



**CITY OF BRENTWOOD  
YOUTH COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, 7:00 P.M.  
JANUARY 9, 2013  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER  
150 CITY PARK WAY**

Zachary Strauss, Vice Chairperson  
Allyson Spears, Treasurer  
Dakota Cushing, Commissioner  
Madisun Marquez, Commissioner  
Gabriel Olveda, Commissioner  
Ola Popoola, Adult Advisor  
Chris Peart, Police Liaison

Jack Strauss, Chairperson

Allison Strauss, Secretary  
Megan Conder, Commissioner  
Jordyn Foley, Commissioner  
Kimberly Montes, Commissioner  
Vincent Kraeber, Adult Advisor  
Jimmy Theoc, Adult Advisor  
Barbie Gary, City Staff Liaison

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson J. Strauss called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Cushing, Foley, Marquez, Montes, Olveda, Spears, A. Strauss, J. Strauss, Kraeber, Theoc  
Peart, Gary

Absent: Conder, Z. Strauss, Popoola

**PRESENTATION(S)**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approve regular meeting minutes of December 5, 2012. (J. Strauss)
2. Accept Fiscal Status for 2012/13 budget year. (A. Spears)

Motion to approve the consent calendar.

Moved by A. Strauss; seconded by Montes.

Vote: 8-0-0-2

Yes: Cushing, Foley, Marquez, Montes, Olveda, Spears, A. Strauss, J. Strauss

No: 0

Abstain: 0

Absent: Conder, Z. Strauss

**SCHEDULED MATTERS**

3. **ACTION ITEM:** Update from the Teen Town Hall Committee regarding the "Let Your Voice Be Heard" teen forum and select a new date for the event. (A. Strauss)

Commissioner A. Strauss distributed a handout containing ideas for the event schedule, marketing plan, potential questions and a sample flyer. A new date of April 10, 2013 was preferred for the event.  
7:10pm Adult Advisor Popoola arrived.

Motion to approve hosting the Teen Town Hall on April 10, 2013 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Brentwood Community Center.

Moved by Marquez; seconded by A. Spears.

Vote: 8-0-0-2  
Yes: Cushing, Foley, Marquez, Montes, Olveda, Spears, A. Strauss, J. Strauss  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Conder, Z. Strauss

4. **DISCUSSION ITEM:** Update from the Fundraising Committee regarding any future fundraising ideas.  
(J. Strauss)

Chair J. Strauss advised that the Fundraising Committee has discussed other fundraiser ideas as the recent middle school dances have not been as successful as in past years. The committee proposed hosting a Rock N Bowl at Harvest Park Bowl for high school students. The commission supported the proposed idea. The committee will research pricing and available dates. It will report back at the February meeting.

5. **ACTION ITEM:** Discussion regarding the Commission's interest in visiting local middle schools to increase middle school student involvement with the Youth Commission and if interested, establish a committee to coordinate. (M. Marquez)

Commissioner Marquez advised that commissioners visit the middle schools each year to promote the Youth Commission and its activities, fundraisers, events and distribute applications to join the commission. In past years, the commissioners have primarily visited the leadership classes. However, some middle schools now have an AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program which helps student prepare and work towards college goals. It was discussed that the committee should also reach out to these student groups.

Motion to form a Middle School Involvement Committee comprised of Commissioners Montes, Marquez, Foley, A. Spears and Olveda, as chairperson, with Adult Advisor Kraeber.

Moved by A. Strauss; seconded by Marquez.

Vote: 8-0-0-2  
Yes: Cushing, Foley, Marquez, Montes, Olveda, Spears, A. Strauss, J. Strauss  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Conder, Z. Strauss

6. **ACTION ITEM:** Discuss and approve the scholarship award amount for the 2013 Youth Commission Scholarship Program which has previously been awarded to a maximum of four high school seniors who have met scholarship requirements. (K. Montes)

Commissioner Montes explained that the fundraising efforts each year support the scholarship fund. In past year, the commission has awarded four (4) scholarships valued at \$1,000 each. However, as the current account balance is only \$4,300, it is her opinion that the commission only awards a maximum of \$3,000 this year.

Motion to approve awarding up to four (4) scholarships with a value of \$750 each.

Moved by Marquez; seconded by Olveda.

Vote: 8-0-0-2  
Yes: Cushing, Foley, Marquez, Montes, Olveda, Spears, A. Strauss, J. Strauss  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Conder, Z. Strauss

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Chairperson J. Strauss asked Commissioner A. Strauss to continue working on the Teen Town Hall event. He will speak with Harvest Park Bowl. He asked the Middle School Involvement Committee to look at dates for school visits.

**STAFF COMMENTS**

City Staff Liaison Gary asked the commissioners to turn in their Ethics Training completion certificates, if not already done so.

She advised that Officer Roger Wilson has informed her of the PAL Leadership Conference in Southern California, April 6 – 9<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Commission budget does not have funds available to send commissioners but interested commissioners should speak with her for additional information.

Additionally, the Police Activities League is starting a Youth Center on the Edna Hill Campus. The grand opening is scheduled for January 14, 2013 at 3:30 p.m.

**REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Teen Town Hall Committee  
Fundraising Committee  
Middle School Involvement Committee

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Moved by A. Strauss; seconded by A. Spears.

Vote: 8-0-0-2  
Yes: Cushing, Foley, Marquez, Montes, Olveda, Spears, A. Strauss, J. Strauss  
No: 0  
Abstain: 0  
Absent: Conder, Z. Strauss

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Inglis  
Administrative Assistant II