

MEETING DATE: February 3, 2009

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of a Recommendation to City Council Regarding the Establishment of a Culver City Youth Advisory Committee.

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1. 1. To give a unique number to your survey, in the box below put: your 2 digit day of birth-class grade number-first and last initial If you are no longer in school, use 00 (zero, zero) as your class grade number. Example: JOHN SMITH was born on the FIFTH day of the month and he is in the TENTH grade, so his number is 05-10-JS.			
			Response Count
			115
	answered question		115
	skipped question		0

2. 2. How old are you?				
		Response Average	Response Total	Response Count
My age is:		14.43	1,660	115
	answered question			115
	skipped question			0

3. 3. Do you live in Culver City?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		73.6%	81
No		26.4%	29
	answered question		110
	skipped question		5

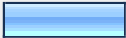
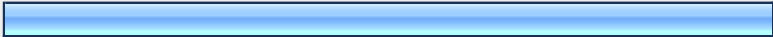
4. 4. What Culver City issues are you interested in?		
		Response Count
		93
	answered question	93
	skipped question	22

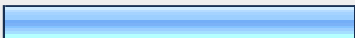
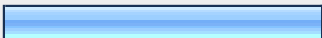
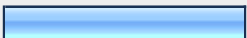
5. 5. What could a Youth Advisory Committee do in Culver City?		
		Response Count
		82
	<i>answered question</i>	82
	<i>skipped question</i>	33

6. 6. Have you ever participated in volunteer work?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		52.8%	57
No		47.2%	51
		<i>answered question</i>	108
		<i>skipped question</i>	7

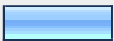
7. IF YES, what type and when?		
		Response Count
		52
	<i>answered question</i>	52
	<i>skipped question</i>	63

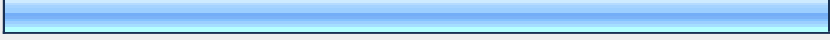
8. 7. Have you ever participated in or heard about the Culver City Teen Center “Youth Making Changes” group?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Participated In		7.5%	8
Heard About		32.7%	35
Neither One		59.8%	64
		<i>answered question</i>	107
		<i>skipped question</i>	8

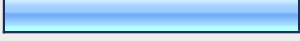
9. 8. Have you ever participated in or heard about the "Project Citizen" program?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Participated In		1.9%	2
Heard About		13.2%	14
Neither One		84.9%	90
answered question			106
skipped question			9

10. 9. Would you like to attend a City-sponsored special event to find out more about local government and opportunities for youth involvement?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		38.7%	41
No		34.9%	37
Don't Know		26.4%	28
answered question			106
skipped question			9

11. 10. Would you like to be a member of a Culver City Youth Advisory Committee to the City Council?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes		30.9%	34
No		41.8%	46
Don't Know		27.3%	30
answered question			110
skipped question			5

12. 10-a) IF YES, how much time per month would you be willing to spend being involved in the group?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
1 to 2 hours a month		11.8%	4
2 to 3 hours a month		41.2%	14
3 or more hours a month		47.1%	16
		<i>answered question</i>	34
		<i>skipped question</i>	81

13. 10-b) How often should meetings of the group be scheduled?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Once a month		91.2%	31
Once every 3 months		8.8%	3
Once every 6 months		0.0%	0
		<i>answered question</i>	34
		<i>skipped question</i>	81

14. 10-c) How important would it be to get community service hours credit for participating in the group?			
		Response Percent	Response Count
A lot		47.1%	16
A little		32.4%	11
Not at all		20.6%	7
		<i>answered question</i>	34
		<i>skipped question</i>	81

15. If you would like to make additional written comments on any of the previous questions or on any other topic, please use the space below.		
		Response Count
		18
	<i>answered question</i>	18
	<i>skipped question</i>	97

16. If you want to be on the City's mailing/email list or would like to be contacted about becoming a member of a Culver City Youth Advisory Committee, please give us your contact information:			
		Response Percent	Response Count
Name:		100.0%	52
Address:		65.4%	34
City/Town:		55.8%	29
State:		57.7%	30
ZIP/Postal Code:		50.0%	26
Email Address:		73.1%	38
Phone Number:		71.2%	37
	<i>answered question</i>		52
	<i>skipped question</i>		63

Results of Youth Advisory Committee Survey

115 surveys are included in this analysis; 48 online surveys & 67 hardcopy surveys.
69 online surveys were received, but only 48 of these were included in the analysis.
The following types of surveys were removed from the analysis:
03 Duplicates - In each case, the most complete survey was left in the analysis and the one with less data was removed.
02 with Age Anomalies - One with the age listed as "5" and another with the age listed as "666."
01 with the answer to Question 1 only.
15 with the answers to Questions 1, 2 & 3 only.
67 hardcopy surveys were received. 9 of these surveys did not have a unique I.D. number, but they were given I.D. numbers so that they could be included in the analysis.
SURVEY RESULTS
1. To give a unique number to your survey, in the box below put: your 2 digit day of birth-class grade number-first and last initial If you are no longer in school, use 00 (zero, zero) as your class grade number. Example: JOHN SMITH was born on the FIFTH day of the month and he is in the TENTH grade, so his number is 05-10-JS.
<i>answered question - 115</i>
<i>skipped question - 0</i>
2. How old are you?
Average Age = 14 years / Average Age excluding those over Age 24 = 13 years
<i>answered question - 115</i>
<i>skipped question - 0</i>
8 yrs - 1 response
9 yrs - 2 responses
10 yrs - 1 response
11 yrs - 26 responses
12 yrs - 27 responses
13 yrs - 13 responses
14 yrs - 7 responses
15 yrs - 11 responses
16 yrs - 9 responses
17 yrs - 12 responses
20 yrs - 1 response
24 yrs - 1 response
30 yrs - 1 response
39 yrs - 1 response
57 yrs - 1 response
64 yrs - 1 response

