

# CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

Laura Hoffmeister, Chair  
Edi Birsan, Committee Member

5:30 p.m.  
Monday, April 21, 2014

Garden Conference Room  
1950 Parkside Drive, Concord

### **- ANNOTATED AGENDA -**

**ROLL CALL:** All present

**STAFF PRESENT:** Victoria Walker, Community and Economic Development Director;  
John Montag, Economic Development and Housing Manager

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE:** Joanne Durkee, Mt. Diablo Unified School District; Marilyn Fowler, Concord Chamber of Commerce, George Fulmore, Carlyn Obringer and Maribel Delgado, Monument Business Network

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** None

1. **CONFIRMATION** – of the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. as the regular meeting day and time for the Neighborhood & Community Services Council Committee.

**ACTION:** The Council Committee confirmed the third Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. as the regular meeting day and time for the Youth & Education Council Committee.

2. **CONSIDERATION** – Proposal to Develop a New Program to Introduce Students to the Workplace. Report by John Montag, Economic Development and Housing Manager.

**ACTION:** John Montag presented the report and a general discussion took place on the topic.

Ms. Durkee stated that the Mt. Diablo School District has an interest in working out a process to facilitate the ideas associated with linking students and business. Ms. Durkee also described that before the program can be implemented, the teachers need to see the value of a program and see how it connects to the curriculum being taught in the classroom. She further clarified that any field trips or programs are ultimately decided by the respective principals and teachers.

Marilyn Fowler spoke of the Chamber's role with similar student/business programs. In particular the Chamber supported: Kids and the Power of Work (KAPOW). This program is a national program that links curriculum being taught in the classroom and business people. The program required businesses to fund a portion of the program and the School District to hire a part-time person to run the program. They Chamber no longer supports this program due to the amount of effort involved with running the program.

Maribel Delgado (Monument Business Network) then spoke of the original intent of the idea which was to link businesses with students (elementary and middle school) and connecting students to the community through outreach to the business people.

Joanne Durkee felt that the idea of connecting students with the community through businesses was very interesting and compelling.

The meeting concluded with Joanne Durkee and Maribel Delgado agreeing to meet and discuss how best to move forward with connecting the school principals and teachers with the Monument Business Network members. Joanne Durkee recommended the business group create a proposal for the field trips and that she would create a template to outline the parameters of the field trip that could assist the Monument Business Network in articulating the parameters of the proposed program/field trip.

**3. ADJOURNMENT** at 6:35 p.m.



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