

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA
YOUTH COMMISSION**

JUNE 12, 2007

CALLED TO ORDER

P ARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES AGENCY
888 W. SANTA ANA BLVD.; SUITE 200
CONFERENCE ROOM
5:34P.M.

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS Present:
*MARIO GUERRERO Jr.; *JUAN L.
GUADARRAMA; *EVANI MOLINA; *LILIANA
PALACIOS; DIANA S. LARA
*(4) Voting Members

MEMBERS Absent:
*COLBY E. JOHNSON; SANDRA PALOS, ANNA
M. GOLKA, MEGAN KLUKEN
*(1) Voting Member

MEMBERS of the Public:
NONE

STAFF Present:
JUAN L. LARA; GERARDO MOUET; JENNY RIOS

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Approve staff recommendations on the following Consent Calendar items:

MINUTES & ABSENCES

Motion: Approve Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 8, 2007.

MOTION:	GUADARRAMA	SECOND:	PALACIOS
		VOTE:	
		AYES:	GUERRERO; GUADARRAMA; MOLINA; PALACIOS (4)
		NOES:	NONE (0)
		ABSENT:	JOHNSON (1)

RECORDING SECRETARY REPORT

The following notices were posted pursuant to the Brown Act Commission: Agendas and Notices are posted on the door of the Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Office at 888 W. Santa Ana Blvd., 2nd Floor Conference Room and on the door of the Council Chambers at 22 Civic Center Plaza.

Motion: Instruct the Recording Secretary to enter into the minutes

**** END OF CONSENT CALENDAR ****

BUSINESS CALENDAR

1. ANTI-GRAFFITI NEWSLETTER

Youth Commissioners Guadarrama, Molina, Lara and Guerrero will be scheduling meetings with Gerardo to begin drafting their articles. Commissioner Molina will provide a copy of the Arcade Magazine produced by Saddleback High School. Commissioner Guerrero will focus on the cost of graffiti removal and the other possible uses for those funds. Commissioner Guadarrama will focus on the consequences faced by those caught putting up graffiti and Commissioner Lara will focus on what makes graffiti a crime. The plan is for a press conference on the Newsletter to take place at the Youth Expo in October 7th. Commissioner Palacios will consider looking into an Art Contest. Outlines and or updates on their articles will be presented at the July Youth Commission Meeting,

2. YOUTH MASTER PLAN RESOLUTION

Executive Director for Parks and Recreation presented to the City Council's PREY committee the resolution as recommended by the Youth Commission. The plan is for City Council to approve an initial \$25,000 for phase one of the Youth Master Plan. As part of the plan, the Youth Commission will link their efforts to promote health and fitness with the launching of the Mayor and City Council Fitness awards presented at the Press Conference at last year's Youth Expo. In addition, the fact that phase I will focus on sports as the primary source of participation for youth will result as the main deterrent of youth crime and gangs in the city. Commissioner Palacios stated that this sounds like an excellent course of action, especially in changing peoples perceptions of our city and its youth. Commissioner Guerrero asked how the joint-use agreement of facilities between the School District and the City could further help this effort. Staff will plan on a report on this at a future meeting.

3. YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL

Executive Director for Parks and Recreation repeated the overview of the Youth and Government program. The vision for the program is to recruit 30 incoming eleventh graders from the local high schools. The group will take part in a series of weekly trainings and the program will culminate with a mock City Council meeting. The purpose of the plan is to educate the youth involved on how local government works. As part of the program, the participants will receive a stipend and college credit to be determined at a later date. If approved as planned, the program is scheduled to begin in the Fall of 2007.

4. UPCOMING MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

a. Santiago Park Clean-up

E. Memory Lane

June 16, 2007

9:00am

b. El Salvador Center Ribbon Cutting

1825 W. Civic Center Dr.

June 30, 2007

9:00am – 1:00pm

COMMENTS

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments

2. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Palacios stated that she was glad to be back in Santa Ana after serving as a Congressional Page in Washington, DC. She encouraged all Commissioners and the public at large to take advantage of those opportunities.

3. STAFF COMMENTS

Juan Lara reminded all Commissioners of the importance of confirming their attendance to the monthly meetings.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:40 P.M.

Juan L. Lara, Secretary