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3. Do you live in Culver City?	
<i>answered question - 110</i>	
<i>skipped question - 5</i>	
YES - 81 or 74%	
NO - 29 or 26%	
4. What Culver City issues are you interested in?	
<i>answered question - 93</i>	
<i>skipped question - 22</i>	
Don't know / Not sure - 11 responses	The economy - 4 responses
None / Nothing - 21 responses	School(s) - 4 responses
All other responses are listed below:	
after school activities, weekend activities	
An environmentally conscious city. High School/Middle School sports, programs, and clubs	
Any form of decisions that will affect the youth in Culver City, due to their ineligibility to voice their opinions through voting.	
cell phone and hat policy	
city beautification, city development, city population	
Cops working with youth. More job opportunities for youth	
dogs in parks	
drunk people	
economic development near new light rail site	
education, law, drugs and alcohol and almost everything else	
environment	
help the community	
I am interested in CERT, but for animals. Which is called CART or DART.	
helping homeless animals	
helping the community	
helping the environment, keeping the homeless safe and giving them a place to live, graffiti, keeping the homeless out of our parks, making sure children are getting a good education and staying off the streets.	
I'm interested in many issues regarding Culver City, but mostly, I want to know what our school district is doing for our students and how Culver City is affecting the environment & what we're doing to help the environment's state.	
I am interested in all things culver city, but I have been more active with the Parks and Rec. Department	
I am interested in the safety of the skaters at the skatepark. They never wear helmets and usually just smoke and deal drugs instead of skating. I would also like to put security there. Another issue I am interested in is the lack of crossing guards near the schools. For example in front of CCMS there have been 3 or 4 accidents involving cars hitting kids. The drivers drive like maniacs down there!	

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I am interested in the promotion of your surveys, stranger danger, sexual harassment occurring in Culver City and accidents that cause injury or death. (:
i don't agree with the curfew that says I can't go outside after 10pm
Increasing community interaction between the city government and the people of Culver City.
I think that Culver City needs a place where just kids can hang out. Kids need space away from their families or whatever it is, as adults you may not know that kids get stress too. Kids have their grades and their homework, the tests, and other social stuff. Sometimes it can get overwhelming. So, kids want a place to go to get some space and leave their cares behind; that's the first part. For adults, they always want their children to be safe. So what some of my friends and I were thinking was that kids should have a hangout. Parents can drop them off whenever they feel the need. Kids can also go there after school. One condition, no parents. But to keep the parents happy, they can put some security guards. Only people in middle school or high school can go.
I'm interested in whether dogs should be allowed in the Culver City parks or not.
I'm interested in whether dogs should be allowed in the Culver city parks.
Keeping teens busy after school, working with them at the teen center, instead of them hanging around outside the library or skating on the street corners.
making schools better; better accredited teachers; having more AP classes
MORE STORES!
Mostly I am interested in our community and recycling. There is an ECO- Club at my school. We are currently collecting batteries to recycle. I attend Culver City Middle School.
My mom is President of Culver City Little League and I see how much good her volunteer work does for the kids in our community and lots of my friends. I'd like to get involved in helping keep the sports programs in our city successful and keep the fields we play on in good condition - and maybe create more places for us to practice.
N/a There just needs to be a youth committee
our environment
overland avenue
pollution
prop 8
prop 8 fix the hat policy
Quality of education. Discrimination by city police.
Recreation; Events; Music
Schools, programs, city involvement
skate park
the curfew in culver city
the dress code - gets on my nerve
The issues that affect the student body the most which include, peer pressure, substance abuse, family issues, and other numerous things that affect the average teenager. Since I am an adolescence, I point towards the issues that affect my age group the most since I am able to see it in a way that adults cannot. Culver City itself is a beautiful place, however the amount of poop located on the outside of schools due to seagulls are atrocious.

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The environment. The budget. education
support for the arts!!! There is no dominant music program for the youth in the Culver City Schools. This is a huge issue because many students from Culver City want to pursue the arts and when they find out that the middle school and highschool music department is practically nonexistent, they go to other schools like Santa Monica High School or Hamilton High. I am one of those students. I'm currently a junior in Culver City High School, I went to CCMS and El Marino. I play the viola and am serious about pursuing music as an occupation. I grew up in Culver City and I love it dearly, however I do not love the fact that I had to actually consider going to schools that weren't in the Culver City school district, solely because of the poor music programs Culver City had to offer. I ended up staying at Culver City High because Santa Monica High (phenomenal music program) couldn't accept any more students on permits and Hamilton High didn't have an academic score that my family approved of. I'm currently in the AVPA (Academy of Visual and Performing Arts) which is a program offered at CCHS. In order to prosper, it needs more support, especially from the Culver City school district. Please, take a look into this.
the issue on too much drunk people
The issues of overcrowding in schools I'm concerned with the amount of kids bussed into our schools and the number of students allowed permits. While I believe that everyone should be allowed the same right to a good education I do not believe that as a community it is our responsibility to tend to the education of people outside of our city... I think Culver City schools are far to lenient with whom they allow permits to and it hinders the chances of residents that pay to go to Culver Schools the chance of learning to their fullest potential... Another issue I would like to address is the fact that there doesn't seem to be many free activities only targeted for teens seeing as most of us are unemployed or get paid very little it would be nice to know that there are free activities (especially art and theatre programs) just for teens....I hope you take these things into consideration....
the skate park, sandals and hats
The Government and the youth work force
Traffic, public safety, environmental issues, improving education in CCUSD schools, school funding, health, etc.
well i don't live hear but i am interested
Why the city decided to make the streets all weird by the pacific center? why did they close down some streets, and made new confusing routes?
Youth in arts and entertainment
5. What could a Youth Advisory Committee do in Culver City?
<i>answered question - 82</i>
<i>skipped question - 33</i>
Don't know - 23 responses
n/a - 2 responses
Not much/nothing - 5 responses
Help people/kids - 4 responses
All other responses are listed below:
A YAC, as it is commonly know, could provide a forum for the youth in Culver City to directly express ideas or suggestions to the City Council or other city government agency and for the most part, allow students to learn about the municipal system of government, something not often taught in schools.

