

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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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 |
| 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 |

Thank You!

ATTACHMENT 2

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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ATTACHMENT 3

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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ATTACHMENT 4

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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