

Workforce Investment Board of Merced County Youth Council

Merced County Office of Education-Clark Room
632 W. 13th Street, Merced
Wednesday, June 11, 2008 – 4:00 p.m.

Meeting Notes

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



Members Present: Bob Bittner, Stephanie Busbea, Claudia Corchado (Vice Chair), Alexander Hall, Mary Jane Hawkes, Richard Mahacek, Holly Newlon, Rebecca Rodriguez-Lincoln, Vann (Mike) Smith

Members Absent: Martha Dueñas, Rennise Ferrario (Chair), Kathy Hassett, Taide Hernandez, Wendy Lomeli, Stefani Martinez, Rick Osorio, Edgar Perez, Deloris Sharp, Nancy A. Silva, Nancy Vega-Mendoza

Others Present: Patricia Hinson, Alfredo Mendoza, Samuel Rangel

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: At 4:06 p.m., the Vice Chair, Ms. Claudia Corchado, noted the regular meeting would be canceled due to lack of a quorum. The Vice Chair convened a workgroup to discuss the agenda items. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.

2. Public Opportunity to Speak: None

3. Announcements: Mr. Samuel Rangel, New Hope Merced Executive Director, visited the Youth Council to get information on its function and mission. He is considering membership on the council.

Mr. Alexander Hall provided a flyer with information regarding the Youth Summer Camps. Mr. Hall noted over 149 kids have enrolled in the program. There are 30 kids on a waiting list for scholarships. The total cost is \$210.00 for 7 weeks, at \$30.00 per week including breakfast and lunch.

Mr. Bob Bittner noted Ms. Martha Dueñas will be returning to work on July 3rd.

4. Presentation:

- a) **Teens-N-Theatre (TNT):** No presentation was given.
- b) **Com VIP:** Merced Community Violence Intervention and Prevention of ComVIP- Mr. Hall gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding ComVIP.

The Mission is to:

- Educate the community about violence and gang awareness.
- Help people create and continue constructive behavior.
- Assist families with parenting and other skills for character development.
- Provide information and resources for intervention and prevention.
- Encourage community-wide ownership of this effort.

A Growing Problem:

- There are 2,453 validated gang members in the City of Merced in more than 24 gangs.
- The first quarter of 2007 had 13 gang-related crimes.
- There were more than 50 for the first quarter of 2008.
- From 2003 to 2007, 42 homicides in Merced and 22 were gang related – that's more than half.

How You Can help:

- A \$250 scholarship donation will put one child through the 7-week summer enrichment program.
- Any monetary scholarship donation will help get children into the program.
- Volunteers are needed as chaperones for field trips and during the week.

Make a donation –It’s deductible:

- Make checks out to ComVIP c/o City of Merced.
- Federal tax ID #94-600003-7.
- Payroll deduction or donation through United Way of Merced County.
- Federal Tax ID # 94-2633265.

Contact Information:

- To learn more about ComVIP, visit us online at www.mercedcomvip.org
- You can also call Mike Conway with the City of Merced at 385-6232, or Nathan Quevedo with Merced County Office of Education at 381-6759.

5. Discussion Agenda:

a. Website Ad-hoc Committee Update: Ms. Claudia Corchado noted the Ad-hoc Committee had a meeting to review the websites for Tulare, LA City and Minnesota to see what would work for the Merced County Youth Council website. The committee will invite a representative from Tulare County to present and share information about how they operate. Ms. Corchado would like committee members to give input on what they would like to see in the Merced County Youth website, and how we can get youth attracted to the website. One idea was to get the students together and ask them what they would like to see in the Youth website, and another idea is to have a job fair for teenagers.

b. Public Hearing on Waiver Application: Ms. Holly Newlon requested the Youth Council's support of a waiver that is needed to satisfy the requirements of placing Empower and CalGRIP enrolled youth into Work Experience.

c. Two Million Minutes: Mr. Alfredo Mendoza invited members to view a film regarding a documentary called ‘Two Million Minutes.’ This film is about how three superpowers of the 21st Century China, India and the United States are preparing their students for the future. The film runs 54 minutes. The committee decided to watch the film in two parts. The first part will be at the July, 9, 2008 meeting. The July 9th meeting will start at 3:30 p.m., Merced County Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Large Conference room.

6. Information:

- a. YOP Quarterly Report (Jan-Mar):** A handout was provided with the meeting package.
- b. EMPOWER Quarterly Report (Jan-Mar):** A handout was provided with the meeting package.
- c. Projections of High School Graduates:** A handout was provided with the meeting package.
- d. Youth Council Resignation:** Mr. Nathan Timmerman submitted his resignation effective May 14, 2008.

7. Chair Comments/Roundtable/Future Agenda Item: The Vice Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting and would like to see Youth Council application for Mr. Samuel Rangel on the agenda for the next meeting. The July meeting will start at 3:30 p.m. to view first part of the film.

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8. Date, Time and Location of Next Youth Council Meeting: July 9, 2008, 3:30 p.m., Department of Workforce Investment, 1880 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced.

9. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Meeting notes prepared by Patricia Hinson.