



**LOVELAND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES**

February 3, 2010, 5:00 pm

Loveland Museum/Gallery, 503 N. Lincoln, Conference Room

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Attendance: Sarah, Rachael, Aurora, Taryn, Callie, Emily Halvorsen, Alisha, Rachelle, Hope, Evan, Eric, Kent, Jenni, Tammy

Excused Absence: Emma, Codie, Emily Hessler

- I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:03 by Callie, Emily Halvorsen seconds
- II. REVIEW MINUTES, AGENDA
 - a. No minutes for January- meeting cancelled due to inclement weather
 - b. Corrections or Additions- Add Colorado Children's Day Volunteering under Other Business
- III. REPORTS
 - a. Commission Members- Sarah- there is a meeting about the juice bar idea next week.
 - b. Staff Liaison- The job forum event will be postponed as an idea for a later year.
 - c. City Council Liaison- Ken Solt
 - i. The library expansion is starting. It will almost double the size and hopefully be finished in 2011. There will be a large teen section added, and a total of 2500 sq ft, including a partial second floor. Loveland's library averages 11 items per person in the community per year.
 - ii. The Chilson Center expansion is coming up as well. There will be a lazy river and a leisure pool added to the aquatic center, as well as removing and replacing the old slide. There will also be a gymnastics gymnasium added as well as weight center and cardio center expansions. It will hopefully be finished in 2011.
 - iii. Other downtown issues are still being reviewed.
 - iv. There is a new city commission, Community Marketing Interview, which deals with the lodging tax on hotels and how the city will allocate the money. They are interviewing for new commissioners and trying to make the commission only Loveland-residential, or with a strong tie to the community.
- IV. REGULAR AGENDA

- a. Guest Speaker, Officer Tammy Fisher, Loveland Police Department (Gang Information)-rescheduled from January
- i. There are many gang related activities in our schools that we will recognize. Many people think gangs aren't prevalent.
 - ii. By state law, a gang is a group of three or more individuals.
 - iii. There is much gang motivated crime in Loveland, such as graffiti.
 - iv. There has been an increase in children fighting one another for gang purposes.
 - v. Some gang identifiers are: Self admission, commitment of gang crime, flagging in the gang directory of another agency, style of dress or tattoos, gang graffiti on property, use of signs or symbols.
 - vi. Some of the gang members here are: juggalos, parolees who are gang members, Greeley gang members coming to Loveland, and other varieties.
 - vii. There has been an increase in gangs working together as well.
 - viii. Some gang paraphernalia are: bandanas, "13" and three dots, embroidered belts, caps, shirts, jackets, sagging pants, khakis, or Dickies brand, colored shoelaces, jewelry, "Cholo Attire" (Mexican American cultural dress), South Pole clothing, patches.
 - ix. The Surenos and Nortenos are the most influential Loveland gangs. Both started in California s the South Siders and North Siders.
 - x. There are 970 "Outlaws", many at Mountain View High School, a sect of juvenile Sorenos.
 - xi. The defining tattoos are 13 for Sorenos and 14 for Nortenos.
 - xii. 211 Crew is a white supremacy gang.
 - xiii. Different gangs have specific whistles.
 - xiv. Other visible signs are the shaved eyebrow lines, rosary tattoos, dots, and hand signs ('S' for Sorenos, 5 pt stars, wicked clown)
 - xv. Hispanic Origin Gangs
 1. Sorenos
 - a. Are controlled by the Mexican Mafia.
 - b. Started in the 1950's.
 - c. Use the number 13 for the letter "M".
 - d. Abbreviate SUR.
 - e. Color Blue
 2. Nortenos
 - a. Controlled by Nuestra Familia (Protected migrant workers from Mafia).
 - b. Started in 1950's.
 - c. Use the number 14 for the letter "N".
 - d. Abbreviate NOR.
 - e. Color Red.
 3. Brown Pride is a gang, but is also a concept, not always associated with the actual gang.

