

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Youth Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, October 10, 2011 – 6pm**

Convened 6:05 pm

ROLL CALL

Present:	Alyssa Wolfe	April Tran
	Brian Goldstone	Cayla Yasukochi
	Christian Garkani	Courtney Garkani
	Florence Duong	Jason Crane
	Jessica berman	Joshua Wolfe
	Katya Hanessian	Kristin Mathuny
	Logan Burkhead	Marissa Fink
	Mason Lyle	Monica Singer
	Narcisse Izadi	Natalie Cernius
	Noah Howe	Remy Lamons
	Sally Evans	Sarah Assar
	Shea Ohill	Sophi Greensite
	Taylor Epp	Ted Striegel
	Tristan Bridge	Troy Arnold
	Vivian Pham	

Advisors: Karen Yelsey, Newport-Mesa Unified School District Board Member

Staff: Janet Cates, Recreation Manager
Jonathon Harmon, Recreation Supervisor
Michelle Clemente, Marine Protection & Education Supervisor

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Staff members Cates and Harmon welcomed everyone to the first Youth Council meeting of the new year, then went around the room with each person introducing themselves. Also in the audience: Mr. Purcell, Mr. Mosher, Guest Speaker Scott Palmer and his wife.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. PURPOSE OF YOUTH COUNCIL

Staff member Cates provided a brief history of the Youth Council, reviewing Resolution 86-2 and indicating that it needed to be modified.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Staff members Cates and Harmon opened nominations for Chair: Marissa Fink, Ted Striegel, and Logan Burkhead were nominated. Motion to close nominations for Chair was made by Lyle Mason and seconded by Narcisse Izadi. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Staff members Cates and Harmon opened nominations for Vice Chair: April Tran, Mason Lyle, Sally Evans, Natalie Cernius, Ted Striegel, Marissa Fink, and Logan Burkhead were

nominated. Motion to close nominations for Vice Chair was made by Courtney Garkani and seconded by Logan Burkhead. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Staff members Cates and Harmon opened nominations for Secretary: Cayla Yasukochi, Alyssa Wolfe, Natalie Cernius, Jessica Berman, and Mason Lyle were nominated. Motion to close nominations for Secretary was made by Mason Lyle and seconded by Troy Arnold. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Staff members Cates and Harmon opened nominations for Historian: Narcisse Izadi and Courtney Garkani were nominated. Motion to close nominations for Historian was made by Remy Lamons and seconded by Brian Goldstone. Motion was carried by acclamation.

Voting was conducted by secret ballot. Elected Youth Council officers for the 2011-2012 school year are:

Chair:	Logan Burkhead
Vice Chair:	Mason Lyle
Secretary:	Alyssa Wolfe
Historian:	Courtney Garkani

The new Youth Council officers took their seats on the dais, and Chair Burkhead assumed control of the meeting.

3. POTENTIAL PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2011/12

- a. **Environmental Action Corps:** Marine Protection & Education Supervisor Michelle Clemente presented the need for action to preserve the City's special natural resources and is looking for help with developing management strategies and designing projects that will protect critical habitat on the peninsula, the Marine Life Protected Areas, and work on a mission statement. Eleven to thirteen Youth Council members were interested and will meet with Supervisor Clemente directly.
- b. **Youth Track & Field Meet:** Staff member Harmon reported that this was the only citywide event left. The meet will take place in April at Corona del Mar High School, and needs many volunteers.
- c. **Tobacco Prevention Project:** Staff member Harmon indicated that the Youth Council would hear more about this service opportunity in November, when the guest speaker will talk about this topic.
- d. **City Government Day:** Staff member Cates offered an alternative to this annual event: if the Youth Council wished, they could observe the California Coastal Commission in action at their meeting on November 3rd in Oceanside. The City of Newport Beach has a park project to be considered at that meeting. Youth Council vetoed the alternative, instead preferring to keep Youth Government Day, which typically is held during the first two weeks of March.
- e. **Annual Report to the NMUSD Board:** Staff member Harmon commended Board member Karen Yelsey for recognizing the Youth Commission's work at one of their monthly Board meetings, traditionally in March or April.
- f. **Annual Report to the City Council:** Staff member Harmon indicated that this is done as the last Youth Council meeting of the year, usually in June. The Historian helps staff prepare a PowerPoint presentation for both annual reports.
- g. **Other potential projects:** Youth Council member Natalie Cernius presented The Friday Night Club for teens with special needs for Youth Council consideration. Youth Council member Marissa Fink presented MOVE (Mobilization Of Volunteer Efforts), which is done at Corona del Mar High School. Youth Council member Brian Goldstone

offered Freedom Assembly, which are volunteers helping the Exchange Club of Newport Harbor post Freedom Flags in May, and Shoes That Fit, a drive to collect shoes for children in need.

Further discussion on potential projects will take place at the November Youth Council meeting.

4. PRESENTATION BY SCOTT PALMER, BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

Staff member Harmon introduced the guest speaker, Scott Palmer, who has been the administrator for the Newport Beach Business Improvement districts for 13 years. He discussed the rationale of placing stores, and how small stores can't compete against the big box stores. He shared the marketing strategies for Newport Beach's four BIDs: Balboa Island – marketing to residents and tourists; Fun Zone/Peninsula – marketing to tourists; Corona del Mar – marketing to residents; and the restaurants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Mosher presented three items: the Youth Council resolution is out of date and in need of revisions; the need for staff to review the Brown Act with the Youth Council so they conform; and the possibility of the Youth Council recommending continuation of the Winter Wonderland and Egg Hunts that were cut from the budget.

Mr. Dan Purcell commended the Youth Council for supporting Youth Government Day and recommended that Youth Council members attend City Council meetings in order to influence policies that affect their age group.

ADJOURNED at 7:29 pm by Chair Logan Burkhead.

Submitted by: _____
Janet Cates, Recreation Manager