

Save Our Stockton (SOS)- A Youth Movement For Change Task Force Meeting

August 24, 2009
6:00pm
Civic North Hall

Action Items:

Letter will be written by SOS, and submitted to the Mayor's Office by **Tuesday, September 1st**

- Letter will invite all community youth organizations to come to a meeting
- Letter will outline goals and outcome of taskforce
- Letter will encourage adult stakeholders to bring a youth member to the meeting
- Letter will go out around September 5,6,7

An exhaustive list of agencies, community groups, organizations and stakeholders of a youth task force will be submitted **Tuesday, September 1st** to the Mayor's Office

- All contributing members will send agency possibilities to saveourstockton@gmail.com

A second Task Force Coordinating Meeting will take place **Thursday, September 10th**. The city will arrange the location for that meeting.

- Councilmembers Holman and Eggman will be in attendance along with SOS

Task Force Meeting tentatively is **Thursday, October 1st at 6:30PM**

- Pamela Sloan will check the availability of that date
- The Civic is the preferred location choice, teen center is the second choice
- The mayor will use her resources to see if there can be publicity in The Record

Task Force Details

- 13-19 year old is the definition for youth
- Task force is inclusive of adults and youth, to assess problems and solutions for youth in stockton.

1. Do an inventory of what we have in Stockton
2. Town Hall Discussion
3. Identify Problems and Solutions.
4. Look at the best practices
5. How to Reach all youth
6. Long term goal is to have a resource guide. Identify all these different agencies, that make it easily accessible to youth

-The mission statement for SOS and taskforce are different.

How to do it?

Sending letters to these agencies. Organizational meeting, high school counselors.
Cast a net, and see interest.

We need broad representation, and commitment.

Review what's in the community Resource guide and see what is missing.

We will use whoever shows up and wants to work.

Spreading the network of people...clubs in the schools involved. Collaborating.
Downtown alliance should be included on task force members

City education summit on October 24.
Improving Graduation rates... Hilton Hotel.
Need youth to be sitting at those rates.
Education business, things are happening. Community wide focus on youth
Mayor intends to get out to as many schools as possible.

In attendance:

Michael Tubbs- Former YAC, YEAT
Phillip Hon- Former YEAT
Benjamin Saffold- Gospel Center Rescue Mission
Mary Claire Atteberry- Beyond Please and Thank You
Ashley Kimball- ASB President LHS, 2 year YAC Member
Adolfo Cruz- Recreational Superintendent with the Community Services Department
Jennifer Lucas- Senior recreation assistant, oversea advisory commission.
Joseph Rogers- Brookside Christian High School- ASB PResident
Erica Mettedni- ASB VP of Brookside Christian High School
Florence Low- City Managers Office. Edison High School
Susan Eggman- Councilmember
Anne Johnston- Mayor
Elbert Holman- Councilmember
Sharona Silver- Teen Center Coordinator
Scharlyce Powell- Sophomore at Ben Holt CPA.
Ronak Patel- YAC Member. Web coordinator with SOS
Zephaniah Smith- Stakeholders meeting with downtown
Pam Sloan

Minutes

I. Taskforce- mayor's + council's vision- What can you see and accomplish with a Mayor's Task Force on Youth?

Mayor's comments-

Counter productive if our efforts spread through thin.
You (SOS) need to decide how you want to move forward.
All organizations and groups need to be on the same page. (YAC, SOS, or something else.)

Eggman's Comments-

Pull those together, and our resources.
Don't focus on the negative.
Representation, outreaching to community partners.
Goals and make concrete objectives.
Make the leadership something that can be passed down.

Mayor's Comments-

Leadership continuity is critical.

Ashley Kimball's Comments-

SOS is the exact same as youth advisory commission.
They should have channeled energy through YAC, and getting applications.
We need to work together.

Zephani's comments-

Task Force background
YEAT suspended.

Jennifer Lucas's comments-

Building YEAT up. Like most organizations.
Needed more people brought to the table. Had been active.
Youth in Government, Youth Leadership Day

Mayor Johnston did not know that YEAT was suspended.

Why YAC and SOS are separate-

Have to be more inclusive.
YAC cannot/does not represent everyone.
YAC has no outreach to charter schools + private schools
Lack of communication.

Town hall for young people. Town hall style discussion led to Teen Center.
Representative of each school.
Existing Youth groups, teen groups and churches.