

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

MC Office of Education, Clark Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, February 11, 2009 – 4-5:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



<http://web.co.merced.ca.us/wi/youth/meetingpkts/meetingpkts.html>

Members Present: Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Patricia Evans, Alexander Hall, Kathy Hassett, Mary Jane Hawkes, Taide Hernandez, Henry Ildefonso, Edgar Perez, Nancy A. Silva, Vann (Mike) Smith

Members Absent: Bob Bittner, Martha Dueñas, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Richard Mahacek, Stefani Martinez, Holly Newlon, Rick Osorio, Samuel Rangel

Others Present: Dee Knight, Alfredo Mendoza

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Vice Chair, Ms. Claudia Corchado, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. Roll Call was taken.

2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C Hall/Evans* to approve the agenda as published.

3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Hassett/Smith* to approve the October 8, 2008 minutes.

4. Public Opportunity to Speak: None.

5. Announcements:

Mr. Alexander Hall noted Parks and Community Services will be having two park dedications—1) “Murchie Park” on Saturday, Mar 14, 2009, 12-2 p.m., at Arrow Wood and Bancroft Streets (Bellevue off ‘M’ St, north of Merced College), and 2) Bernasconi Park on Friday, Apr 24, 2009, 12-2 p.m., located south of Yosemite and east of McKee.

6. Action Agenda:

a. Ad-Hoc Committee to Update Youth Resource Directory: Staff noted volunteers were needed for the Youth Resource Directory ad-hoc committee. It was *M/S/C Hall/Hassett* to accept the following volunteers: Ms. Claudia Corchada, Ms. Patricia Evans, Mr. Alexander Hall, Ms. Kathy Hassett, Ms. Mary Jane Hawkes, Ms. Taide Hernandez and Mr. Henry Ildefonso.

b. Youth Council Member Termination – Ms. Deloris Sharp: Staff noted all attempts to contact Ms. Sharp were unsuccessful; therefore, it was requested her name be removed as a member. It was *M/S/C Hassett/Smith* to remove Ms. Deloris Sharp from the Youth Council, effective Feb 11, 2009.

7. Presentation – CalGRIP Video: Staff presented a video that was shown at the Youth Conference regarding the impression CalGRIP has made on the life of two of the participants. There are 31 enrolled in the program, and a total of 40 will be served.

8. Reports – CA Workforce Association Youth Conference: The Annual Youth Conference, January 20-22, 2009, in Long Beach, CA was attended by Ms. Nancy Silva and Mr. Alfredo Mendoza. They provided highlights of the following workshops attended:

- Projects, Basic Learning (concept on a different way of learning);
- Gang Diversion & Intervention-Larry Robbins (tools to use in working with gang-related youth);
- Reducing the Dropout Rate in California (a mentoring program); and
- Entrepreneurship and related websites—elance.com (to find anything you want done), alibaba.com (to find very low priced items that anyone can resell), eclips.cornell.edu and ecorner.stanford.edu (for guest lecturers), and vistapring.com (for free business cards).

Staff will get a copy of the video for the Youth Council made by Ideal, which pertains to creating products and making them better.

9. Information Agenda:

a. Empower Quarterly Report: Staff gave an overview of the enrollments for Empower and YOP. Staff met with Merced County Office of Education to make sure the contracts funds would be spent.

b. YOP Quarterly Report: See item 9.a. above.

Staff noted there would possibly be a Summer Youth Program included in the stimulus package. The Department is getting everything started in expectation of these funds.

10. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item: The Vice Chair noted the Youth Council membership is missing some sectors. She would like a list for review to pinpoint the missing sectors so recruitment discussions can begin.

Staff noted Mr. Kurt Silva, Employment Development Dept, has been asked if he would allow one of his YEOP employees to be a member of the Youth Council.

11. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: March 11, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Merced County Office of Education, Room J-2 , 632 W 13th Street, Merced.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.