



San Benito County
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Youth Employment Program Council
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MINUTES

Present: Tad Coatsworth, Martha Martinez, Mike Walters (via telephone), David Wright, Patty Wright

Absent: Kathi Bosworth, Denise Ceballos, Duane Morgan, Ashley Olvera, Cindy Silva,

Staff: Andi Anderson, Veronica Andrade, Maria Fehl, Laura Schipper

Guests: John Delgado/Hollister Youth Alliance

Co-Chair, Tad Coatsworth called the meeting to order at 4:10 P.M.

1. **Public Comment Period:** John Delgado from the Hollister Youth Alliance introduced himself and stated he is sitting in for Elena DeLaPuerta who is out of the country.
2. **YEP Council Minutes:** The minutes of the April 18, 2006 meeting were approved as presented. **M/S/C Mike Walters/David Wright.**
3. **Youth Updates:**
 - a. **Youth Programs:**
 1. Laura reported that 20 youth are currently working. This year she has a lot of young youth, ages 14-15. A workshop was held on July 18, 2006 and two more youth are now ready to enter the workforce.
 2. Every summer an educational component is held for the youth. The course includes training in life skills, budgeting, how to purchase a vehicle, and obtaining insurance, etc. The anticipated cost of the educational component is \$5,736 and will cover costs for an anticipated 24 students. Annette Hernandez will be conducting the class again this year. This year the Educational Component will be held at the Briggs Building which is a more central location for the youth. After discussion the YEP Council approved the Educational Component as presented. **M/S/C/ David Wright/Martha Martinez.**
4. **Youth Report:** No youth were present.
5. **Community Updates:**
 - a. **Teen Rally:** Andi reported on the success of the Teen Rally that was held on May 6, 2006 at Dunne Park. There was fantastic participation from the youth and they all had a great time and are looking forward to more events in the future.
 - b. **YEP Directory:** Veronica reported that the YEP Directory has been distributed to local schools and youth service agencies. Patty Wright suggested that members take directories to local organizations or youth organizations that would benefit from the directories. She also suggested having the YEP Council members take a proactive approach and set a

distribution day. She stated that the directories are not only good for youth but for the entire community. John Delgado stated he could take some to the Juvenile Hall.

- c. **YEP Meetings:** Patty Wright stated that given the recent success of youth events, and the increased youth participation with the YEP Council, meetings should be held more frequently. After discussion, the YEP Council decided to meet every other month. **M/S/C Mike Walters/David Wright.**
- d. **Downtown Concert Series:** Discussed the downtown concerts that are being held on the first Friday of each month. Then next one will be August 4, 2006 from 7-9:00 P.M. in front of the Vets Building. Brenda Weatherly, Hollister Downtown Association Director, is now on the WIB.
- e. David Wright stated in the year 2000 a California master plan was approved by the senate and then it didn't progress any further. A group "Put Students First" has taken on the task of reimplementing the program. There are approximately 45 individuals working together right now to pilot the program with the focus of incorporating more community involvement.
- f. **Hollister Youth Alliance:** John Delgado stated that the HYA is hoping to create a mural project. Youth are researching images for the mural. HYA staff is hopeful that the mural will be completed by next summer. David Wright stated that surrounding cities have been doing murals and they have had positive results.
- g. Discussed possible fundraising events.

6. YEP Board Membership:

- a. A resignation was received from Richard Vasquez of the Hollister Police Department. An application was received from Pat Turturici, the Undersheriff. The Sheriff's Department is looking forward to more community youth involvement. After discussion the YEP Council moved to forward the name of Pat Turturici to the full WIB for appointment to the YEP Council. **M/S/C Patty Wright/David Wright.**
- b. An application was received from Elena de la Puerta of the Hollister Youth Alliance. After discussion the YEP Council moved to forward the name of Elena de la Puerta to the full WIB for appointment to the YEP Council. **M/S/C David Wright/Martha Martinez.**

7. **Additional information:** Maria Fehl stated that the DVD for the leadership is completed. CMAP will have available on website for \$10 to cover the cost of printing. Will be distributed to all of the local grammar students.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M. M/S/C David Wright/Patty Wright

The next YEP Council meeting will be held on September 19, 2006 at 4:00 P.M.