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fix the hat policy
give a different perspective on problem in our city and help adults see problem that they don't but we do.
give culver city insight on what's going on in schools on the streets in the kids minds
give the student's point of view
Good
have fun ?
help children learn more about life
A Youth Advisory Committee could enlighten our elected public officials to take a different view on things. Any youth input is completely different than the normal input the city council normally receives. It could potentially bring a fresh, new perspective regarding pending issues in our city and would be a great place for my generation to be able to express our opinions respectfully & be heard...something that does not happen quite often. Young people want to be heard & want to make a difference but many times are shut out due to ageism from people who think we do not know enough to have a voice. A youth committee, if actually taken seriously, could bring young, inspired people to learn about the way our government works, & mold our teen citizens into respectable & educated persons so our city can be held in experienced hands in the future.
A youth advisory committee could provide a different perspective on things around the city, that can help benefit every one. A youth advisory will help to show that the city is looking out for the youth and could help to inspire more youth to stay in culver city and get involved later in life. This also allows for the city to see things as young people do and therefore, they will get a perspective that is otherwise non-existent.
A Youth Advisory Committee in Culver City would help our city with issues targeted toward teens and help adults to see our position and give us a voice within our community because we often feel silenced by authority...
A youth advisory committee would advise the older members on issues that matter to the younger people in our community
advise kids how to solve problems
be the eyes and ears of the youth for policy makers
Brainstorm new ideas for our city. Set up subcommittees for the new proposals.
Bring issues of the Youth, such as education, to the forefront of the Culver City Council
create fun activities and schedule events that the majority of the youth in Culver City would like. For example, the La Ballona Fiesta carnival hosted each summer is a major success.
Help stop strangers from approaching young students about their so-called "survey", prevent random men from whistling at young girls, ending smoking, preventing accidents and helping to make the world be a healthier and happier place....? p.s. clean the creek
Help the city achieve what is wanted by the youth
A youth advisory committee could serve as an aid or advice column for youth wanting to talk to someone they can relate to. I believe that youth are able to see life from a completely different perspective that adults sometimes find blurry. Who better to know how you feel in this day and age as well as what it is like to be a youth.

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It could give the adults in charge a 1st hand perspective from the kids point of view, and how they would like things to be or how things should change. this would also be an easier way to communicate to the young community in Culver city about countless do's and dont's.
Help the community and make it better for us and the adults to come to an agreement.
I think that Culver City needs a place where just kids can hang out. Kids need space away from their families or whatever it is, as adults you may not know that kids get stress too. Kids have their grades and their homework, the tests, and other social stuff. Sometimes it can get overwhelming. So, kids want a place to go to get some space and leave their cares behind; that's the first part. For adults, they always want their children to be safe. So what some of my friends and I were thinking was that kids should have a hangout. Parents can drop them off whenever they feel the need. Kids can also go there after school. One condition, no parents. But to keep the parents happy, they can put some security guards. Only people in middle school or high school can go.
It could give the city council a perspective of what children think should happen in the city.
Make culver city more enjoyable for tennagers as well as adults. I go to school there so most of my time is spent in culver city.
Make events for people that are really fun
make it more interesting get more activities
maybe build a place where teens can go and have fun, a great example might be an arcade with fast food places inside.
maybe help people with their problems
Organize learning opportunities and times to see teenage bands play.
plan activities, daily, weekly, monthly, to keep teens in CC active and not bored.
PROVIDE THE YOUTH WITH A VOICE IN COMMUNITY ISSUES.
PUT IN MORE STORES!
raise money
Students would be able to share their ideas. It would show the value of youth to our community. It would give more representation to youth.
tell adult what the kids want not what the adults think the kids need.
The Youth Advisory Committee can improve our hometown of Culver City. The students know a lot about what is going on and notice things that should be improved and changed. This committee will give us a chance to get together and agree on the things that we need to work on and follow through with it. We can hold meetings at the City Hall. Belive it or not, the Youth have a major influence on our city, so we should be able to have a say in it.
They could gather the voice of the underage in Culver City and tell the committee how they feel on certain issues, so the committee can make a more informed decision. They will allow the council members to not impede on certain aspects and rights that the Youth in Culver City have,.
They could work on includIng young people in activities- CERT (or a Teen CERT), etc.
think of ways to organize kids to do stuff. Like helping culver city, and also doing fun activities.
We could help give opinions about what most kids might think about the project or issue.
we could help with children be nice to each other and help the people who need Jesus
We may have ideas that are simple and just aren't thought of by adults. I don't know what exactly they would be, but I know that sometimes adults overthink things and kids just say it like it is.

