

STAFF REPORT



ITEM NO. 13

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: May 17, 2006
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Neighborhood Services Department
SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2006-2007 ANNUAL WORKPLAN**

SYNOPSIS

Staff and the Youth Commission recommend that the City Council approve the FY 2006-07 Youth Commission Annual Workplan.

BACKGROUND

The Youth Commission was established by the City Council in 2001. As specified in the Youth Commission Bylaws, the Youth Commission reviews and approves an Annual Workplan for consideration and approval by the City Council. The Annual Workplan outlines objectives, tasks and guidelines for the fiscal year. The purpose of this Commission is to: Encourage and promote youth involvement and participation in government activities; provide an avenue for youth to express their concerns; provide input on youth-related issues in the community; and, make recommendations to the City Council on issues pertaining to youth in the community.

ANALYSIS

The Youth Commission will continue to evaluate and make recommendations to the City Council regarding programs and/or projects involving Oceanside youth. The Commission works in partnership with the Parks & Recreation Division's Youth Services Section and the Commission's adult advisors on various projects, including collaborative efforts with other community youth-servicing organizations.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Commission does not have its own budget. There is no fiscal impact beyond staff cost to support the Commission.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Youth Commission unanimously approved the Annual Workplan at its May 9, 2006 meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

Does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff and the Youth Commission recommend that the City Council approve the FY 2006-2007 Youth Commission Annual Workplan.

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Attachment: Youth Commission 2006-07 Workplan

**CITY OF OCEANSIDE
YOUTH COMMISSION 2006-2007 WORKPLAN
(July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007)**

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the City of Oceanside Youth Commission is to enhance the life of Oceanside's youth by joining forces as a change agent, with City elected and appointed officials in addressing issues relevant to the young residents of Oceanside.

COMPOSITION

The City of Oceanside Youth Commission considers and makes recommendations to the City Council on youth-related issues in the community. The Youth Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council.

The Youth Commission is composed of nine (9) regular and two (2) alternate members with three (3) adult advisors. All regular members and alternates are youth currently enrolled in school grades 9-12, or equivalent. All adult non-voting advisory members are high school graduates, 18 years of age or older. All members are residents of the City of Oceanside.

Present Commissioners: Chair – Torrey Jarvis
 Vice Chair- Christopher Ramos
 Shaneekwa Ware
 Racquel Dudzinski
 Francis Pedraza
 Rhiona Ward
 Kevin Cleary

Present Advisors: Gene LaRue

STRUCTURE

The Youth Commission shall appoint commissioners to the following adhoc committees:

- 2006-2007 ANNUAL WORK PLAN**
- PUBLIC AWARENESS AND PROMOTION**
- YOUTH COLLEGE CAREER AND RECREATION EXPO**

- ❑ **YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT**
- ❑ **YOUTH RESOURCES AND MATERIALS**
- ❑ **SKATEPARK ADVISORY**

GENERAL GOALS

1. Encourage and promote youth involvement and participation in City activities, including the future establishment of new youth-oriented parks and facilities.
2. Provide an avenue for youth to express their concerns, ideas and recommendations to City officials.
3. Provide and receive input with regard to youth-related issues in the community.
4. Make recommendations to the City Council on issues pertaining to youth in the community.

2006-2007 SPECIFIC ANNUAL WORK OBJECTIVES

1. Approve 2006-2007 Annual Work Plan and recommend for approval to City Council.
2. Review, process and interview applicants for the For Youth By Youth Grant, in order to make recommendations to City Council.
3. In collaboration with City staff and City and countywide youth service providers, develop an annual “Youth Services Guide” to serve as a comprehensive resource for youth and their families.
5. Participate in annual City of Oceanside events, including but not limited to, Harbor Days Celebration, Parades and other annual City events.
6. Participate in and host the fourth annual Youth Summit for surrounding and regional Youth Commissions.
7. Host a 2007 Youth College Career and Recreation Expo to bring needed resources to Oceanside Youth and their Families.
8. Host four (4) *Speakout Events per year to address topics pertaining to Global, National, State and Local issues as determined by the Youth Commission.
9. Increase and strengthen presence of local school campuses by organizing regular visits to middle and high schools in Oceanside and Vista.

The Youth Commission may periodically review its Annual Work Plan and make any recommendation changes to the City Council on an as-needed basis.

*Speakout – a speakout is defined as a friendly exchange of ideas and opinions in a controlled and facilitated environment. It is designed to encourage civic involvement among youth of all ages. Speakouts are open to the public and are conducted in a forum where all opinions expressed are safe from judgment and criticism.