt safe because there were no cars driving around, it was a great time to get to know other council members, and it was suggested, if the council does a scavenger hunt again, to go later.
- 4.8 **Mead Valley Community Day” (October 2nd) 9AM-1PM** – this annual community event, with a focus on health & safety, is being hosted by First District. The council has been approached by staff to assist with set-up, running booths and with the MARS program (arts & crafts). It will be held at the Mead Valley Community Center. A sign up sheet was being passed around if any member wanted to assist. Members also indicated if they will need a ride. If you need a ride, please be to the CAC by 8:30AM. The council should return around 1:30PM. Lunch will not be provided, but members can grab something on the way back if the council would like.
- 4.9 **Celebration of Literacy Fair/Book Drive/Lakeland Village Clean-Up/ Santa Margarita Water-Shed Clean-Up (October 23rd)** – it has not been finalized which project the council will assist at. Final updates will be provided at the upcoming meeting. The literacy fair is an annual event held at the Bobby Bonds Park off of University Avenue by the Riverside Volunteer Center. There are booths and fun activities for children, primarily ten and under. They are given free books. The council has held a book drive the past four years and will likely continue collecting books for this event. The Lakeland Village Clean-up is a day when residents are able to bring hard to recycle items such as tires, scrap metal etc. free of charge. This event is being provided by First District. If our services are needed, this will take precedent. The Santa Margarita Watershed Clean-up is also another opportunity to participate in.
- 4.10 **Temescal Valley Clean-Ups (December 4th)** – instead of conducting two clean-ups, the council will be conducting one, collect \$500, and the Supervisor will match the \$500 donation totaling \$1,000 to be donated to the non-profit of the council’s choice. Council Members suggested funding an elementary garden; donating the money to the office on aging, Operation SafeHouse, H.O.P.E., or the Habitat for Humanity; but it was decided to utilize the money to get better gifts and/or arts & crafts for the Breakfast with Santa, or an event that the Council will be able to see their money being utilized to benefit the community.
- 4.11 **Breakfast with Santa (Saturday, December 11th)** – returning council members provided a general overview of the event: an annual community event where residents are provided a free breakfast and arts and crafts are available for the children, in addition to taking a picture with Santa. Aviana

and Elena have begun planning this event. Council members brainstormed new arts and crafts ideas. Members suggested: decorating Santa Hats, decorating stockings, making edible gingerbread houses, or decorating gingerbread man.

- 4.12 **First District YAC logo** – it was suggested by staff to create a logo for the 1st District Youth Advisory Council. Council members were encouraged to draft ideas and bring to the next meeting. Staff will approve/revise final logo.
- 4.13 **Earth Day, Green project (Saturday, April 23rd, 2011)** – this item was tabled to the next meeting.

5.0 Youth Commission Updates

- 5.1 **Youth Summit theme planning** – council members generated ideas for the 2011 Youth Summit topic. The Youth Summit is an open event for all high school students to attend, and the theme is chosen by the Youth Commission. Based on voting, members chose **teen safety** (internet, bullying, self-defense class, Sheriff's department and Code), **health** (physical, importance of exercise and having some soft of interactive activity, diet, and mental) and **education** ("college bound," admissions counselor, A-G requirements, SAT's 101 and personal statements).
- 5.2 **Youth in Government Day registration** – Aviana collected registration forms. Updates will be provided at the next meeting. Returning council members gave an overview of the event: an exclusive opportunity for council members to shadow a County employee.
- 5.3 **Commission Officer Biographies/Pictures** – commissioners completed bios and took pictures for the Youth Commission website.
- 5.4 **Youth Commission Officer Training** (ok to park in lot) – Wednesday, September, 15th from 5-7PM; pizza will be provided; mandatory for Commissioner, Co-Commissioner and Secretary. Aviana will not be in attendance. If an officer needs to get in contact with someone the day of, please contact Amber McHenry, Legislative intern for 5th District at (951)955-1050 or (951)623-7870.
- 5.5 **Youth Commission Website** – the website: www.rivcoyac.org is up and running. Council members are encouraged to look over the website. Also, minutes, agendas, meeting dates and event information will be posted.

6.0 Ideas, Questions and Comments – none.

7.0 Next meeting: Thursday, October 7th at 5:00PM.

8.0 Adjournment 6:00 PM