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We would give opinions about how kids would feel about your idea.
well clean around parks. I'm not totally sure though
yes
try to keep drunks away from school
We could be a segment of the city's government, promoting a healthy lifestyle for Culver City youth and the awareness of social issues within our community. We could be a voluntary body of high school students who care about the betterment of Culver City, and we could bring issues that matter to us as the youth to the table. Maybe we could hold regular meetings in City Hall, perhaps in the Council Chambers, similarly to the Culver Palms YMCA Youth & Government delegation. A Culver City Youth Advisory Committee could focus on various areas of community improvement, such as cultural affairs, CCUSD schools (within this area, there could be various subdivisions), and the environment, to name a few. Since we would all be youth who live and breath in this city, who are students of its schools and customers of its businesses, we would be quite familiar with its issues that pertain to us as well. Overall, the goal of the Culver City Youth Advisory Committee could be to help build a better tomorrow through active community involvement.
6. Have you ever participated in volunteer work?
<i>answered question - 108</i>
<i>skipped question - 7</i>
YES - 57 or 53%
NO - 51 or 47%
IF YES (I have participated in volunteer work), what type and when?
<i>answered question - 53</i>
<i>skipped question - 63</i>
scouts, church, organizing blood drives, organizing toy drives, creek clean up projects
Last Christmas I helped pack food for the homeless and needy.
DURING THE PAST TWO SUMMERS VOLUNTEERING AT CEDARS-SINAI HOSPITAL.
I help my mom in the snack bar at our baseball field and I have helped around the League.
i am a girl scout so i have collected school supplies for under-privileged children and i have made hats a care packages for cancer patients.
American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) for 5 years; Cedars-Sinai Medical Center during Summer of 2007; Heal the Bay La Ballona Creek Cleanup for 3 years
high school library all high school
I am the volunteer coordinator for a dog rescue- the Bumper Foundation, we hold adoptions every Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm at Centinela Feed (5299 Sepulveda Blvd.). I have been with them for 2 years and have giving over 500 hours with them. And I plan to keep working with them for a good long while.
GIRL SCOUT IF THAT COUNTS
theater; west side children center
church, school, hospital, KUSC radio, regional food banks, etc...
a barber shop
rabbit shelter work

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I babysitted
jr staff hollywood last year
special olympics
In camp this summer with games
stuffing backpacks a couple of months ago
city hall on nov. 4
i can't remember
don't remember
all types and any kind
forte dog adoption, helping out at eco station, helping at football snack bar all this year
church
helping with Obama committee
volunteered at an elementary school
santa monica on thanksgiving
dod volunteer
05-08 peer monitor
at my church I help with the little kids
i volunteer at church
enriching the enviornment; disability activities; organizing a local prop 8 victory party; stopping prank phone calls; influencing others against drugs and violence
Planting trees at the La Ballona Creek, Creek Clean-up, helping at the school snack bar, wrapping presents for the poor, putting together school packets to be mailed, working at the Farragut elementary school Halloween Carnival. etc.
My grandfathers foundation. Obama Campaign
I have volunteered (last school year and recently this school year) at the biannual Stussy clothing sale held at El Rincon Elementary, which helps fundraise for the Academy of Visual and Performing Arts. I also volunteered once last school year at the Culver City Film Festival at City Hall. Last school year I helped my father volunteer at United Nations Association Day in Pasadena, and I was in a small presentation at a similar event the prior year. Last school year I volunteered for the elementary school I attended, for El Marino Language School's Halloween Carnival. Last school year I also participated in the non-profit organization Result's training and conference call on tuberculosis.
Helped teach self-defense course; Volunteered at EcoStation's Halloween event; Helped El Rincon with serving food for an event
iv done culver citys active shooter trainig to help CC police do a drill were i collected 55 hours of community service in a week.I am a scout and have done over twenty hours helping el marino do fund rasers and such and I am in the prosses of doing my eagle project wich will be tree planting in the L.A area

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I volunteered at after school programs last year helping kids with homework and tutoring. I also tutor elementary students as well.
I volunteered at an elementary school where I served as a teacher's assistant to 1st graders. I volunteered at a head start daycare to little children. On thanksgiving 2007, i spent hours feeding families on skid road, which gave me a totally new perspective of life. Seeing children, even my age, knowing that they weren't going to be able to go home after this really made me realize that in order for our world, communities, and even schools to get better, we must help each other. One by One
I did some volunteer work at my old Sunday school, Sholem. We did clean they bay I think. We picked up trash and recyclables by the shore at a beach.
I am a student volunteer for the Anti Bullying task force and I have been volunteering at the Culver City Little League's and Culver City Babe Ruth for over 6 years. I also recently got the chance to volunteer during the presidential election and will soon begin to volunteer for the 2010 governors race.
Volunteering at La Ballona Elem. on various occasions, Martin Luther King Jr. celebration
Planting flowers and plants at the school.
Removal of evasive plant species in La Ballona. Assistance with the High Schools' girls volleyball team. Relay-for-life volunteer
2005 and 2006 Halloween Carnival at El Marino.
I've helped out with vacation bible school at Grace Lutheran Church here in Culver City and I've helped my mother with decorations for special ed students prom... and I hope to do more good work in my community as well as other communities!
I volunteered all summer at L.A. Goal, a place for adults with mental disabilities to learn basic life skills & have a great place to be. I am also actively participating in Youth & Government which I have done much volunteer work for. I have also volunteered for the local YMCA on several occasions, including last year's major end of the year fundraising event. I volunteer at the middle school after school on Wednesdays.
i only helped out an afterschool painting class at faragut for community hours i dont think iit really counts.
Last Summer at a Hospital
Animal Shelter; Girl Scouts; Stussy Sale; La Ballona Clean-up
girl scouts
well, I've helped my teacher clean up his classroom last week. I mainly do local things, like in Santa Monica, I helped walk the dogs at this pet adoption event last year.

