

Save Our Stockton (SOS) Meeting

October 26, 2009

6:10pm

Bernard School of Education

I. Introduction

A. Attendance

1. Ronak Patel
2. Mary Claire
3. Scharlyce Powell
4. Tylicia Hooker
5. Joshua
6. Anthony Austin Young
7. Alaysia Williams
8. Gretel Quintero
9. Sarah Williams

B. SOS coordination with other groups

1. Scharlyce will be an SOS liaison for YAC
2. Ronak will be an SOS liaison for YES
3. Meeting with Anthony Silva on Monday

II. Recap of SOS event

A. Mistakes

1. No continuous announcement for SOS
2. Low SOS leader attendance
3. Other events going on while the event was going on
4. Unapproved events were announced
5. Most bands couldn't attend

B. Positives

1. Joshua's band was great

C. Things that should be done differently

1. Ahmad should not be event coordinator anymore
2. Joshua should oversee committee

D. Possibility of event in spring 2010

E. Thanks to all who attended

III. Recruitment

A. Fliers

1. Joshua will oversee general fliers
2. If Alex can't handle recruitment, he needs to inform everyone

IV. Teen Forum

A. Need to ask mayor to have follow-up meeting for teen forum

V. Speaking at council

A. What to say

1. Alaysia should make clear to council that SOS is not merging with YES or any other organization

B. It doesn't matter who runs the teen center but SOS will work to

VI. Other Announcements

A. Cultivating Young Minds

1. November 14th
2. UOP

VII. Past Meeting Excerpts

E. Public Relations Coordinator

1. 10/26/09 City Council Meeting Report

- a. Submit summary of communications with the Stockton Community Services & the Boys & Girls Club

1. Response from **Adolfo Cruz of Stockton Community Services**

- Boys & Girls Club wanted Youth Advisory Commission to program Teen Center
- Stockton Community Services wanted Boys & Girls Club to program Teen Center with Youth Advisory Commission advising according to agreement
- Issue between Stockton Community Services and Boys & Girls Club never resolved resulting in Youth Advisory Commission meeting moving out of Teen Center and into Stockton Community Services offices
 - Stockton Community Services has been discussing alternate plans and projects as options for when agreement expires, including closing Teen Center except for weekend events with outside agencies

2. Response from **Carolyn Godwin, Stockton City Manager**

- Boys & Girls Club have been out of compliance of agreement in every quarterly evaluation of her tenure with the Stockton City Manager
- Youth Advisory Commission is always free to report any violations directly to Stockton City Manager or Stockton Community Services at any time
- Boys & Girls Club turned in Program Plan after May 3rd deadline in 2008 which was eventually rejected as not being thorough.
- Promised to forward all public documents regarding Teen Center(which was never received)
- Promised to assist in scheduling meeting with Stockton City Manager, Stockton Community Services and Boys & Girls Club (later notified that it would better for SOS – A Youth Movement for Change to continue to contact Boys & Girls Club directly.)

Adjournment-7:06 pm

3. Response from **Jaime Jiminez, Director, The Teen Center**

- There is no current programming body made up of youth, though youth are always asked for their input on the programs

4. Response from **Boys & Girls Club Director, Anthony Silva:**

- YAC was aggressive in the beginning

- Teen Center has remained incomplete
- Bowling lanes are still not fully operational
- Half-court basketball is not acceptable to teens
- Friday night events have been very successful
- Downtown Stockton Alliance partnership to shuttle teens from movie theatre to Teen Center was not successful
- Teens are looking for jobs
- Has differences with Mayor Podesto's original vision for Teen Center

5. Reiterate SOS impartiality, neutrality and focus on Teen Center Reform

6. Looking forward to next Teen Forum promised within 30 days from last one(Oct 1st?)

b. Looking forward to next meeting with Anthony Silva where he promised the following would be in place by October 15th:

1. Calendar with all Teen Center activities accessible at the front desk and online.
2. A comprehensive marketing plan that will include viral marketing online via Facebook, MySpace, etc., outreach to youth groups/organizations and street teams to reach all of Stockton's youth to make them aware of the Teen Center.
3. Monthly meeting with a youth Programming Board(teens that frequent the Teen Center, Youth Advisory Commissioners, Teen Center Staff, high school students and other teens from the community) for their input and feedback to produce regular and diverse programming.
4. Publicize the free use to Teen Center to any legitimate teen group on marketing materials and in all marketing campaigns.
5. Work with SOS in supplying Teen Center information for SOS website
6. Coordinate a search for youth to assist with online marketing strategies.