

CONEJO COALITION FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

MEMBER AGENCIES

Conejo Recreation & Park District
Conejo Valley Unified School District
City of Thousand Oaks

Susan Holt, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Conejo Coalition for Youth & Families Chair

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Conscience

MEETING MINUTES **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

The Recreation Conference Room at Hillcrest Center
403 W. Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02am by Holt.

2. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Susan Holt, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Cindy Goldberg, Conejo Valley Unified School District
Claudia Bill-de la Peña, City of Thousand Oaks

Rochelle Callis, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Sarah Mailes, City of Thousand Oaks
Robin Britt, Community Conscience

Michael Braff, CRPD Recreation Coordinator
Luis Cano, CRPD Recreation Specialist

Absent:

Brenda Rachels, Conejo Valley Unified School District

3. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

A. Borchard Community Center Teen Volunteer Program

Braff and Cano presented on the Borchard Community Center Teen Volunteer Program. The program is held each summer for middle school and high school students. On average, more than forty applications are received each session. Participants apply, interview, go through orientation, and are trained by CRPD staff to assist with running programs and special events. In addition, participants are given employment skills

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training such as resume and resume writing and interview preparation. Letters are given to the participants at the end of the program which verify the number of volunteer hours served. Many of the volunteers eventually go on to be hired to work as CRPD employees.

Goldberg inquired about the potential of the other community centers hosting a similar program. She recommended that Braff and Cano get in touch with Newbury Park High School to inquire about the Career Pathways program for students. Callis clarified that each community center already does have a program, but they are not as fully developed as Borchard Community Center's program.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approval of September 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Bill de-la Peña, seconded by Goldberg, and carried 3-0 to approve the minutes as presented.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. CVUSD Reality Party

Rachels will send information to the group as soon as it is finalized.

7. AGENCY REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Conscience just added energy efficient lighting at the Human Services Center which will allow them to save on operating costs. There are still offices available for a local non-profit: one is 196 sq. ft., and three are 100 sq. ft.

Conejo Recreation & Park District is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. A "Birthday Party" will be held on Friday, November 18 at 4:30pm at Conejo Creek South. There will be light refreshments, and a showing of the new 60th anniversary video highlighting the District's impact in the community. The event is open to the entire community.

The Youth Outreach Program hopes to have a Meet & Greet event in the spring semester. In addition, Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin's office contacted them to hold a mental health expo.

Callis reported on the CCYF budget; currently, \$2,855.48 in available funds remain.

Bill de-la Peña reported that the council meeting this evening, which will discuss inclusionary housing and the approval of a nonprofit partner to build affordable housing on the Hillcrest Christian School site. The proposal is 70 townhomes for low-to-moderate-income families.

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Modular homes will be voted on December 6. A GoFundMe page has been started for Harbor House which is running a rental assistance program for families and seniors; more than \$8,000 has been raised already, and the average senior is just looking for roughly \$50 in support per month. “Vulnerable Seniors in Thousand Oaks.”

Mailes reported that the application window for the Community Environmental Enhancement Grant will open on November 14. More information is available at www.toaks.org/grants.

A farewell reception for Holt will be held at 5:00pm on Thursday, December 1, to thank her for her 28 years of service on the CRPD Board of Directors. Light refreshments will be served.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7, at 10:00am at Hillcrest Center.

9. ADJOURN

It was moved by Bill de-la Pena, seconded by Goldberg, and carried 3-0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:41am.