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7. Have you ever participated in or heard about the Culver City Teen Center "Youth Making Changes" group?	
<i>answered question - 107</i>	
<i>skipped question - 8</i>	
Participated In	8 or 7%
Heard About	35 or 33%
Neither One	64 or 60%
8. Have you ever participated in or heard about the "Project Citizen" program?	
<i>answered question - 106</i>	
<i>skipped question - 9</i>	
Participated In	2 or 2%
Heard About	14 or 13%
Neither One	90 or 85%
9. Would you like to attend a City-sponsored special event to find out more about local government and opportunities for youth involvement?	
<i>answered question - 106</i>	
<i>skipped question - 9</i>	
Yes	41 or 39%
No	37 or 35%
Don't Know	28 or 26%
10. Would you like to be a member of a Culver City Youth Advisory Committee to the City Council?	
<i>answered question - 110</i>	
<i>skipped question - 5</i>	
Yes	34 or 31%
No	46 or 42%
Don't Know	30 or 27%
10-a) IF YES, how much time per month would you be willing to spend being involved in the group?	
<i>answered question - 34</i>	
<i>skipped question - 81</i>	
1 to 2 hours a month	4 or 12%
2 to 3 hours a month	14 or 41%
3 or more hours a month	16 or 47%

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10-b) How often should meetings of the group be scheduled?	
<i>answered question - 34</i>	
<i>skipped question - 81</i>	
Once a month	31 or 91%
Once every 3 months	3 or 9%
Once every 6 months	zero
10-c) How important would it be to get community service hours credit for participating in the group?	
<i>answered question - 34</i>	
<i>skipped question - 81</i>	
A lot	16 or 41%
A little	11 or 32%
Not at all	7 or 21%
If you would like to make additional written comments on any of the previous questions or on any other topic, please use the space below.	
<i>answered question - 18</i>	
<i>skipped question - 97</i>	
I think the student advisory committee is a great idea! Thanks.	
i really like the idea of this program. i know a lot of kids at Culver City Middle School who would love to participate. i hope that you can get this going and i would be very happy if it did.	
UMMMMMMM....	
Groups like this should mainly be student-run, with guidance by adults in a mentoring atmosphere...the kids should do the planning and carry out the activities themselves, like the boy scouts try to do. make the teens responsible for activities happening, publicity, everything, with adult guidance, but not butting in and doing the work for the kids. that;s how folks learn to do things themselves...	
thanks for giving us a word!	
.....?!.....?!.....?!.?! GO ANIMAL RIGHTS!!!	
This group would be a perfect way to fulfill our service learning hours required and give back to our community. Many students at the Culver City High school would benefit from this program. It would also look great on college applications. After witnessing several kids getting arrested in the school parking lot and a student fight at a local park today I think getting a group together of the "good kids making a difference" would be a great way to stay clear from the other groups at our school.	
I just think it would be a wonderful opportunity for Culver City youth to be involved in a Youth Advisory Committee. We could become a true force of change within our community.	

Results of Youth Advisory Committee Survey

culver city officials dont know everything that goes on in the city very much so with the youth and might need some youth "advisors" to fill them in and sorry about the bad spelling

I am very excited to hear about a youth advisory commitee. I hope it comes to my school.

I think a youth advisory committee is a great idea. It will give youth's such as myself to experience what it is like to be involved in local government programs and help to inspire a life of giving back to the community.

The Culver City Youth Advisory is a must. The underage in this city need to be able to have their opinions heard, because we deserve the right to be heard. It is about time that people out of touch with today's youth stop making decisions for us, and rather have the youth make informed decisions themselves.

Thank you! I hope that the Youth Advisory Committee can take effect! I will look forward to joining if so! =)

The reason I previously mentioned that the committee must be taken seriously, is because I have heard of many youth committees that are formed but really not cared for by the council. They are shut out or their opinions do not really have an impact. I am all for a youth committee if and only if they will actually have a say in the occurrences in our city because although we do not pay taxes yet, this city is ours just as much as it is anyone else's. I wanted to mention as well that you should not get discouraged if many people do not respond to this survey. We teens have a lot on our plate, but if a committee were to become part of our city's agenda, I am 100% you would get great feedback. If one were to be created, I advise to begin recruiting from programs such as Youth & Government & the high school's student council (ASB), for those are the students with most passion for both politics & taking action & giving their opinions on issues regarding our city. Thanks for even taking interest in the youth of Culver City. On behalf of all us, we really appreciate your cares & concerns.

What is this for anyway? Huh?!

This is a great idea. It would help boost respect for youth.

this is a good idea. many of the kids want to have their voices heard, and sometimes the teachers do not listen.

this is great. I'm glad Culver City's council is trying to get more involved with it's youth (meaning teens). I've been here all my life and this is certainly something new to me.
Good job!

