

CONEJO COALITION FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES

MEMBER AGENCIES

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

Marissa Buss, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Conejo Coalition for Youth & Families Chair

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Conscience

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Buss called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Marissa Buss, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Cindy Goldberg, Conejo Valley Unified School District
David Newman, City of Thousand Oaks
Rochelle Callis, Conejo Recreation & Park District
Robin Britt, Community Conscience
Brenda Rachels, Conejo Valley Unified School District
Sarah Mailes, City of Thousand Oaks
Julian Espinosa, Safe Passage

3. GUEST SPEAKER

A. Julian Espinosa from Safe Passage gave a presentation to showcase the services that Safe Passage provides. Espinosa explained how Safe Passage started and the success that they have had throughout the years. Espinosa answered questions from the group regarding the organization and their focus.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Buss moved to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2024 meeting, Newman seconded and all were in favor to approve.

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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- A. The group discussed the Youth Summit from May. Discussion was had regarding the timing, location and overall success of the event. The group discussed any changes they thought should be done for the next event. It was decided to keep the Summit at the library, and to switch the date to late August.

Callis discussed the budget and what was used for the Summit. Callis brought attention to the remainder of the monies and if they would like to go back to their agencies to ask for more money, or if they would like to stop raising funds for the organization.

Goldberg mentioned continuing to give funds for the *Meet and Greet* at the Teen Center.

- B. The group discussed possible speakers for the upcoming meetings. Newman brought the point that at the Summit, there was multiple discussions regarding hate speech, and suggested that we look into that for a potential speaker for the group.

Goldberg suggested bringing James Jenkins from the school district in to speak to the group regarding hate speech.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Robin Britt from Community Conscience announced that they had vacancies in their building. There was 14 applicants and they are currently in the process of selecting them.
- B. Brenda Rachels shared that they are hosting a parent workshop regarding substance use. They will be connecting with multiple other agencies to host the workshop and share the information.

7. AGENCY REPORTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Newman shared that they had an additional Walk N Roll event with Acacia Elementary and they are working on making this a habit for the community. Buss shared that CRPD has the after school programs rolling out, there is a survey that went out to the community to ask opinions regarding Conejo Creek West. Callis shared that they will be hosting a fundraiser for Play Conejo that will be a roller skate night.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE-

- A. December 3rd, 2024 10 a.m., Hillcrest Center.

9. ADJOURN

- A. Buss adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.