

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION

October 2, 2002

MINUTES

The Community Advisory Commission of the City of Pittsburg met in regular session on October 2, 2002 in the Council Chamber located at 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Stobb called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was lead by Commissioner Williams.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Bertha Stobb, Robert Spaulding, Ross De Boie, Mary Rosas, D.O. Jones, Anne-Marie Williams, Ida May Wagner and Clarence Underwood.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Excused - Renee Fernandez, David Fraser, Phyllis Gordon and Theresa Miller. Non-excused: Angelo Alaimo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Commissioner De Boie to accept the minutes and was seconded by Commissioner Spaulding. The minutes were approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

AUDIENCE REMARKS: None.

PRESENTATION: Chairperson Stobb introduced Lisa Ramirez from the Mt. Diablo Regional YMCA. The YMCA serves central and east Contra Costa County. There are four branches throughout the County.

The YMCA is the number one Child Care Provider in the United States. There are twenty-two centers in Contra Costa County. Ms. Ramirez stated that the YMCA has been able to establish some funding for the City of Pittsburg but have not been successful in bringing their program to Pittsburg. High School students are chosen for the youth mentoring program called High Achievers. Business/community members and the students work together on leadership, service learning, education, career life skills, health safety and well-being. The YMCA trains the volunteers to be mentors and the students are selected with the help of the school district. High achieving students, middle ground and low achievers are picked.

The YMCA has an extension from Alpines for the grant and Ms. Ramirez is hopeful that the YMCA will be successful in getting this program started in Pittsburg this fall. She

requested help from the CAC in being instrumental in helping with the school district to get a response from the school board so the YMCA can get the programs implemented. The YMCA would also like to offer after school activities for children, and social activities for seniors in the community.

Commissioner Rosas requested more details to find out what the barriers are that the YMCA is facing here in Pittsburg.

OLD AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1) ADHOC Committee Update
 - a. Traffic Committee - Commissioner De Boie had nothing to report.
 - b. Sign Ordinance -Commissioner Rosas had nothing to report.
 - c. Media Coverage - Commissioner Rosas will be e-mailing all the Commissioners an update. A press release has been finalized with Senator Torlakson's office regarding the sign issue.
 - d. Neighborhood Watch Meetings – Commissioner Wagner reported that her neighbor who is going to hold their meetings has not been able to at the moment due to prior commitments; therefore, none have been scheduled at this time. Commissioner Spaulding reported on a Community Watch Meeting last Thursday. Ten people attended the meeting and another meeting is scheduled this week in Oak Hills. Chairperson Stobb had a neighborhood watch in her neighborhood.
 - e. Use Permits/Business License – This is tabled until November when Brad Nail will be the guest speaker and will discuss the one-stop use permits and business license.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Candidates Night – Vice Chair Spaulding had questions on the format, etc. and Commissioner Rosas suggested he contact Commissioner Gordon to answer his questions/concerns. Chairperson Stobb gave a basic rundown on what the event will involve. All were encouraged to attend.
- 2) Purpose of the CAC – Commissioner Underwood wanted to know what the CAC believes to be the Quality of Life Issues in our community as they relate to the CAC.

Commissioner Rosas stated the Quality of Life is an umbrella issue and it behooves each Commissioner to identify and be a resource to any issues that affect residents in the city. Most citizens and residents identify Quality of Life of being in a safe place where their children can be educated and where streets are taken care of and are safe.

A discussion between Commissioner Underwood and Chairperson Stobb took place using examples such as the Sound Wall. Commissioner DeBoie pointed out issues that would be legal that the CAC cannot get involved in with Quality of Life Issues. As a Commissioner you must research the issues and make sure it does not involve a legal matter before getting involved.

- 3) Parks in the City – Chairperson Stobb requested that Commissioners Spaulding, Wagner and Underwood be an ADHOC Committee for the City to make sure that parks are completed and maintained.
- 4) Commissioner’s Reports (2) – Commissioner Wagner - Status of building at 595 School St. that is designated as a church and not a shelter. John Little will get back to Commissioner Wagner after the City’s investigation. The second report was regarding garbage cans and weed abatement along Railroad Avenue. The Public Work’s Department will be sending out people to clean the spots that are City property and the private property owners will have ten days to clean their areas. Also, there is garbage between Cumberland and Railroad, which is also City property that the City will have to take care of.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS: (Non-Agenda Items) Chairperson Stobb related that the report Commissioner Wagner gave is based on twelve complaints received from Mr. Darnell Turner. Commissioner Rosas and Commissioner Underwood are going to try and get some youth involvement in the CAC. Commissioner Rosas has contacted the County Youth Commission who recently hired a coordinator. The commission is twenty-six strong and the new coordinator will entertain sharing information with the CAC.

Chairperson Stobb received a report on September 11th in the Leads Presentation (a report made by the Police Department) that they are fully staffed for the first time in 8 years with 78 people. This is Women’s History Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner De Boie motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Underwood seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.