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Meeting Date: <u>10/27/08</u>		Item Number: <u>A-1</u>
AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the "Youth Perspective Survey" as Recommended by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission and Approval of Funding Therefore.		
Contact Person/Dept.: Bill La Pointe, Director of Parks Recreation and Community Services		Phone Number: (310) 253-6655
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒
Public Notification: City's Master Email Notification List (10/22/08); Notices at the Culver City Teen Center and the Culver-Palms YMCA (week of 10/20/08); Culver City High School Government Class Teachers (email on 10/20/08); Culver City Middle School Social Studies Class Teachers (email on 10/20/08).		
Department Approval: Bill La Pointe, Director of Parks Recreation and Community Services (10/16/08).		City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (10/22/08)
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by M. Noller) (10/22/08)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (10/22/08)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider approving the "Youth Perspective Survey" (Attachment 1) as developed by staff and the Youth Outreach Subcommittee of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission and as recommended by the PRCS Commission to the City Council for approval and approval of related funding therefore.

BACKGROUND:

Over the past several years, City Council has requested the PRCS Commission to assess what level of interest youth in Culver City have in becoming more involved in local government. In October 2004, the City Council requested a report on interest in the establishment of a Youth Council/Commission. In early 2005, the Parks and Recreation Commission (now known as the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission) began reviewing this issue in order to formulate a recommendation to the City Council. In February 2005, the Commission's Youth Outreach Subcommittee was created for the specific purpose of researching the feasibility of creating a Culver City Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) and the Subcommittee's research and discussion on this issue continued over the next several months. On November 16, 2005 the Commission reviewed the Subcommittee's report and took action to indicate to the City Council that they did not recommend the establishment of the YAC at that time. However, there were other related ideas that the Commission wished to explore further (Attachment 2).

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On June 26, 2006 the City Council considered the establishment of a Youth Advisory Commission and took action to support the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission not to establish a Youth Advisory Commission (Attachment 3).

During the next two years, no further formal action was taken on this matter. At the May 05, 2008 City Council meeting, a consensus was reached that the discussion of the creation of a Youth Advisory Committee be agendaized for an upcoming meeting. At the June 9, 2008 meeting, the City Council discussed the matter and directed it back to the PRCS Commission and their Youth Outreach Subcommittee for research, review and recommendation. The approved minutes of the City Council meeting related to this item (Item A-1) are provided as Attachment 4. Although not included in the meeting minutes, there was Council consensus that any survey created for the purpose of exploring youth interest in the formation of a Youth Advisory Committee must first be reviewed and approved by the City Council prior to being distributed to youth and youth groups.

DISCUSSION:

At the September 4, 2008 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, a first draft of the "Youth Perspective Survey" was presented by staff for discussion by the Commission. The purpose of the survey is to gauge youth interest in the formation of a Culver City Youth Advisory Committee (CCYAC). The draft survey was based on comments and examples from other California cities and from Council's direction regarding the content of the survey. There was consensus that the survey should be reviewed during a meeting of the Youth Outreach Subcommittee before it returned to the Commission and was ultimately presented to the City Council. Therefore, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director contacted the City Manager's Office and requested that this item be moved forward to the last City Council meeting in October (October 27). Subsequently, the members of the Youth Outreach Subcommittee (Commissioners Cooper and Hudson) met with staff on September 10, 2008 to review and comment on the first draft of the "Youth Perspective Survey" and various other aspects of the *Culver City Youth Advisory Committee (CCYAC) Project*.

One key point stressed by Commissioners Cooper and Hudson at the Youth Outreach Subcommittee meeting was that the survey should be no longer than one page. It was commented that there will be a better response rate to the survey if it is concise and does not take too much time or effort on the part of the responder to complete. With this goal in mind, staff and the Subcommittee edited the survey to one page in length, taking care to include those questions that will best gauge interest in the formation of a Youth Advisory Committee.

At the October 7, 2008 PRCS Commission meeting, the Commission reviewed and discussed the one-page version of the "Youth Perspective Survey." The survey was

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approved and the Commission took action to recommend this version of the survey to the City Council for approval (moved by Commissioner Hudson; seconded by Commissioner Cooper; passed unanimously).

Once the "Youth Perspective Survey" (with Council-directed changes, if any) has been approved by the City Council, it will be distributed to the youth of Culver City and the results will be tabulated and presented to the Youth Outreach Subcommittee, the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission and the City Council. It is expected that the City Council will then determine the next steps, if any, to be taken with regard to the formation of a Culver City Youth Advisory Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of administering the "Youth Perspective Survey" is largely dependent upon the mode of administration. For example if the survey is administered via a "paper-and-pencil" method, costs will include those of photocopying and survey delivery and collection. If the survey is administered electronically (i.e., via an Internet service such as SurveyMonkey.com), costs will include staff time and account set-up (if the service is fee-based). As this was an item not included in the PRCS Department's Fiscal Year 2008-09 budgeted Work Plan, expenditures related to the administration and tabulation of the "Youth Perspective Survey" were not included in the adopted Fiscal Year 08/09 and Approved Fiscal Year 09/10 Budget. Estimated costs for the administration of the survey are as follows:

• Personnel	80 hours @ \$ 50/hr.	\$4,000.00
• <u>Materials/Supplies</u>		<u>\$ 350.00</u>
• Total		\$4,350.00

Should the City Council determine to proceed with this process, staff recommends the City Council consider using a portion of the City Council's appropriated reserve for this purpose.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. "Youth Perspective Survey"
2. Excerpt of the November 16, 2005 Parks and Recreation Commission Approved Meeting Minutes
3. Excerpt of the June 26, 2006 City Council Approved Meeting Minutes
4. Excerpt of the June 9, 2008 City Council Approved Meeting Minutes

MOTIONS:

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That the City Council:

1. Approve an allocation from the City Council Appropriated Reserve in the amount of \$4,350 to the PRCS Account 10130100.512100; and

2. Approve the attached "Youth Perspective Survey;"

or

3. Make revisions to the attached "Youth Perspective Survey" and approve the Survey as revised by the City Council;

and

4. Direct staff to implement the "Youth Perspective Survey" to receive the best possible survey results within the available financial resources

or

5. Provide staff with alternate direction.

MEETING DATE: October 27, 2008

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of the “Youth Perspective Survey” as Recommended by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Commission.

