



MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Student and Neighborhood Relations Commission

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

City Council Chambers

1 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Acting Chair Clark.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: CAVANAUGH, CLARK, DENTONI, GUTOWSKI, KRETCHMAN,
MARTINEZ, RUMER ARRIVED AT 6:36 PM
ABSENT: K. KILDOO, PARIS

ALSO PRESENT: Deputy City Manager Romero, Interim Building Official Reynolds, Sergeant Haynesworth and Recording Secretary Gallegos.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Corrections to the April 14, 2014 minutes: Commissioner Martinez stated he did not talk about Palomar's Project P and asked that sentence be removed under Commission Commentary. Commissioner Kretchman stated she abstained from the approval of the February 10, 2014.

MOVED BY KRETCHMAN, SECONDED MARTINEZ, TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF 4/14/14 AS CORRECTED.

AYES: CAVANAUGH, CLARK, KRETCHMAN, MARTINEZ, RUMER
NOES: NONE
ABSTENTION: DENTONI, GUTOWSKI
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KARI MOYA, Program Coordinator for Vista Community Clinic Tobacco Control Program. She thanked the Commission for keeping the issue of youth access to e-cigarettes in the forefront. She stated they are here to provide any assistance they can as the city moves forward with this ordinance. She stated they are seeing more and more kids, even as young as middle school, vaping and using electronic smoking devices. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has reported that the use of e-cigarettes among middle and high school students has doubled in recent years. These numbers are likely to rise as electronic cigarette companies are actively targeting youth. She spoke about the different flavors and cartoon characters being used to market the e-cigarettes to children.

KC STRANG, resident and Program Manager for the San Marcos Prevention Coalition stated that the Coalition works to reduce and prevent alcohol and drug use among youth in San Marcos. The Coalition is extremely concerned about the rise and popularity of electronic vaping devices among our youth. He passed out a copy of a press release put out about two weeks ago by the CDC on electronic cigarettes. Last year, 250,000 middle and high school students that had never smoked a conventional cigarette tried vaping and that is a threefold increase from 2011. Of those 250,000 youth they indicated they are twice as likely to smoke a conventional cigarette as those who have never used e-cigarettes. He spoke about studies that have shown there are carcinogens in the second hand vape. It is not just liquid nicotine that is in the vaping devices, they can also vape heroin, meth, cocaine and marijuana. He stated that the ordinance makes sense and is good public policy. The ordinance will send a message that vaping is not accepted in public places. He believes the ordinance will prevent and reduce electronic cigarette use in youth, strengthen community norms that vaping in public areas is not allowed, and reduce unwanted exposure to toxic second hand vapors in public areas.

MELISSA ARENA, San Marcos Youth Advocacy Coalition stated they support banning vaping wherever smoking is already prohibited. She stated that electronic cigarettes are opening our youth to a new generation of smokers.

CELESTE YOUNG, Program Manager at North Inland Community Prevention Program, stated that the big tobacco companies are behind this and are looking for a new generation of smokers. She supports any action the Commission takes to reduce electronic cigarettes/vaping devices in the community.

KRISTINA MULLIS, Prevention and Media Specialist for Vista Community Clinic Tobacco Control Program stated that electronic cigarette use has exploded within the last few years and like with any new product on the market, the dangers are still not fully known or understood to the fullest. Electronic cigarettes have gained a reputation of being a vapor alternative to traditional smoking but they are not completely safe. She spoke



of the Commissioners it would move forward to the City Council. The other option would be to continue this item until the next meeting which is in November.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ stated that if this ordinance passes tonight, the Palomar College representatives and anyone else can speak on this item at the City Council meeting.

COMMISSIONER MARTINEZ MOVED, AND COMMISSIONER RUMER SECONDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL THE AMENDMENTS TO THE SAN MARCOS MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.80 "SMOKING IN CERTAIN PLACES" AND CHAPTER 10.10 "YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO".

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NOES:	NONE
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4) REPORTS:

A) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT

SERGEANT HAYNESWORTH reported that in the month of August the party calls were not as prominent as they have been in the past. He stated that the Sheriff's Department has been targeting the Sprinter train stations because a gang called Diablo from Escondido have been coming to San Marcos via the Sprinter. The gang members have been stealing cars and confronting students and residents near Palomar College. He stated that the Sheriff's Department now has a Human Trafficking Task Force and their main interest is to rescue minors. Sergeant Haynesworth spoke about an active shooter incident that occurred at Cal State San Marcos which turned out to be someone carrying an umbrella.

B) CODE COMPLIANCE REPORT

BUILDING OFFICIAL REYNOLDS stated that code enforcement activities related to disturbances of the peace and boarding room complaints have increased in the last week and a half. There are currently three open investigations related to the rooming house ordinance. Disturbances of the peace have not been regularly reported to the Sheriff's so those complaints have been encouraged to include the Sheriff's to help city staff build their case. He noted that none of these cases are student related.



attending the California Community Colleges of Student Affairs Association Leadership Conference in October.

MICHAEL DENTONI is a second year student at Palomar College and is representing the Associated Student Government.

XAVIER MARTINEZ stated he is an original member of this commission and has a tax practice.

DEPUTY CITY MANAGER ROMERO stated that the City has implemented new parking restrictions around Palomar College and Cal State San Marcos. She asked if these schools have seen an increase in parking permits.

COMMISSIONER CLARK indicated she did not have numbers to report on tonight. She has not seen or heard any strong reaction to the parking restrictions.

COMMISSIONER GUTOWSKI stated there is an outcry among the students that parking has become very difficult this year. Last year you could always find parking in the largest parking structure. Now at peak times students have to travel all the way to the top level of the parking structure only to find there is no parking available and many of the large lots are overcrowded.

COMMISSIONER CLARK stated there are parking spaces on campus available but they are not on the side of campus that everybody wants to park on. A lot of the demand is near the parking structure because that is where the student housing is and the new classroom buildings.

COMMISSIONER KRETCHMAN indicated she has not had a chance to meet with Campus Police to see what the parking permit numbers look like.

ADJOURNMENT: Acting Chair Clark adjourned the meeting at 7:29 PM.

KIM CLARK, ACTING CHAIR
STUDENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD RELATIONS COMMISSION
CITY OF SAN MARCOS

ATTEST:

SANDRA GALLEGOS, RECORDING SECRETARY
CITY OF SAN MARCOS