

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Merced Adult School - Room 115

50 E. 20th Street, Merced, CA

Wednesday, May 12, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes



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

Members Present: Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), John Fowler, Debbie Glass (Chair), Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Richard Mahacek, Nellie McGarry, Rick Osorio, Atenas Vallejo

Members Absent: Melissa Abby, Holly Newlon, Vann (Mike) Smith

Others Present: Bob Bittner, Luis De La Cruz, Jessica Garibay, Carol Greenberg, Becky Lincoln, Solenia Magsalay, Paula Mason, Brian Mimura, Eve Snelling, Jackie Walther-Parnell

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: The Chair, Ms. Debbie Glass, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. Roll call was taken.
2. Approve Agenda: It was *M/S/C McGarry/Osorio* to approve the agenda as published.
3. Approve Minutes: It was *M/S/C Hawkes/Fowler* to approve the March 17, 2010 minutes as published.
4. Public Opportunity to Speak: At the last Merced Ahead meeting, a community member was interested in having youth create murals or sculptures around the community. It was asked of the Council if they would be interested in taking on this project.
5. Announcements (Roundtable): Central Valley Opportunity Center (CVOC) will be hosting their annual scholarship banquet on the 21st of May at the Boys & Girls Club. Fifteen scholarships, of \$750 each, will be awarded. Next year, scholarships will be in the amount of \$1000 each. All students are eligible to apply. Five students each from Merced, Madera and Stanislaus counties will be awarded.

The City of Merced Parks and Community Services is sponsoring summer camps at Hoover and Rivera Middle Schools, Stephen Leonard Park, and McNamara Recreation Hall. The camps will run from June 14 to August 6, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., except for McNamara which will run from 1-6 p.m. The cost to attend the summer camps is \$50 for Hoover and Rivera, \$40 for Stephen Leonard, and \$30 per week for McNamara. Sponsorships are accepted.

The Boys & Girls club will host a teen health fair on Saturday, May 15th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; a teen dance will follow. Catholic Healthcare West and Taco Bell are both sponsoring the event.

4-H held a Mechanical Skills Day at Challenger Learning Center in April in which youth from 6 counties participated. 4-H also hosted a Regional Presentation Day where kids, out of a 5 county area, gave speeches and demonstrations at Tenaya Middle School. 4-H hosted a training on solar and bionic arms and is working with City of Merced Parks and Community Services to hopefully implement some of these in the summer camps as well as in after-school sites in Livingston and Planada. The Merced Fair is a month earlier this year with some of the activities hosted by 4-H including Ag Literacy at the Barnyard and Friends Helping Friends Day (Friday), which is working with special education students and a convalescent adult program to provide a tour of the facility. Any adults or

students interested in assisting on Friday for this event should contact Mr. Mahacek at (209) 385-7418.

Ms. Carol Greenberg will present two \$500 scholarships to students at Golden Valley High School on behalf of the Greater Chamber, and two \$500 scholarships at Merced High School.

Ms. Paula Mason is working with Mr. Mahacek to establish 4-H in Livingston and have it continue in the Westside. Ms. Mason is also working on establishing the Boy Scout troop in the areas of Livingston, Atwater, Dos Palos, Los Banos, and Merced.

A Pedestrian Safety Workshop is scheduled for tomorrow at the Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. One of the discussion topics is how to make safe walking areas and bike lanes in the community. It was noted that the first cohort of Robert Wood Johnson grassroots leader will graduate May 23rd at Fresno State University. It is a regional initiative, so there are about 650 people attending graduations. More information will be presented on recruiting of the 2nd cohort of grassroots leaders at the next meeting.

The Merced Adult School graduation ceremony will be at the Buhach Colony High School Amphitheatre on June 7th at 7:00 p.m.

6. Presentations:

a. Children's Bill of Rights: Mr. Brian Mimura, Executive Director of First 5 Merced County, provided a presentation on the Children's Bill of Rights. This document was adopted at the 7th Annual Children's Summit on March 24th. There were 325 people at the Summit, representing a variety of positions and organizations from around the County. The Bill is a document for the entire community. First 5 of Merced County will begin a Community Engagement Campaign, in which funding has been set aside for 15-20 groups or businesses, throughout community who show a willingness and desire to share the Bill in their community, First 5 will partner with these group to put on an event promoting the Bill and using this event as a venue to connect families with available resources within the community. The County Board of Supervisors, Merced City Council, County Board of Education, Merced City School District Board, Family Wellness Council, Los Banos Unified, Planada Unified, and Merced Community Action Agency have all taken action to adopt the Bill. A video presentation of the Children's Bill of Rights is available on the First 5 website.

7. Discussion/Possible Action:

- a. Application for Youth Council Membership – Ms. Paula Mason:
- b. Application for Youth Council Membership – Ms. Lori Minor: It was *M/S/C Fowler/Hall* to approve both items 7.a and 7.b.
- c. Youth Council Goals: It was *M/S/C Hall/McGarry* to approve revised goals with the following adjustments: under Functions, 1.a., change Create to Creates, 2.b., change Assure to Assures, 2.c., change Developing to Develops, 2.d., change Investigating to Investigates.
- d. Ad-Hoc Committee for Youth Resource Directory Update: It was *M/S/C Hall/Fowler* to create an Ad-Hoc committee for updating the Youth Resource Directory.

8. Information:

- a. Youth Council Resignation: A memo from Ms. Nancy Mendoza announced she was resigning from the Youth Council effective March 29, 2010. In the memo, Ms. Mendoza thanked the Council for providing her the opportunity to serve the community as a member of the Council.

9. Reports:

- a. Youth Council Fiscal Reports: Reports were provided to members at the meeting.
- b. MCOE Youth Quarterly Reports: Copies of the reports were provided in the meeting packet.

10. Chair Comments/Future Agenda Items: Funds Recommendation Ad-hoc committee to meet and discuss the possibility of taking on the Roadtrip Nation project. They will report to the Council at next month's meeting. The Youth Council is interested in taking action to adopt the Children's Bill of Rights.

11. Date/Time/Location of Next Meeting: June 16, 2010, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Merced County Office of Education, 632 West 13th Street, Merced, Room J-2.

12. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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