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ATTACHMENT 1 YOUTH PERSPECTIVE SURVEY



The purpose of this survey is to find out what Culver City youth think about their role and participation in local decision making and in government. You will not be asked to give your name. We appreciate your honest responses. **PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR ANSWERS.** If you would like to make additional written comments, you may use the back of the form.

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| 1. Do you live in Culver City? | Yes | No | |
| 2. What is your gender? | Male | Female | |
| 3. What age group are you in? | 15 yrs. or under | Over 15 years | |
| 4. Do you feel like you have the power to make a positive difference in your community? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 5. Do you think the concerns of youth are understood by the local government leaders in Culver City? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 6. Do youth currently have a way to participate in decision-making at the local government level? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| 7. Have you ever participated in or heard about the Culver City Teen Center "Youth Making Changes" group? | Participated In | Heard About | Neither One |
| 8. Have you ever participated in or heard about the "Project Citizen" program? | Participated In | Heard About | Neither One |
| 9. If Culver City created a way for youth to give their input about decisions and policies for the City that affect youth, would you want to participate? | Yes | No | Don't Know |

If NO or DON'T KNOW, go straight to question #10.

If YES, please answer the questions a, b, and c below, then answer question #10.

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|--|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| a) How much time per month would you be willing to spend being involved in the group? | 1 to 2 hours a month | 2-3 hours a month | 3 or more hours a month |
| b) How often should meetings of the group be scheduled? | Once a month | Once every 3 months | Once every 6 months |
| c) How important would it be to get community service hours credit for participating in the group? | A lot | A little | Not at all |
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- | | | | |
|--|-----|----|------------|
| 10. Would you be interested in attending a special event to meet Culver City elected and appointed officials and City staff to find out more about local government and opportunities for youth involvement? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
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Thank You!

EXCERPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
CITY OF CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 16, 2005
7:00 p.m.

CHAIR JEANETTE JAMES

Call to Order

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order by Chair James at 7:03 p.m. in the Dan Patacchia Room, City Hall.

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Roll Call

Members Present: Commissioners James, Daly Redholtz, Deen, Cooper, Shapiro

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Item A-4.
(8:19 p.m.)

Review Subcommittee report on the need and/or establishment of a Youth Advisory Council and make a recommendation to City Council.

Bill La Pointe gave the staff report and reported on the progress of the Subcommittee (comprised of Commissioners Daly Redholtz and James) in this effort. Focus centered on whether there is a need for a Youth Advisory Council/Commission to handle youth issues, and if so, what would be the costs.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz pointed out that one of the things that became clear in conversations the Subcommittee had with youth is that many students indicated they were mainly concerned about school issues and their involvement in school; and that in speaking to teachers, they indicated students were not aware of how city government works or how to get involved in learning more about local government.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz also added that rather than forming a new group, we should look at using the existing Teen Advisory Group, as well as representatives of the Middle School and High School leadership classes and other interested students whenever youth input is needed. That was part of the Subcommittee's recommendation.

Commissioner Deen asked why there was no input from Teen Center youths in this process.

Commissioner James responded to Commissioner Deen's comment.

Mr. La Pointe mentioned one idea to create interest/involvement that was suggested by the Subcommittee was to develop a "Round Tables of Civic Affairs Day" event comprised of representatives from various governmental bodies in a location.

Commissioner Cooper mentioned that most of the High School students who are interested in learning about government would be involved in the YMCA's Youth & Government program that meets regularly at City Hall.

Responding to Commissioner Deen's query, Commissioner Daly Redholtz explained the Subcommittee went to the schools because there was a larger pool of students who might be interested, and that it was not the intent of the Subcommittee to ignore the Teen Center kids.

Commissioner James deferred to Mr. La Pointe to elaborate on a suggestion to develop a Web database on teen information.

Discussion continued. At this time, Commissioner Daly Redholtz proposed a motion to recommend to the City Council that the Commission does not see the need or the feasibility of a Teen Advisory Commission at this point, but that the Commission wishes to continue exploring the ideas of 1) utilizing teen advisory groups at the Middle and High School leadership classes; 2) possibility of a Round Tables of Civic Affairs Day event; and 3) possibility of a Web database email blasting, etc. as ways of reaching out to youth.

Commissioner James suggested not using the word "need" as a survey to assess teen needs was never conducted.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz amended her motion and the following action was taken:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER DALY REDHOLTZ THAT AT THIS TIME THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION DOES NOT RECOMMEND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION; HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER EXPLORE 1) USING THE TEEN ADVISORY GROUP OF THE CITY AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES OF MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASSES FOR YOUTH INPUT; 2) EXPLORATION WITH TEENS AT "A ROUND TABLE OF CIVIC AFFAIRS DAY"; 3) EXPLORATION OF A WEB DATABASE EMAIL BLAST INFORMATION REQUEST; AND OTHER IDEAS AS THEY COME UP.

