Conejo Coalition for Youth and Families

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 9, 2018
9:30 AM at Hillcrest Center

Location: 403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Present: Claudia Bill-de La Peña, Councilmember, City of Thousand Oaks
Patricia Phelps, Board Member, Conejo Valley Unified School District
Susan Holt, Board Chair, Conejo Recreation and Park District
Robin Britt, Executive Director, Community Conscience

Staff: Rebecca Stelmar, Counselor, Conejo Valley Unified School District
Francine Sprigel, Program Coordinator, City of Thousand Oaks
Rochelle Callis, Administrator, Conejo Recreation and Park District

Guests: Detective Marta Bugarin, Ventura County Sheriff Department

1. Call to Order

9:30 AM

2. Public Comments

None

3. Approval of Minutes

April 2018 Meeting Minutes Reviewed; Motion to Approve from CVUSD Board Member Phelps; Seconded by CRPD Board Chair Holt; Approved

4. Guest Speaker

Sergeant Marta Bugarin, Ventura County Sheriff Department, Discussed the role of School Resource Officers (SRO’s) in Thousand Oaks. One is assigned to each of the three high schools, and they also work with the nearby elementary and middle schools. Major issues at high schools now are vaping and cell phones. Human trafficking is not specifically a high school issue, but an issue on a national level.

SRO’s also host symposiums and speak at high school orientations to inform students about the dangers of social media and the importance of
“see something, say something,” as a concept. Kids are actually very good at speaking up and telling teachers or administrators about concerns.

Will be hosting a “Reality Party” on October 20, 2018 to educate parents on the topics of underage drinking and partying. Parents were really shocked by what was revealed by the event. There is also discussion of hosting a drug awareness event in the future.

5. Items of Business

   a. Youth & Family Providers Summit

      Date finalized as February 27, 2019 from 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM. The guest list includes non-profits and businesses from the community and anyone else the coalition would like to invite. One person from roughly 50-65 local organizations would be invited. Breakfast will be served; currently looking into Cisco’s Mexican restaurant. Possibly have a guest speaker. Goal is for non-profits to establish relationships in order to work cooperatively. E-mail CRPD Administrator Callis the names of additional guests by the end of October. Invitations to be sent out in January 2019.

   b. Guest Speaker for Next Meeting

      Ana Alvarez from the school district (works with families who do not speak English) will be recruited by CVUSD Counselor Stelmar.

   c. Proposed Dates for 2019 Meetings

      January 8, April 9, July 9, and October 8

      Motion to Approve from City Councilmember Bill-de La Peña; Seconded by CVUSD Board Member Phelps; Approved

   d. Calendar for 2019

      January 8 – Regular Meeting
      February 27 – Youth & Family Summit
      April 9 – Regular Meeting
      July 9 – Regular Meeting
      October 8 – Regular Meeting

      City Program Coordinator Stelmar distributed Conejo Coalition for Youth & Families Agreement
6. Director / Agency Reports

   Community Conscience Executive Director Britt currently Attending Ventura County Leadership Academy

   October 11 – Parent Workshop (CVUSD)
   October 23 – Homelessness Ad Hoc Report (City of T.O.)
   February 23 – Mardi Gras Ball (Community Conscience)

7. Items for Subsequent Agendas

   Possible Guest Speaker: Dr. Heather Chamberlin with CVUSD for April 9, 2019 meeting

8. Confirmation of Next Quarterly Meeting

   January 8, 2019

9. Adjournment

   10:39 AM – Motion to Adjourn from Councilmember Bill-de La Peña; Seconded by CVUSD Board Member Phelps; Adjourned