

Youth Advisory Commission
General Meeting
Monday, March 27, 2006
4:00pm – 7:00pm
City Hall, Hearing Room #4
Oakland, CA 94612

Youth Present: Edward Baraona, Glenda Frost, Katrina Gilbert, Olivia Lau, Rocio Molina, Andy Nguyen, Lexus Monae Stromas, Patrick Sean Weston,
Staff Present: Andrea Tacdol, Helen Wu,
Community Member Present: Karis Griffin (Parks and Recreation)

MINUTES

1. Pre-Meeting Social Gathering
2. Meeting called to order by Weston at 5:00PM.
3. Introductions and Ice Breakers facilitated by Weston and Tacdol.
4. Weston reviewed commission agreements.
5. Karis Griffin spoke to youth about International Youth Day/Month. Griffin shared that there will be at least four Friday activities: a poetry slam, a dance showcase, a comedy show and a fair/performance in Frank Ogawa Plaza. Griffin hopes that youth advisory commission could be emceed throughout the month and possibly take one of the activities to organize.
6. Meeting minutes were approved by youth.
7. Old Business/Report Back
 - A. Meeting with the Mayor's Staff: Tacdol updated youth that the resolution for Youth Commission appointments will be at the next City Council Meeting on April 4, 2006. Tacdol said youth should all be present to comment and make sure that the resolution passes. Weston, Nguyen, Frost and Molina said they could attend.
 - B. Youth VOTE: Robinson was not in attendance to speak on his meeting with the group of youth working on the Mayoral Forum.
 - C. Y-Files: Nguyen gave a recap on the number of interviews conducted by the Youth Advisory Commission. Youth shared their general opinions about different candidates. Nguyen and Gilbert said they could make the Wednesday interviews. Ip and Frost said they could make the Friday interviews.

- D. Public Service Announcement: Tacdol updated youth that K-TOP gave the PSA project a tentative schedule. Baraona confirmed that Gilbert and Nguyen will be the “talent” for the PSA. Tacdol confirmed with Gilbert and Nguyen that the commercial will be shot on April 24, before the Youth Advisory Commission meeting.
 - E. Youth Incarceration/Oakland Violence Presentations: Baraona and Frost attended the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Meeting. Baraona spoke on his experience speaking at the meeting. Baraona also spoke about his experience at the Youth Against Youth Incarceration focus group.
 - F. Oakland Cultural Arts Grant Process: Baraona spoke on his experiences representing the Youth Advisory Commission in the city’s grant proposal process.
8. New Business
 - none-
 9. Open Forum: Youth discussed HR4437, immigration, racism within schools, violence, etc.
 10. Nguyen suggested we include International Youth Day and Youth Recognition Day to the next agenda. Molina volunteered to facilitate.
 11. Baraona reminded youth that his film will be showing at the July, SF Jewish Film Festival. He suggested we bring youth as a group.
 12. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM by Weston.