Commissioner James seconded the motion.

Commissioner Deen asked for more information regarding the Youth & Government organization that Commissioner Cooper had mentioned earlier.

Commissioner Cooper responded that the YMCA Youth & Government is a state wide organization, with their own governing board who are elected by members, that provides opportunity for youth to learn about government and legislation.

Commissioner Daly Redholtz said Youth & Government should have been added to her motion. She noted the organization focuses on state and federal issues rather than local, and since it is sponsored by YMCA it could serve as an adjunct to the Teen Advisory Group.

Commissioner Deen said he was not comfortable with this idea since we are approaching an election year. Commissioner James asked Commissioner Deen for clarification regarding his comment.

With no further discussion, the Chair called for a vote on the motion.

AYES: Commissioners James, Daly Redholtz, Cooper, Shapiro

NOES: Commissioner Deen

ABSTAIN: None

The Motion passes by a 4-1 vote.

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EXCERPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

June 26, 2006
6:00 P.M.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Silbiger
Vice Mayor Alan Corlin
Councilmember Carol Gross
Councilmember D. Scott Malsin
Councilmember Steven Rose

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Item A-1
(out of sequence)

Consideration of Establishing a Youth Advisory Commission.

Bill LaPointe, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services gave the staff report.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Margaret Lindgren
Carlene Brown
Rebecca Rona

Christopher Armenta, City Clerk read written comments submitted by the following:

Jeanne T. Black

Discussion ensued regarding the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission did not recommend establishing a Youth Advisory Commission. The Parks and Recreation Commission did recommend exploring the use of the Teen Advisory Group of the City as well as representatives of the middle and high school leadership classes for youth input; exploring with teens a "Round Table of Civic Affairs Day"; and exploring the development of a web database email blast information request and other ideas as they come up.

Councilmember Rose proposed a motion to support the recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Councilmember Malsin seconded the motion.

Mayor Silbiger offered the following substitute motion: That a Youth Advisory Commission be created; the City Council choose five members each for a total of 15 members on the commission; that the commission members would receive no stipend; that the commission would have staff support; and the commission would be funded out of Council Discretionary funds.

There was no second for Mayor Silbiger's motion.

Further discussion ensued regarding communicating with other youth organizations in the City; and the ongoing involvement of the subcommittee of Parks and Recreation commissioners formed to explore this issue.

Following discussion, the following motion was voted on:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROSE, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MALSIN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION.

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EXCERPT OF THE MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CULVER CITY,
CALIFORNIA

June 9, 2008
5:31 p.m.

Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting of the City Council was called to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present: D. Scott Malsin, Mayor
Gary Silbiger, Vice Mayor
Christopher Armenta, Councilmember
Micheál O'Leary, Councilmember
Andrew Weissman, Councilmember

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Item A-1
(out of sequence)

**Consideration of the Formation of a Culver City Youth Advisory
Committee (CCYAC)**

Staff provided a brief summary of the material of record.

The following members of the audience addressed the City Council:

Karlo Silbiger
Menalik Tafari, Culver City High School student
Rachel Lewis, Culver City High School student
Jeff Cooper, Culver City Parks and Recreation Commissioner

Martin Cole, Assistant City Manager/City Clerk read written comments submitted by the following:

Tom Camarella

Councilmember Silbiger gave his reasons for supporting this item and proposed the following: That the City Council approve the establishment of a Youth Advisory Committee and establish a budget of \$5,000.00.

Discussion ensued between the City Council and staff regarding the previous student shadowing program; costs involved to establish and run the committee; the impact of a Youth Committee on other programs and on the work plans; background history of this item; whether the program was redundant; restructuring existing programs at the Teen

Center; obtaining an accurate assessment of interest within the youth community; and whether it was premature to bring the item to the City Council.

Further discussion ensued regarding the need to define the structure and activities of a Youth Council; and having Parks and Recreation Commission re-evaluate the idea.

Councilmember O'Leary proposed the following substitute motion: To act on the Roundtable of Civic Affairs Day, develop a web database and conduct a survey of Youth and Government participants, the Teen Center and high school students to gauge the interest.

Councilmember Weissman proposed the following substitute motion: To refer the matter back to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a needs assessment with a recommendation back to City Council as to whether a Teen Advisory Council is appropriate, and to determine the structure, the number of members, and how members are selected.

Further discussion ensued regarding combining the motions; concern about follow up on City Council decisions; concern that the item would be defeated for budget reasons; and a desire for a timely resolution.

At this time, Councilmember Silbiger stated that he would be voting against the motion because he knows there is a need; he feels that youth is underserved in this capacity; and he believes the City should act now to appoint a Youth Committee.

Following discussion, the following motion was voted on:

MOVED BY COUNCILMEMBER O'LEARY AND SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WEISSMAN, THAT THE CITY COUNCIL CONTINUE THE PROCESS OF A ROUNDTABLE OF CIVIC AFFAIRS DAY; DEVELOP A WEB DATABASE; REFER THE MATTER BACK TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION FOR A NEEDS ASSESSMENT WITH A RECOMMENDATION AS TO WHETHER A TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL IS APPROPRIATE; DETERMINE THE STRUCTURE, THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS, AND HOW MEMBERS ARE SELECTED, WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE READY BY SEPTEMBER 2008.

AYES: Councilmembers Armenta, O'Leary, Weissman, Malsin

NOES: Councilmember Silbiger

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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