



DATE: August 18, 2010
TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
FROM: Neighborhood Services Department
SUBJECT: **DISSOLUTION OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution dissolving the Youth Commission.

BACKGROUND

The Youth Commission was formed on November 10, 1999, to consider and make recommendations to the City Council on youth-related issues in the community. The Commission is composed of nine regular and two alternate members, and three adult advisors. All members are enrolled in school grades 8-12, or equivalent.

The goals of the Youth Commission are to encourage and promote youth involvement and participation in City activities, including the establishment of new youth-oriented parks and facilities; provide an avenue for youth to express their concerns, ideas, and recommendations to City officials; provide and receive input with regard to youth-related issues in the community; and make recommendations to the City Council on issues pertaining to youth in the community.

ANALYSIS

It has been very difficult to identify committed youth who are available to attend a regular evening meeting. In the past two years, seventeen of twenty meetings were cancelled due to lack of a quorum. No meetings are held over the summer months. As a result, staff, the adult advisor, and the Council Liaison have spent many hours in preparation for meetings without effective results.

The Commission is no longer needed to facilitate the Youth Expo which was eliminated in the FY2008-10 budget. In addition, on October 14, 2009, the City Council approved a new policy in allocating Community Development Block Grant funding which did not require input from the various commissions in FY 2010-11.

Staff is recommending that the City utilize the newly formed Oceanside Teen Activity Committee which is composed of youth participating in City-sponsored teen activities. The committee is able to meet and provide input and feedback without violating the Brown Act. Staff believes that these youth will provide valuable feedback, since they are participating in the programs offered by the City. In addition, the Library has formed Teen Partners, to provide input and recommendations on teen programs at the Library. Both of these groups are options for teen participation as well as several other programs offered in the community through the schools, church groups, and nonprofit youth-serving programs. All of these groups are able to be more flexible since they are not subject to the Brown Act and the number of youth who participate is not limited.

FISCAL IMPACT

Does not apply.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Youth Commission has not had a quorum to consider this item.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

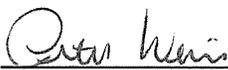
RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution dissolving the Youth Commission.

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1 RESOLUTION NO.

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
3 OCEANSIDE TO DISSOLVE THE YOUTH COMMISSION

4 WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside established the Youth Commission on
5 November 10, 1999;

6 WHEREAS, in forming the Youth Commission, it was the desire of the City of
7 Oceanside to gain valuable input from the youth in the community;

8 WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Services Director has recommended that the City
9 Council dissolve the Youth Commission due to cancellation of meetings in the past two years
10 due to lack of quorum; and

11 WHEREAS, there are alternative venues through which youth provide input, including
12 Teen Partner (Library) and OTAC (Oceanside Teen Advisory Committee), which alternatives
13 meet the objectives of having a Youth Commission without being subject to the Brown Act,
14 thereby allowing for more youth participation..

15 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

16 SECTION 1. The Youth Commission of the City of Oceanside is hereby dissolved and
17 terminated.

18 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California,
19 this _____ day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

- 20 AYES:
21 NAYS:
22 ABSENT:
23 ABSTAIN:

24 _____
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE

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26 ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

27 _____
28 City Clerk


City Attorney