4. GKI's (Gallant Knights Insane)
5. CMG's (Crenshaw Mafia Gang)
6. Juggalos
 - a. Insane Clown Posse, originally a Detroit street gang.
 - b. The remaining few were arrested and then tried to make it as a rap group.
 - c. The band refers to fans as juggalos.
 - d. Music is extremely violent, especially toward women.
 - e. Common to paint faces to look like demented clowns.
 - f. Lots of involvement with Dark Carnival, like a game with cards you can collect, stories.
 - g. Juggalo doesn't necessarily mean gang affiliation, but if they commit a crime, they are classified as juggalos.
 - h. ICP uses the hatchet man symbol.
 - i. ICP Juggalos are not a gang under Colorado law, but other places classifying it so.
7. White Supremacists
 - a. Aryan Brother hood, formed in prison to fight Mexican Mafia.
 - b. Nazi low riders, Straight Edge.
8. Motorcycle gangs, like the Big 6 are outlawed (Hell's Angels, Mongols, Outlaws, Song of Silence, Banditos, and Pagans).
9. Some gang crimes are: drugs, prostitution, burglary, murder, rape, assaults, theft, auto theft.
10. Some graffiti is gang related, and others are just from taggers.
11. The graffiti leaves a message as to who it is. Since the department knows the names of common graffitiists, it's only a small task to figure out who did the vandalizing.
12. Tagger graffiti is artistic, and on the rise in Loveland.
13. The Street Crimes Unit is: Officer Dave Roberts (970-962-2052, ext 1133) and Officer Tammy Fisher (970-962-2052 ext 1103).
14. Because of a Federal Task force, Greeley's gangs are reducing, but many of the members are coming to Loveland and Fort Collins. Gang related crime is on the rise.
15. The Street crimes unit want to make people aware of the issues and safe.
16. The teardrop tattoo originally meant you had killed someone.
17. Gang members are proud of their affiliation. That is why the department is able to know so much.
18. There aren't really any effective means of completely controlling it. The gangs go where they will make money.

19. Loveland is sending a message to the gangs telling them they are not welcome here and they will be charged with as many crimes as able, and if the city of Loveland finds a way to charge them federally, we will.
20. The biggest aspect of gangs that keep them thriving is the fact that it is a community, both culturally and generationally.

V. Other Business

- a. The letters drafted to the school board in support of the PD Drug Free Calendar have been read aloud. Parts of Callie's letter will be added to Aurora's. Aurora will then complete it and email it to Jenni.
 - b. Job Forum Event Report: Todd is still interested, but Jenni can't get a hold of the workforce. We will postpone it to focus on recruitment and getting new members on the board.
 - c. COLT: Talked about doing the Bus competition but simpler. It will be similar to last year, but less of a competition and more for individual incentives. It will be held during Earth Week, and the tickets handed out the week before in school cafeterias. The backside will bet the drawing entry they can turn in, with smaller prizes during the day and a big prize at the end. There will be a person appointed in each school to administer the tickets and times. Maybe chick-fil-A will donate for prizes again.
 - d. Early Recruitment: There are lots of ideas already for promotion. Facebook page invitations to freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and eighth graders.
 - e. The March Reporter Herald article is Cody and Emily on recruitment.
 - f. COYAC had their meeting, which started at the governor's mansion, where the governor spoke candidly to several state issues. Then it proceeded to the capitol, and they discussed with legislators on issues they need help with, but the legislators didn't really know what to do with the COYAC.
 - g. Boards and Commissions Summit Reminder- it will be at Mariana Butte. The commissioners will present a presentation on YAC. Evan and Aurora will attend.
 - h. Children's Day is March 3rd, 1-4. Volunteers needed.
 - i. Silver Spoon Focus group tomorrow from 4-6. Volunteers needed.
 - j. Everyone who has written a Reporter Herald article needs to bring in copies.
- VI. Meeting closed at 6:37 by Callie, Rachael seconds.