

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Youth Council
Regular Meeting
Monday, November 14, 2011 – 6pm**

Convened 6:25 pm by Chair Burkhead

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	Brian Leguay
	Logan Burkhead	David Leguay
	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	Kendall Schreiber
	Kristine Sanders	Melis Gunay
	Taylor Cortens	

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

Staff: Janet Cates, Recreation Manager
Jonathon Harmon, Recreation Supervisor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 10, 2011

Chair Burkhead moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2011. Seconded by Youth Council Member Lamons.

Chair Burkhead opened the public discussion.

Jim Mosher questions the comments regarding the follow up on Other Potential Projects, and the voting by secret ballot, which he will address during Public Comments. Other Potential Projects was added to the Agenda.

Motion was carried by acclamation.

AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. PRESENTATION BY SHAYNE GARCIA, Tobacco Prevention Project – Volunteer Service for America on Track:**

Shayne Garcia stated that America on Track is a nonprofit organization based in Santa Ana, and under contract to the Orange County Department of Health. He noted that their objective is to lower the use of tobacco by educating students before they begin smoking.

He suggested that should the Youth Council want to participate, that they could attend health fairs, conduct attempted purchase surveys, educate merchants, and/or collect social sources surveys. Mr. Garcia stated that each council member that participated would receive service hours, help their community, could use it as a reference on a resume, and get a letter of recommendation.

2. UPDATE ON PROJECTS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2011/12

- a. Environmental Actions Corps: Chair Burkhead reported that he contacted Alex from the Marine Protection staff and that possible projects could include habitat restoration, beach clean ups, monitoring and protecting the Western Snowy Plover (a threatened species), establishing an environmental log on Facebook, and/or help with grant writing. Chair Burkhead distributed a sign-up sheet and 12 Youth Council members stated that they would be interested.
- b. Youth Track & Field Meet: Supervisor Harmon explained that the Track Meet is held in April and is the only remaining Recreation Department special event left that can use Youth Council volunteers. He distributed a sign-up sheet.
- c. Tobacco Prevention Project for America on Track: A sign-up sheet was distributed and 10 Youth Council members noted their interest.
- d. City Government Day: Staff stated that Youth Government Day would be held on Thursday, March 1st. Topics for the Mock City Council meeting will be discussed at the January meeting of the Youth Council; advertising and poster making at the February meeting. Youth Council members should be thinking about what job they would like to shadow within the city.
- e. Annual Report to the NMUSD Board: Staff stated that the Youth Council would present the items they have been working on and receive recognition for their efforts from the Board.
- f. Annual Report to City Council: Staff stated that the Youth Council would present a PowerPoint highlighting their projects over the past year at a City Council meeting in June.

Other Potential Projects: Youth Council Member Cernius presented additional information on the Friday Nite Club, placing special needs teens with typical teens. She noted that these events are held twice per month: once at the home of one of the members and once at United Cerebral Palsy. She stated that Youth Council members would receive 3 service hours per event and distributed a sign-up list. She also noted additional potential projects such as MOVE and the Freedom Assembly could be discussed but did not have all the information needed.

Chair Burkhead announced that it was Recreation Supervisor Jonathon Harmon's birthday. The Youth Council sang Happy Birthday to him.

Supervisor Harmon announced that the next Youth Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2012. The December Youth Council meeting is cancelled.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Mosher stated that since the Youth Council has a limited number of meetings during the school year, that they should plan on accomplishing projects quickly. He reviewed the 72 hour posting of the Agenda requirement of the Brown Act and also stated the “secret ballot” method used last month to elect Youth Council officers should be reviewed.

ADJOURNED at 6:49 pm.

Submitted by: _____
Janet Cates, Recreation Manager